

# CITY OF WESTLAKE



## MINUTES

**Education Advisory Board Meeting**  
Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Westlake City Hall  
4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd.  
Westlake, Florida 33470

### **Board Members:**

Anita Kaplan, Chair  
Lisa Barron, Vice Chair  
Colleen Forlizzi, Board Member  
Krystal Lexima, Board Member  
Keith Miller, Board Member

### **City Staff:**

Greg Langowski, Councilmember Liaison  
Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk  
Jennifer N. Hankins, Deputy City Clerk  
Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney

A meeting of the Education Advisory Board of the City of Westlake was held on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM., at Westlake City Hall, 4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road. Members of the public also live streamed the meeting through electronic means and accessed as follows:

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Anita Kaplan called the Westlake Education Advisory Board meeting of Thursday, October 24, 2024, to order at 6:00 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present and constituting a quorum:

Board Vice Chair Lisa Barron  
Board Member Colleen Forlizzi  
Board Chair Anita Kaplan  
Board Member Krystal Lexima

Present Online:  
Vice Mayor Greg Langowski

Also present:  
Zoie Burgess, City Clerk  
Jennifer Hankins, Deputy City Clerk

Absent:  
Board Member Keith Miller

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Chair Kaplan led the pledge of allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Kaplan called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Board Vice Chair Barron to approve the agenda for October 24, 2024, seconded by Board Member Lexima.

**UPON ROLL CALL:**

Board Member Miller	ABSENT
Board Member Lexima	YES
Board Member Forlizzi	YES
Board Member Barron	YES
Board Member Kaplan	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (4-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes\_Education Advisory Board Meeting - 07.16.2024

Chair Kaplan identified the approval of minutes and called for a motion to approve.

Motion by Board Vice Chair Barron to approve the minutes of 07.16.2024, seconded by Board Member Forlizzi.

**UPON ROLL CALL:**

Board Member Lexima	YES
Board Member Forlizzi	YES
Board Member Barron	YES
Board Member Kaplan	YES
Board Member Miller	ABSENT

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (4-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Golden Grove Elementary School Presentation of 5K Funds

Chair Kaplan introduced the item and stated she would invite Principal Linda Edgecomb to the December meeting to receive the funds.

- B. Westlake School Tours

Chair Kaplan introduced the item and stated because of Sunshine law, they are unable to do the tours together, but they can do them separately.

Chair Kaplan and the board discussed the school tours, possible dates to plan tours, and the list of time schedules in detail.

Chair Kaplan stated that any communication that is done with schools or topics needing to be discussed amongst the board should be emailed to the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk to send the communication out.

- C. Interaction with District 6, Palm Beach County School Board

Chair Kaplan introduced the item. Chair Kaplan and the Board discussed the item in detail.

- D. Assisting Westlake Schools with their trade programs, gifted programs and ESE

Chair Kaplan introduced the item but asked to place this item under New Business to discuss the item in more detail.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Strategic Planning -Where are we going and how do we get there?

Chair Kaplan introduced the item. Chair Kaplan proposed doing a strategic planning brainstorming list.

Chair Kaplan stated the list will be named, "Where are we (EAB) going and how do we get there?"

Chair Kaplan and the Board discussed and created the strategic planning brainstorming in detail by making notes to discuss for the next meeting and to later present to Council for review.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS/UPDATES**

Chair Kaplan and Board Members discussed emails moving forward and different events they could attend with the schools.

Board Member Lexima discussed her tour with the schools.

Chair Kaplan and Board Members discussed different issues and concerns that arise with the schools, bus, safety, teacher shortages, and what can be done and cannot be done as a Board.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*This section of the agenda allows for comments from the public to address the Board. Each speaker will be given a total of three (3) minutes to comment. Please address Board from podium, and prior to addressing the Board, state your name and address for the record.*

Chair Kaplan called for public comments.

Public Comment – Ms. Sylvia Johnson- 5543 Zestar Ln – Ms. Johnson stated her children are getting to school much later than normal due to this ongoing bus issue/concern.

Chair Kaplan and the Board members discussed the bus issue and the crossing-guard concerns within the neighborhood.

Chair Kaplan and the Board decided to have the next meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Kaplan adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

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Jennifer Hankins, Deputy City Clerk

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Anita Kaplan, Board Chair