

# City of Delray Beach

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## Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

4:00 PM

Workshop Meeting at 4:00 PM

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## City Commission

*Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr.*

*Vice Mayor Rob Long*

*Deputy Vice Mayor Angela Burns*

*Commissioner Tom Markert*

*Commissioner Juli Casale*

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Delray Beach, the Mayor has instructed me to announce a Workshop Meeting of the City Commission to be held for the following purposes:

**WS.1.** COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EDUCATION ELEMENT POLICY AND GOAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Sponsors:** City Manager Department

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Report](#)  
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[GOP Amendments](#)

The June 17, 2025 Workshop Meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. Alexis Givings, City Clerk, called the roll, and the following were present:

**Present 4** - Commissioner Tom Markert , Mayor Thomas F. Carney Jr., Deputy Vice Mayor Angela Burns and, Commissioner Juli Casale

**Absent: 1** - Vice-Mayor Rob Long

Others present were:

Terrence Moore, City Manager

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney

Alexis Givings, City Clerk

Mayor Carney opened the meeting by discussing the Comprehensive Plan and the need to amend it to improve the educational components for the City's public schools. He emphasized that the first step would be to identify the various City departments that allocate funding for education to determine the actual amount being spent. He specifically highlighted Carver Middle School, Village Academy, and the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Atlantic High School as underperforming institutions. He mentioned that the Chairman of the School Board shares this concern, as she had expressed during their meeting. He also referenced a competitive assessment and cluster study conducted by the Greenway Strategy Group in 2018, which evaluated the City's schools and suggested engaging Greenway to perform an updated analysis.

Commissioner Casale proposed that a productive first step would be for the School Board to visit the schools, beginning with Carver Middle, Atlantic High, and Village Academy, to evaluate any shortcomings. Following this assessment, they should meet with the Commission to share their findings and discuss the Commission's requests for enhancing school performance. At that time, the Commission would have a strong basis for amending the Comprehensive Education Plan.

Mayor Carney stated that his goal was to request at a future meeting \$25,000 from the Commission to conduct an updated assessment by Greenway Strategy Group and an additional \$25,000 to fund another comprehensive review/education study conducted by Florida International University (FIU). He stated that these two studies would provide independent analyses.

Commissioner Casale proposed contacting the County School Board for their latest assessments on the schools before engaging in other studies.

Mr. Moore suggested revisiting this item at the Commission Meeting on July 15th, after he and the relevant staff have contacted the School District of Palm Beach County for any relevant information they can provide on the matter. He noted that the Commission might also consider the possibility of engaging external consultants at that time.

Deputy Vice Mayor Burns requested that the School Board's report include an update regarding the early prevention and wrap-around services.

#### WS.2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Carney opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak on this item.

Marjorie Waldo, 316 NW 2nd Avenue, Delray Beach

Discussed her professional career as an educator and a member of the Education Board, highlighting that the majority of students are at risk. She pointed out that the only meal many of these students receive each day is the lunch provided by the school. She suggested reallocating the funds intended for the studies that the Mayor wants to conduct towards addressing the issues faced by the school.

Allison Turner, 145 NE 6th Avenue, Delray Beach

Was present on behalf of the Delray Chamber Education Fund, a non-profit arm of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Reported that the Chamber raised \$46,400 for education last year. This year, their focus is on securing funds through grants submitted by school administrators and educators. She emphasized the importance of strengthening schools to build a more robust workforce. She mentioned the Bus Shelter Program contributed to the schools' fundraising efforts last year.

Christina Morrison, 1000 Lowery Street, Delray Beach

Discussed the similarities between Delray Beach schools and those in

Wellington, highlighting how Wellington addresses its educational challenges by providing incentives for teachers, etc. She suggested that implementing "Ready to Work Programs" in high schools would be a valuable initiative.

Seeing no one else present, Mayor Carney closed public comments.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Carney adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

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