



**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH  
EDUCATION BOARD WORKSHOP  
MINUTES  
FINAL**

100 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

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Monday, September 11, 2023,

5:30 p.m.

City Hall, 100 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Marjorie Waldo at 5:34pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

***Present:***

Angelica Nevin  
Anitra Grant-Straughn  
Christine Jax  
Joan Dorow (absent)  
Kae Jonsons  
Marjorie Waldo  
Mark Sauer  
Raiko Knight (arrived 5:45pm)

***Staff present:***

Janai Bowens, Education and Workforce Coordinator / Board Liaison  
Monica M. Daniels, Executive Administrative Assistant / Minute Taker  
Lawonda Warren, Assistant City Attorney  
Jeff Oris, Assistant City Manager

Roll was called and quorum was present.

**3. BOARD ELECTION**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** made by Kae Jonsons for approval of the agenda with Elections being moved down under Old Business; seconded by Mark Sauer - **motion passed**.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- May 1, 2023
- August 7, 2023

**Motion** made by Christine Jax for an amendment of May, August and future minutes to be documented in summary format in lieu of transcript format. Minutes are to include brief synopsis of discussions, motions and votes. The motion was seconded by Mark Sauer.  
**voice vote - passed (3:1)**

**Motion** made by Angelica to approve minutes for May, seconded by Mark.  
Roll call vote (3:3) – tie vote – **vote fails**.

**Motion** made by Kae to table May and August minutes with corrections being sent to Janai for approval at the next board meeting.

Roll call vote **(4:2)** w/ 1 abstain. **vote passed**.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**  
**None**

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**Palm Beach State Update**

**Janai** stated a follow up meeting has been scheduled for 9/25/23 at 11:00 am with PB State Director of Programming and new Economic Development Manager, Rob Evans, to review Delray Beach career clusters that align to resident's needs and recommendations from Education Board (i.e.: livable/high wage jobs)

**Discussion regarding Policy Playbook Workshop**

**Board discussion ensued for additional recommendations to be brought forward to the commission.**

The **Board** discussed reengaging with Palm Beach School District and School Board members Erica Whitfield and Edwin Ferguson regarding educational initiatives and Delray Beach Full-Service project. Consensus was made to request Edwin Ferguson and Fred Barch make a presentation to the Education Board regarding these matters at an upcoming meeting. **Janai** stated she has been in conversation with Joe Sanches of the Palm Beach School District regarding what the Ed Board has previously been in discussion about; he is open and in full support with moving forward in a positive direction.

**Jeff** clarified that the School Board has allotted new funding for Delray Full Service and is outlining their plans and capabilities. He suggested that the board requests a School Board representative to provide a project outline and presentation. Jeff reiterated the Delray Commission's stance on purchasing School Board properties.

**Lawonda** reviewed the board's purview, scope and responsibilities. She suggested to the Board to allow staff liaison to communicate recommendations to appropriate stakeholders.

***23-24 Education and Workforce Coordinator Strategic Plan***

**Janai** reviewed the revised Strategic Plan, which includes goals and objectives related to the Education and Workforce Coordinator role. She indicated it is a combination of the City's Comprehensive Plan and stakeholder feedback which will be used as a guide for programming and initiatives. Janai emphasized her role as a liaison between the Education Board and Commission regarding proposed initiatives and recommendations.

**7A. BOARD ELECTIONS: (CHAIR/VICE CHAIR OPEN SEATS)**

**BOARD CHAIR**

**Mark** made a nomination for Christine as Chair, nomination accepted.

**Raiko** made a nomination for Marjorie as Chair, nomination accepted.

Roll call vote held of Christine being Chair **(5:0) vote passed.**

**VICE BOARD CHAIR**

**Kae** made a nomination for Marjorie as Vice Chair, nomination declined.

**Marjorie** made a nomination for Raiko as Vice Chair, nomination accepted.

Mark and Christine 2<sup>nd</sup> – **unanimous - passed.**

***The meeting was turned over into the hands of the new board chair for the remainder of the meeting.***

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**Sunshine/Public Records law update – Lawonda Warren, Esq.**

A brief summary presentation was conducted highlighting: **Robert Rules of Order / Sunshine Law & Public Records Law.**

**A motion was made by Raiko** to table the Delray Beach Public Schools Presentations & Grants and SAC segments. **Kae dissented.**

**Raiko withdrew her previous motion.**

**Kae made a motion to extend the meeting for 10 mins** for the Delray Beach presentation and grant presentation and public comments, SAC tabled until next meeting.

**Mark seconded the motion. Vote fails lack of quorum.**

- Angelica left the meeting at 7:03 pm
- Marjorie left the meeting at 7:03 pm
- Raiko left the meeting at 7:03 pm

**Delray Beach Public Schools Presentations and Grant – (TABLED)**

**Support for Delray Beach Public Schools**

**8-15-23 Education Update Workshop Presentation**

**23-254 Education Grant**

**School Advisory Council Purpose, Plans, and Dates – (TABLED)**

**School Advisory Council Resources**

**9. COMMENTS**

**Staff Comments**

**None**

**Board Comments**

**Kae** – stated we should be mindful of the time of the meeting, and meeting items we can't get through.

**Christine** – suggested moving forward that the agenda has estimated time segments to adhere to.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS NEW BUSINESS:**

**AMICUS CUREA** – 531 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444

Asked who is the Records Custodian? **Lawonda** responded the City Clerk is.

**USIKA SWAREZ** – 115 SW 11<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 335444

Asked what is the success rate when the advisory board makes a recommendation of programs and policy changes to the commission?

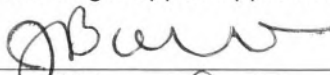
**IRENE REVELAS** – 331 E. Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33483

Was under the impression from the 8/30/23 presentation workshop, that this meeting would have discussion as a follow up of recommended motions to be presented to the commission of the Education Play Book.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjournment failed due to lack of quorum.

Recording stopped approximately at 7:12 p.m.

  
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[Summary of the Minutes prepared by Monica M. Daniels)