

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2017– 6:30 P.M**

Members	Attendance	April 2017- APRIL 2018	
		Present	Absent
Austin Scott, chair	P	2	0
Matthew Arbucci	A	1	1
Towana Bonaparte	A	1	1
Maureen S. Dinnen	P	2	0
Dale Fulton	A	1	1
Spencer Jenkins	A	0	2
Deniece Jones	A	1	1
Aniva Lumpkins	A	1	1
Dr. Heather Munns	P	2	0
Dr. Maureen Persi	A	1	1
Betty Shelley	A	1	1
Dr. Barbara Signer	P	2	0
Dr. Stefan Weiss	A	1	1
M. Elaine Wilson	A	1	1
Natasha Wilson	A	1	1
Lauren Wood	A	0	2

**Appointed Members to the Board: 17
Needed to constitute a quorum: 9**

Staff

Sheri Roberts, Staff Liaison

Martha Mercier, Broward County Public School Liaison

I. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance – Chair, Austin Scott

II. Attendance by Roll Call – Chair, Austin Scott

- **New Board Member Introductions: Mr. Adam Fortner**

Determination of quorum

As of this date, June 15th there are 17 appointed members to the board, which means 9 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is **no quorum**.

III.

A. Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) – Martha Mercier, Legislative Affairs

Martha Mercier, filling in for Charles Webster provided the board with some updates from BCPS. She provided the board with the most recent SMART update (see attached) as of May 30th. She also shared that there were two project charter meetings that was held at Walker elementary and Sunrise middle school.

On the legislative update, she announced legislative session 2017-2018 ended on Friday of last week. She continued by saying “the new education budget for 2017-2018 in it BCPS will receive \$97 per student a 1% increase. Today Governor Scott signed the house bill 7069 at a press conference in Orlando. Some of the major problems with this bill are: bill 7069 request BCPS to share mileage with charter schools and we have limited accountability with them”. Martha stated BCPS will lose about \$13 million dollars in capital because of this bill and possibly \$85 million over the course of a five year period. She shared there are some “pluses” in this bill which are: it eliminates the algebra EOC; it also brings back paper testing for grades 3 thru 6. Statewide testing for students will be moved to the last four weeks of the school year and students now have 20 minutes of recess.

Guest Introductions:

B. K. Michael Chen, Economic and Business Development Manager, City of Fort Lauderdale (see presentation)

**C. Leslie Brown, Chief Portfolio Service Officer, BCPS
Patrick Sipple, Director, Demographics & Student Assignment
Heather Brinkworth, School Board Member District 3
(see presentation)**

IV. Current Business

A. Board discussions/member update

Ms. Dinnen announced “there will be other meetings about Stranahan every other month. She suggests the board and city Staff “look out for the dates for these meetings”.

V. Communication to Commission

Chair Scott announced the communication to City Commission in April was received positively and was encouraged by the City Commission. He continued by saying “we should be working on that by thinking of an outline of what is the information from the homeowner’s perspective about our local schools”.

VI. Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17th, 2017

City hall, 8th floor conference room