



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

November 21, 2023, Annual Organizational Meeting

Dr. Kelly Coker, Chairman
Ms. Cindy Pearson, Vice-Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney
Ms. Lori Hershey
Mr. Warren A. Jones
Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce
Mr. Darryl Willie
Dr. Dana Kriznar, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Dana Kriznar, Superintendent, and Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

No Public Comments.

Approval of Agenda

1. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2023, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the November 21, 2023 agenda, as submitted on November 14, 2023.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Warren A. Jones

No Discussion.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

No

Board Members

1. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Dr. Dana Kriznar thanked both Chairman Dr. Coker and Vice-Chairman Pearson for their service.

A nomination was made by Board Member Charlotte D. Joyce for Board Member Lori Hershey to be Chairman of the Board for the 2023-2024 year.

A nomination was made by Vice-Chairman Cindy Pearson for Board Member Darryl Willie to be Chairman of the Board for the 2023-2024 year.

Floor closed for Chairman nominations.

Motion:

That Lori Hershey be elected Chairman of the Board for 2023-2024.

Vote Results:

Motion: April Carney

Second: None

FAILED - 3-4

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Charlotte D. Joyce
April A. Carney

Nay:

Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson

Motion:

That Darryl Willie be elected Chairman of the Board for 2023-2024.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: None

PASSED - 4-3

Aye:

Warren A. Jones

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

Lori Hershey

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Dr. Kriznar congratulated Mr. Darryl Willie as the new Board Chairman.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Board Member Charlotte D. Joyce was nominated by Board Member April A. Carney to be Vice-Chairman of the Board.

No other nominations.

Floor closed for nominations.

Motion:

That Charlotte D. Joyce be elected as Vice-chairman of the Board for 2023-2024.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: None

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

4. OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office for School Board Chairman was administered to Darryl Willie by his daughter, Berkeley Willie.

The Oath of Office for School Board Vice-Chairman was administered to Charlotte D. Joyce by her husband, Patrick Joyce.

The newly voted in Chairman Darryl Willie took over the meeting sharing congratulations.

5. ESTABLISH TIME, PLACE, AND DATE OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Motion: That the Duval County School Board establish the time, place, and date of Regular Board Meetings in accordance with Board Policy 2.23, Organization and Officers of the Board.

That the Duval County School Board conduct their Regular Board Meetings on the first Tuesday of each month except for the following meetings:

- **Monday, January 08, 2024**

The Regular Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., and will be held in the first Floor Board Room of the Administration Building, 1701 Prudential Drive.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: April A. Carney

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

For the Record

Board Member Jones congratulated both Chairman Willie and Vice-Chairman Joyce. He shared that he looks forward to working with them this year in moving the district forward, and he thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Board Member Carney thanked both Dr. Coker and Board Member Pearson and shared that she enjoyed working under their leadership. She also congratulated both Chairman Willie and Vice-Chairman Joyce and

shared that she looks forward to working with them both this year.

Board Member Hershey shared it has been a good year, and she thought that Dr. Coker and Board Member Pearson did a good job. She shared that it has been a long time coming for Vice-Chairman Joyce and that if anyone deserved a seat at the table in leadership on the Board, it is Vice-Chairman Joyce. She also shared that she is happy for Vice-Chairman Joyce as she has been patient and has persevered, and she looks forward to Chairman Willie's leadership this next year.

Vice-Chairman Joyce thanked everyone for their vote of confidence, as she believes everything is in God's timing, and she would not accept it if God did not put her in the position. She extended thanks to Dr. Coker for her leadership, sharing with her that she thought she did an amazing job this past year even though it was not easy being chair, but she watched her persevere. She thanked Board Member Pearson for her leadership as well, and congratulated Chairman Willie on his Chairmanship, wishing him the best.

Board Member Pearson congratulated both the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and shared that their success is the Board's success. She wished them both great wisdom in doing the job of leading the district.

Board Member Dr. Coker thanked Board Member Pearson and acknowledged her work as being handled with poise and grace. She shared happy moments concerning Chairman Willie and Vice-Chairman Joyce leading together. She thanked everyone on the diocese for the privilege of serving while she was Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Willie shared that the way the Board goes is all up to them. He congratulated Board Member Dr. Coker for completing her time of serving as Board Chairman, and he shared that he appreciated her leadership. He shared with the Board that all of them are leaders on the Board, and they have a lot of work to accomplish this year, but he is excited to work with each of them. He added that the Board has a big task of getting another leader for the district, but he believes the Board is up to the task. He acknowledged that he and Vice-Chairman Joyce came onto the Board together, and they don't always agree, but he believes that they can move the Board and community forward together. Chairman Willie shared that he appreciates having all the different voices on the Board, and he appreciated everyone's vote of confidence in him as a chairman. He added that he would not let them down as he assured the Board that he would hear everyone's voice as decisions are made, and he looks forward to this year of service.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman