

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR CHAMBERS
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	April 2012-APRIL 2013	
		Present	Absent
Dr. Magdalene Lewis, Chair	P	6	0
Gregory T. Boardman	A	3	3
Heather Brinkworth	P	5	1
Laura Clark	A	4	2
Joseph Discepola	P	5	1
Idan Eckstein	P	3	0
Edna Elijah	P	6	0
Elaine Fiore	A	2	2
Trisha Halliday	P	4	2
Susan L. Ledbetter	P	3	1
Chester Ludwick	P	6	0
Wayne Neunie	P	4	2
Dr. Maureen Persi	A	4	2
Austin Scott	P	5	1
Angela Sebaly	A	0	1
Lillian Small	P	4	2

**Appointed Members to the Board: 16
Needed to constitute a quorum: 9**

Staff

Junia Robinson, Neighbor Support and Staff Liaison
Charles Webster, BCPS

Students

None

Communication to City Commission (Pending Approval by Clerk)

Motion by Mr. Discepola, seconded by Mr. Ludwick to recommend to the City Commission that they facilitate a joint meeting between the Education Advisory Board, the Utilities Advisory Committee and Broward County Public School Board to discuss the historic preservation of trees in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The motion was passed and unanimously approved.

Mr. Discepola was selected (agreed) to represent the Education Advisory Board to clarify the Historic Preservation of trees to the City Commission (if necessary).

- A. Opening** - Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Roll Call

Determination of quorum

As of this date, November 15, 2012, there are 16 members to the Board, which means 9 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is a quorum.

- Motion by Mr. Discepola, seconded by Ms. Elijah that the said minutes be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Introduce New Member: Angela Sebaly**
New Member, Angela Sebaly was absent on this day.

- B. Student Members to the Education Advisory Board**

- No students were present to report.

1. Discussions regarding Letter to Principals for Student members

Chair Lewis asked if everyone received a draft of the letter to be sent to the School Principals. She asked for everyone to look at the draft to determine if there are any changes or adjustments. Ms. Brinkworth said, under Term of Service, academic year does not run January to December, that's a calendar year. Ms. Brinkworth also stated, if we are asking a Senior to serve, we are not going to find a Senior to show up come April.

Staff Liaison, Junia Robinson said the letter was drafted years back and in prior years the academic year was from January – December. Ms. Robinson says she believes the letter was originally drafted this way because of the Seniors schedules. She asked the Board to clarify the academic year and make revisions and adjustments to the letter so it can be mailed to the Principals by January.

Ms. Brinkworth says, If we make it a calendar year from January to December considering the situation we are in right now, then we will have to appoint in January and the Seniors would only serve until April, then they would be busy and we would not see them during the Summer months.

Ms. Elijah says maybe we should change it towards the beginning of the School year August or September thru May. This way, Seniors can start when the New Year begins and we would hopefully have more productivity.

Ms. Smalls says in the past the Board wanted Juniors not Seniors because Seniors were very busy. If they wanted to return for the next year, they could do so. There were no term limits as to whether Juniors wanted to return the following year as Seniors.

Ms. Ledbetter says she likes the idea for two Juniors, and suggests that this idea be considered to appoint with the option, if they chose to continue during their Senior year. The benefit of being notified in the Spring and appoint now and theirs would be extended a little bit because of this six month period and serve a little longer.

Mr. Eckstein suggested that this be open to Sophomore's as well.

Mr. Discepola said his only concern is some students may not have their license (at age 15 years old) and the ability to get to the meetings.

Ms. Ledbetter likes the idea of getting the letter out this year and getting it started and so the Students would be appointed by the next year.

She also said regarding the Sophomore suggestion transportation would not be an option that would be the Students responsibility to find transportation.

Chair Lewis said in the past she noticed students were transported by their Parents and Parents would wait for them; transportation may not be a problem.

Mr. Eckstein says he looked up on-line and at 15 years old, a student can get a learners permit to drive however; he does not know if that is our concern.

Mr. Wayne Neunie commented in regards to the length of time for Student members. He says the Board needs to decide when the term will begin and end with a solid process to move forward.

Ms. Ledbetter propose that the selection process happen for March, April and May for the following School year, so Students would know by the end of the school year for their Commitment.

Mr. Eckstein suggests that the Board opens the Grade point average to Students with a 2.7 (B- average) which would encourage other students. .

Mr. Scott commented that 3.0 is not a problem if the Board is going of weighted average but clarification is needed. He says weighted is on a 5.0 scale and a 2.7 would be a C

average. The Board needs to specify the Schools weighted and not un-weighted grade point average. Mr. Scott asked if the Board based their grade point average on cumulative grade point average.

Mr. Ludwick says some of the best thinkers and kids do not have a 3.0 grade point average.

Ms. Smalls ask Chair Lewis if the Board could address the term of service and come back down to this issue. She suggests that the Students term of service academic year begins in October thru June.

Motion by Mr. Discepola, seconded by Ms. Small, to amend the term of service to be in all future correspondence in selecting student members for the Education Advisory Board for the City of Fort Lauderdale that the term of service for the academic year be August thru May. The next letter should go out requesting Principals to select student members to be part of the Education Advisory Board for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic school year which will be January thru May.

In a vote by roll call, the motion was unanimously passed.

Motion by Ms. Ledbetter, seconded by Ms. Small to send a letter to school Principals in February with a deadline for March. The Board will review and make selections by April to notify the school and the students before the end of the school year.

In a vote by roll call, the motion was unanimously passed.

Motion by Mr. Discepola, seconded by Ms. Small to remove the grade point average requirement from the prerequisites, requirements and expectations of service for the students applying to become student members to the Education Advisory Board for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

In a vote by roll call, the motion was unanimously passed.

Motion by Mr. Discepola, seconded by Ms. Small to rephrase the first two points in the student application to include: desirable candidates shall have an interest or some experience with Future Educators of America, Student government, leadership on

campus and in the community and commitment to community service; any/all of the following are desirable.

The motion was unanimously passed.

C. Current Business

1. Ms. Robinson said the Broward County Public School Superintendent's (BCPS) office contacted Chair Lewis and Ms. Elijah inviting them to a meeting at (BCPS) on November 30th, 2012 to provide an update on the status of the schools in jeopardy in the City.

Motion by Mr. Ludwick, seconded by Mr. Eckstein to send Ms. Elijah to the Superintendent's meeting on behalf of the Education Advisory Board.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Ms. Robinson announced that the Board needs to select a Vice-Chair. The Board has been operating without a Vice-Chair since Mr. Franco Ripple's resignation from the Board.

Motion by Ms. Elijah, seconded by Mr. Scott to nominate Mr. Chester Ludwick as Vice-Chair to the Education Advisory Board.

In a vote by roll call, the motion was unanimously passed.

Discussion on Thank you letter to Superintendent Runcie

In a vote by roll call, the motion was passed (6-3) to draft a letter thanking Superintendent Runcie for attending the Education Advisory Board meeting.

Ms. Brinkworth will draft a thank you letter and will email it to Ms. Robinson.

D. Communication to the City Commission (Pending Approval by Clerk)

E. New/Future Business

Motion by Mr. Scott, seconded by Ms. Elijah to invite a representative from Broward College to speak at a future EAB meeting.

F. Next Meeting and Closing

- Location and Date: City Hall, January 17, 2013