



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

January 20, 2026, 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 Board Member Darryl D. Willie. Mr. Michael Ramirez, Chief of Staff, was in attendance for Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, who was not in attendance. Mr. William Spillias, Office of General Counsel, was also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - February 3, 2026

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LIFT JAX, INC.

Michael Ramirez, Chief of Staff and Paula Renfro, Chief Academics Officer, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Funding. A request for clarification of funding to be added to the item.

APPROVAL OF ENGAGE2LEARN

Mr. Ramirez, and Scott Schneider, Chief of Schools, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation was expressed for the support at Crown Point Elementary School.
- Funding.
- The program is recommended by many other large districts.

APPROVAL OF BAILEY EDUCATION GROUP

Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Schneider joined in the discussion on the following:

- The program will include 29 traditional schools and 8 charter schools.

AWARD OF RFP# 12-26/LM: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MOBILE LAB

Mr. Ramirez and Corey Wright, Chief Officer, Accountability & Assessment joined in the discussion on the following:

- An explanation of how the vehicle would be used and staffed.
- Appreciation was expressed to the local delegation for the further expansion of Career & Technical Education.

CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR BECOMING COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

Mr. Ramirez and Eugene Hays, Director, School Choice Pathways joined in the discussion on the following:

- Concerns were expressed about the renewal of 5 years due to performance. It was explained that the length is set by state law.
- A request for the enrollment team to reach out to families who have made the choice to attend based on school grades.
- Required administrative expenses were explained.
- The reason there was no school grade for 2022-2024 was explained.

CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR BISCAYNE HIGH SCHOOL

The following was discussed:

- Performance level and increase in school grades.
- Dropout prevention program.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - DECEMBER 2025

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - NOVEMBER 2025

Mr. Ramirez and Ronald Fagan, Chief Financial Officer, joined in the discussion on the following:

- A financial update was given.
- School recognition funds. A request for the amount paid out in bonuses was made.

SAP EXTENDED CONTENT MANAGEMENT BY OPENTEXT ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Ramirez and Jim Culbert, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Information Officer, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The increase in price was explained.

BLUEALLY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MICROSOFT M365

Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- Microsoft has moved away from having a large support staff for K-12 and the need for additional support services.

PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000

Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- A highlight of the savings on projects was given.

PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL - 1 MILL FUNDING PLAN ARTS & ATHLETICS REFERENDUM - TURF FIELD PROJECT AT ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL NO. 3035 - DCPS PROJECT NO. A-10958-35

PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL - 1 MILL FUNDING PLAN ARTS & ATHLETIC REFERENDUM - TURF FIELD PROJECT AT ED WHITE HIGH SCHOOL NO. 3248 - DCPS PROJECT NO. A-10958-248

PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL - 1 MILL FUNDING PLAN ARTS & ATHLETICS REFERENDUM - TURF FIELD PROJECT AT FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL NO. 3223 - DCPS PROJECT NO. A-10958-223

Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- Funding for these projects is from 1 Mill.
- Life expectancy of the fields.
- Cost savings.
- An estimation of maintaining the fields was requested.

INSTALLATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM CAMERA VIOLATION PROGRAM

Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Culbert, Mr. Schneider, Jackson Short, Chief of School Police, and William Spillias, Office of General Counsel joined in the discussion on the following:

- Must have a contract approved with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office prior to rolling out of the program.
- Fines, hearing and appeal processes are still being worked out as they must have due process.
- The law is very specific as to where the funds from these tickets can be spent. Fines range from \$200 - \$400.
- Appreciation to Farah and Farah Law Group for their partnership.

GENERATION W, INC. 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Ramirez and Timothy Simmons, Region Superintendent, High School & Alternative Region, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation expressed for this great mentoring program.
- The program currently serves 15 high schools and 10 middle schools for a total of 25 clubs that meet after school.

Comments from Elected Officials

None.

Public Comment

There was one (1) public comment speaker.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Anthony Ricardo

Second: April A. Carney

PASSED: 6-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman