

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 9, 2025**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present**

Alana Borrero	Narnike Pierre-Grant
Antonio Burgess	Nicole Murad Scarcella
Carolyn Hardy	Rasheed K. Gray
Erica Hansinger	Ruben Nesbitt
Faheema Abdool-Ghany	Teresa Williams
Harve Brosten	Windsor Ferguson

**Members Absent**

Aedan Jones	Emilia Mackiewicz
Ashley Eubanks	Lisa Yurkin
Beau Simon	Rebecca Dahl
Briana Jacques	Thomas Alberto Vasquez
Corey Shearer	Victoria Bastidas

**STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF:** Tom Albano, Coordinator, Marion M. Williams, Committee Liaison, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling

**DISTRICT STAFF:** Melissa Miller, Curriculum Supervisor, Elementary Learning Department

**GUEST(S):** Carey Tabora, Naima Khan

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Diversity Committee was held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kathleen C. Wright Building. The meeting was called to order by Narnike Pierre-Grant at 6:42 p.m. A quorum was not present.

**PRESENTATION**

A presentation by Melissa Miller on Third Grade Retention was followed by questions from the committee.

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

A quorum having been established; the chair continued the business requiring committee approval.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meetings for November 7, 2024; December 5, 2024, were approved by unanimous consent.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In Ms. Jodi Washington's absence, Tom Albano gave the director's report. He shared that he attended a graduation for students who completed the Responsibility Increases Student Equity (RISE) Program. The RISE Program located at Pine Ridge Education assists students entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade who have been retained for two or more grade levels. The students who complete the program would transition to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. He stated January is National Mentoring Month; and mentioned Think Before You Post training to students.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Pierre-Grant attended the Long-Range Facilities meeting. Topics included in the meeting were playgrounds, work orders.

## **MOTION**

I Move: Whereas on 11/09/21 the School (Board) of Broward County approved AECOM's proposal to develop a two-phased long range facilities plan framework; and Whereas the framework include a facilities condition assessment and long-range facilities master plan and a steering committee; and Whereas the steering committee is defined as a team of BCPS senior staff and community stakeholders to guide the creation of the capital planning framework, align to the strategic plan, manage cost, and review policies. Whereas AECOM submitted the deliverables as approved by the School Board; We recommend the School Board formally adopt the AECOM framework and adopt a resolution establishing the steering committee as a committee reporting directly to the School Board.

Motion by: Narnike Pierre-Grant

Seconded by: Rasheed Gray

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is scheduled on  
Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.