



# Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

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## December 16, 2025, Agenda Committee Meeting

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, except for Chairman Charlotte D. Joyce who was not present. Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Mr. William Spillias, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

### Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

### Items to be Discussed

#### 1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - JANUARY 6, 2026

#### APPROVAL OF ENGAGE2LEARN

Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Scott Schneider, Chief of Schools joined in the discussion on the following:

- The number of schools and the number of students enrolled in the program.
- Previous outcomes.
- A request for the data on English Language Learners (ELL) was made and will be brought back.
- A request for a list of all programs used to address the ELL students was made and will be brought back.

#### APPROVAL OF BAILEY EDUCATION GROUP

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Schneider joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request for what is currently being used.
- Funding.

#### APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LIFT JAX, INC.

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation and excitement for the program was expressed.
- A recommendation to review how PreK seats are counted in the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) report.
- Appreciation expressed to Sonya McSwain, Director, Early Childhood, and her efforts.
- Class sizes.
- A request for the number of students enrolled.

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE SY2025-SY2026, YEAR 5 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (I'M A STAR FOUNDATION) - GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE SY2025-2026, YEAR 5 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE) - GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)**

Dr. Bernier, Dr. Anna Dewese, Executive Director, Student Discipline & Support Services, and Evan Daniels, Director, Gear Up, joined in the discussion on the following:

- An explanation of the program was given.
- Appreciation and support were expressed.
- Space provided in schools for the program.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - INTERNAL AUDITOR I, II, III COORDINATOR**

Dr. Bernier, and Melvin Dodson, Internal Board Auditor, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Position classifications were explained.
- Staff cuts in recent years.
- Cost neutral positions.

**ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - NOVEMBER 2025**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - OCTOBER 2025**

Dr. Bernier, and Ron Fagan, Chief Financial Officer, joined in the discussion on the following:

- An overview of the budget resolutions was explained.
- Monthly financials were explained.
- Cost savings of school closures were explained. Teachers and staff follow the students, so those numbers do not change.
- A time to reflect on history and own the events and assist our communities in regard to the consolidation efforts.

**APPROVE THE GRANT OF ACCESS AND UTILITIES EASEMENT AND PURCHASE AND SALE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR SHELDON DRIVE AT EDWARD H. WHITE HIGH SCHOOL NO. 248**

Dr. Bernier and Jim Culbert, Chief Officer, Operations & Technology Services joined in the discussion on the following:

- Details of the project were explained.
- Future maintenance responsibilities were explained.
- Traffic flow.
- Type of planned housing near school.

*The meeting was recessed at 10:31 a.m.*

*The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.*

**AUTHORIZE THE DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER SUSIE TOLBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 128**

Dr. Bernier, Mr. Culbert, and Dan O'Berski, Partner/Managing Broker, Trinity Commercial Group joined in the discussion on the following:

- There have been no requests or offers for the property.
- Timeline for community awareness.
- Memorial marker.
- Appraisal amounts and blanket offer.

**SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY - LOT 1, BLOCK 12 SHADYSIDE, LOCATED ADJACENT TO JULIA LANDON MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 31, PORTION OF REAL ESTATE NUMBER 082038-0000, PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT**

- Appreciation was expressed to Trinity Commercial Group for listening to the request for the driveway direction.

**APPROVE THE BOARD CHAIR OR VICE PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO DONATION AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTIES AT 11231 PHILIPS INDUSTRIAL BLVD. E., JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256**

Dr. Bernier and Mr. O'Berski joined in the discussion on the following:

- This will be an exchange of unusable property for usable property with 3 times the amount of vacant land.

**CHANGE ORDER REPORT**

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- The amounts saved on various projects were discussed.

**AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT - NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE SPRING PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - RFQ NO. 06-22/TW - PROJECT NO. P-91760 (f.k.a. P-91720)**

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation was expressed for the cost saving efforts and the reduction of wasteful spending.
- Other prototypes across the state have been reviewed and visited.

**AMENDMENT TO G.M. HILL CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS: CONTRACT AWARD/RFQ NO. 03-26/DB**

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- This will expand the number of architects.

**PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL FOR THE NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE HOGAN SPRING GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PROJECT NO. P-9176008**

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- Previous and expected outcomes.
- Appreciation expressed for the tight window of this completion.

## **SCHOOLS OF HOPE PROCLAMATION**

## **SCHOOL OF HOPE RESOLUTION**

## **SCHOOLS OF HOPE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ADDITION**

Dr. Bernier and William Spillias, Office of General Counsel, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The reason for the request for these items was explained.
- There were 3 offers, 2 of which were disqualified. One offer has extended their time.
- Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) platform.
- There was a recommendation not to move forward with the Proclamation or the Resolution but would like to move forward with the Legislative addition.
- Redefine eligibility.
- Consolidation of schools.

## **Comments from Elected Officials**

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **Adjournment**

### **1. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.**

#### **Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Melody A. Bolduc

**Second:** Anthony Ricardo

**PASSED: 6-0**

#### **Aye:**

April A. Carney

Melody A. Bolduc

Reginald Blount

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

#### **Nay:**

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Superintendent

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Chairman