

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CHAMBERS  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>April 2013-APRIL 2014</b>	
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chester Ludwick, <b>Vice-Chair</b>	P	6	2
Gregory T. Boardman	A	4	4
Idan Eckstein	P	6	2
Edna Elijah	P	8	0
Trisha Halliday	P	7	2
Jennifer L. Kimmey	P	1	0
Dr. Magdalene Lewis	A	4	4
Wayne Neunie <i>arrived 6:36</i>	P	3	5
Dr. Maureen Persi	A	4	4
Catherine Pliess	P	3	0
Austin Scott	P	4	4
Lillian Small	A	2	6
Shelby Smith	P	5	2

**Appointed Members to the Board: 13  
Needed to constitute a quorum: 7**

**Staff**

Junia Robinson, Neighbor Support and Staff Liaison  
Charles Webster, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)

**Communication to City Commission**

The Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board is asking the Fort Lauderdale City Commission to approve and request the listing of all accredited, Fort Lauderdale public, charter and private schools on to the City of Fort Lauderdale website.

In a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.

- I. **Opening – Vice-Chair Chester Ludwick**
- II. **Attendance by Roll Call – Staff Liaison Junia Robinson**

**Determination of quorum**

As of this date, March 20, 2014, there are 13 appointed members to the Board, which means 7 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is a quorum.

Introduction of new member: Jennifer L. Kimmey

**III. Approve minutes** (October and November 2013, January and February 2014)

Motion by Mr. Ludwick, seconded by Mrs. Elijah that the said minutes for October 2013 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Eckstein that the said minutes for November 2013 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Elijah, seconded by Mr. Eckstein that the said minutes for January 2014 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Elijah, seconded by Ms. Pliess that the said minutes for February 2014 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Student Members updates:**

- Aya Ikematsu – Dillard high school
- Jazzmyne Pearson – Westminster Academy
- Cole Fiedler – Cardinal Gibbons high school

**V. BCPS update** – Charles Webster

Mr. Webster announced that this week there was a meeting at the Florida School Board association. He said several School Board Members attended with the Superintendent and staff. This meeting was held in Tallahassee along with the legislative things happening. Mr. Webster says things are moving fast and there is a lot going on.

**VII. Member updates** –

Mr. Austin Scott shared on April 1<sup>st</sup>; he will be coordinating a large group of people putting on a track meet at Carter Park. He said this is the only gathering that includes Public and Private schools in the City. Participating will be 8 high schools, home school students and students from the Upper room Christian

academy. The key to putting the event in a neutral site is the City's financial support including Police and Fire.

Mr. Scott said last year the Mayor attended and the event drew about 1500 fans and 900 student athletes. The event is from 3:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Ms. Elijah reported that there will be a "Kids Fit" event at the Lauderdale Manors community center, 1340 Chateau Park Drive. This event is scheduled for Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 A.M.

Ms. Pliess said she met two women from an organization called "Impact Girls". She said the program is currently at Dillard elementary school and they would like to come and present to the Board. Ms. Pliess asked how this group can get on the agenda.

Mrs. Elijah suggested to Ms. Pliess that she gather more information about this organization before they come to the Board.

Mr. Eckstein asked if Ms. Pliess could table this item until after her research.

Ms. Pliess inquired about the item discussed last week regarding students playing chess. She said her school, the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, is interested in hosting a chess match. She wants to know who to contact.

Mr. Wayne Neunie inquired about the F schools and asked Mr. Webster if the schools can bring some new information to the board. He specifically asked about the assessments and more clarification on the process.

Mr. Eckstein announced that Fort Lauderdale High school will be sending a student to the HOBY program. This is a youth leadership program for sophomore students.

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## **VIII. Current business**

City Staff report:

Junia Robinson, Staff Liaison announced former Chair Heather Brinkworth wished the Board well and due to conflict of interest with her appointment as school Board member, she had to resign from the board. Ms. Robinson also

reminded the board of the upcoming training for board members hosted by the City clerk's office scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Ms. Robinson announced City clerk Jonda Joseph will be visiting the next meeting about a new legislation regarding public comments for discussion.

Ms. Robinson talked about the results on the 2013 Neighbor survey pertaining to education. She shared with the board the poor survey results about education in the City. She asked the Board to think of creative ways to market the City schools better. Ms. Robinson suggested perhaps the Board could partner with the City staff to address this issue.

Ms. Robinson says the Board needs to vote for a new Chair now that Ms. Brinkworth resigned due to conflict of interest. Vice-chair Ludwick has been filling in as Chair during this vacancy.

Mr. Austin Scott nominated Mr. Chester Ludwick as Chair. Trisha Halliday seconded that motion. Mr. Shelby Smith asked Vice-chair Ludwick if he would like to remain Chair. Mr. Ludwick said he would like to remain Chair of the Board. Mr. Ludwick asked if there are any other nominations for Chair. He then proceeded by asking "how many nominate Chester Ludwick as Chair of the EAB"?

**Motion** by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Elijah that Mr. Chester Ludwick, Chair of the EAB. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Ludwick announced that the Board will now entertain nominations for Vice-chair for the EAB, "any nominations from the Board"?

Ms. Halliday nominated Mrs. Edna Elijah as Vice-Chair, Mr. Ludwick asked if there was any one else for Vice-chair.

**Motion** by Ms. Trisha Halliday seconded by Ms. Pliess that Mrs. Elijah be Vice-chair of the EAB. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. New Future Business**

Ms. Robinson announced on May 06<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the KC Wright Building, the Broward County School Board (BCPS) is going to acknowledge the

two teachers who have served City schools for over 50 years. She said the City has not yet confirmed if the Mayor and Commissioners are able to join the BCPS for a joint proclamation.

Chair Ludwick asked the Board to think of some creative ideas to suggest to the Commissioners to market City schools.

Mr. Smith shared that he was at a meeting this morning that included a business development group from Palm Beach, Miami and Broward County. He said the sole purpose of the group is to bring large businesses and corporations to the area. The large corporations said the problem they have is getting the people that is trained to do what they need. That is why these large corporations chose to go to California and Texas.

Palm Beach County coordinated the meeting and put together a program where the schools and business get together and talk about what kind of training they are going to need. This was presented to Governor Scott and it was said that the Governor will mandate all Counties to follow this program. Mr. Smith suggested this would be a good program for the City.

Ms. Robinson said she will get the information for the contact person in Palm beach County from Mr. Smith and will request a copy of the program description. Once she has the document she will forward by email to the board for review.

Mr. Scott said that the Board needs to work on a better way to collect/gather information from the School Board.

Ms. Robinson said she will gather suggestions and ideas for marketing initiative sent by board members via email. She will then gather all the suggestions and create a master list to distribute to everyone.

#### **X. Next Meeting and Closing**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th, 2014

City Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.