

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 15, 2023**

**Summary**

**Members Present**

Geanny Ruiz	Nathan Cherson
Matt Walters	Nethel Stephens
Maya Gordon	Ram Tewari
Nancy Fry	

**Members Absent**

Liza Erazo

**Attendance:** Veda Hudge, Executive Director, Office of Student Services Initiatives, Jodi Washington, Director, Marion Williams, Committee Liaison, Carlisa Russell, Human Relations Council Liaison, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling.

**Guest:** LaQueda Lewis, Hanley Foundation

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Human Relations Committee was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. The informational meeting started at 4:08 p.m. by Marion Williams.

**HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL UPDATES**

**Ms. Russell** updated the committee on the feedback from the Human Relations Council conferences that were held on October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The high schools who attended are requesting a follow-up summit to happen in the spring. **Ms. Gordon** shared her thoughts on the summit she attended and provided suggestions. **Ms. Fry** shared that she attended both summits which she felt had two different vibes. She mentioned she informed the Board Members during the Committee Reports of several issues that were brought up at the summits. She also mentioned that she would update the Board members on feedback from the students who attended the summits. **Ms. Fry** stated that she also addressed training teachers around crisis management; and HRC members not attending meetings. **Ms. Washington** thanked all members for their support and feedback. **Ms. Lewis** shared her feedback on the summits she attended. **Ms. Hudge** thanked the committee for their hard work, feedback, and suggestions when it comes to doing what is best for the students. **Dr. Tewari** briefly shared events that happened during the festival of Diwali. **Dr. Tewari** wanted to know if there was a psychiatrist, psychologist, or someone who was an expert in behavior at the summits. Were there any parents involved? Discussion followed

**Ms. Gordon** wanted to know if more students are appointed to the committee, does that mean it takes more people for a quorum? **Ms. Williams** stated that the Board-appointed membership counts toward quorum. The eight students according to policy 1.51, will have voting rights but not be a part of the quorum. **Ms. Williams** mentioned that the goal is to work on revising policy 1.51 Human Relations Committee. Discussion followed. Policy 1.51 must align with the recommendations on policy 1070.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for  
December 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at  
the Lauderdale Manors Administration Site