



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

May 20, 2025, Board Workshop

Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce, Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Reginald Blount
Ms. Melody A. Bolduc
Ms. Cindy Pearson
Mr. Anthony Ricardo
Mr. Darryl D. Willie
Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Ms. Taylor Phillips, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. SAFETY & SECURITY QUARTERLY UPDATE

Jackson Short, Chief, School Police, and Glenn Virdin, Supervisor, School Police, presented a PowerPoint presentation, Quarterly Monitoring Visits January–March 2025 (see attached). They and Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- The number and names of the schools inspected during January–March 2025.
- Creation of a stronger, more improved safety team. Appreciation was expressed for the team.
- Importance of communication with parents regarding students.
- Importance of safety inspections.

Recessed at 9:10 a.m.

2. ~~STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE~~

The Student Services Update was removed from the agenda and will be presented at a later date.

3. GOVERNANCE

Reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

The following items were discussed during governance:

- Policy 4.30 will be discussed during the Policy Meeting on May 28, 2025.
- Appetite of the Board to explore the hiring of the Board's own legal counsel. The advantages to this possibility and the following questions were asked regarding this:
 - What is the status of the contract created by Mr. Poole to Mr. Fackler?
 - How many attorneys? Would it be the position previously held by Mr. Poole and the other positions remain with the City of Jacksonville, Office of General Counsel?
 - Who in the community is talking about this possibility?
 - What will be the process in between attorneys?
 - Will the board be able to interview for this position?
 - Is there a requirement to have a board attorney?

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Reginald Blount

No Discussion

Passed: 7-0

Yay:

Charlotte D. Joyce
April A. Carney
Melody A. Bolduc
Reginald Blount
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Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman