



**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH  
EDUCATION BOARD MINUTES  
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100 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL  
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**Monday, April 1st, 2024,**

**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 Chair, Dr. Raiko Knight, at 5:36 pm

**2. ROLL CALL**

***Present:***

Angelica Nevin (**absent**)  
Anitra Grant-Straughn  
Anneze Barthelemy  
Barbara Stark  
Joan Dorow  
Kae Jonsons  
Kendra Williams  
Marjorie Waldo  
Raiko Knight

***Staff present:***

Janai Bowens, Education and Workforce Coordinator / Board Liaison  
Lawonda Warren, Assistant City Attorney

Roll was called and quorum was present.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** made by **Kendra Williams** for approval of the agenda & **seconded by Joan Dorow**. All in favor – none opposed, **motion passed unanimously**.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**The Board** utilized the School District of Palm Beach County's Gold Report, which aggregates academic and behavioral data for Palm Beach County Public Schools, to discuss five-year trend data as it applies to Delray Beach Public Schools. **The Board** engaged in discussion regarding declining student proficiency scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics and End of Course exams. **Raiko** asked the board to use the data to decide who the collective can form partnerships with to make effective change in schools and the surrounding communities.

**Marjorie** proposed four possible initiatives:

- Private partnerships for mentoring program for early middle school level students
- Push-in literacy and mathematics interventions within the school.
- Provide academic support in the City of Delray Beach's Parks and Recreation program.
- Full-time Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program for all applicable residents of the City of Delray Beach

**Raiko** suggested partnering with established agencies such as AmeriCorps, United Way, and Atlantic High School's International Baccalaureate students to provide academic support to City of Delray Beach's Parks and Rec's before, afterschool, and summer programs.

**Kae** questioned the direction from the City Commission regarding proposing initiatives from the Education Board. **Janai** stated that initial discussion regarding an education workshop meeting proposed a May meeting date and that she will confirm with the City Manager. **Janai** stated the goal is to collaborate with the Education Board for the scheduled workshop in terms of creating the presentation.

**Anitra** discussed systemic changes necessary for parental awareness regarding graduation requirements and End of Course scores. **Board** discussion ensued about the root cause of parental outcomes in Delray Beach Public Schools. **Kendra** recommended incentivizing parent outreach initiatives to garner more buy-in and attendance.

**Anneze** suggested reaching out to community partners that provide academic tutoring and inform them of the Education Board's data analysis and findings to support their grant decisions.

**Kae** suggested implementing a City of Delray Beach Roundtable initiative that requires all stakeholders (community-based agencies, City and County Commissioners, School District of Palm Beach County representatives, and the Education Board) to discuss education-based needs in Delray Beach. **Kae** also suggested a city-wide initiative kindergarten readiness campaign.

**The Board** discussed funding for the initiatives which would include fundraising, in-kind donations, investments from the City of Delray Beach's general budget, grants, and business sponsorships.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** to adjourn was made by **Joan Dorow**, seconded by **Anitra Grant-Straughn**

*All in favor – none oppose – motion passed unanimously. meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm*

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Board Liaison

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