



# Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

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## April 21, 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. 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 9:04 a.m.

### Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - May 5, 2026

#### **SELECTION OF FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (FSBA) ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE**

This item was discussed in the Board Workshop during Governance, and it was determined that Board Member Anthony Ricardo will be the Advocacy Representative and Board Member, Melody A. Bolduc, will be the alternate.

#### **SELECTION OF FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (FSBA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE**

This item was discussed in the Board Workshop during Governance, and it was determined that Board Member Reginald Blount will be the Board of Directors Representative and Board Member, Melody A. Bolduc, will be the alternate.

#### **AMEND BOARD RESOLUTION 2026-1**

Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Amendments to the resolution were explained.

- Disappointment in the Office of General Counsel attorneys was expressed. It was stated that the legal documents coming before the Board need to be legally sufficient.

### **CONTINUATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SIVIC SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC FOR MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS**

Dr. Bernier and Paula Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Services, joined in the discussion on the following:

- What is included in the items was explained.

### **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATION ELEMENTS**

Dr. Bernier and Corey Wright, Chief Officer, Accountability and Assessment joined in the discussion on the following:

- The types and importance of the data received and how it is used was explained.
- Total amounts spent by the district on this service.

### **EXECUTION OF CHARTER RENEWAL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR BISCAYNE HIGH SCHOOL**

### **EXECUTION OF CHARTER RENEWAL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL AT WESTSIDE**

### **EXECUTION OF CHARTER RENEWAL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR KIPP JACKSONVILLE K-12**

### **EXECUTION OF CHARTER RENEWAL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR SAN JOSE PREPARATOY**

### **EXECUTION OF CHARTER RENEWAL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR BECOMING COLLEGIATE ACADEMY**

Dr. Bernier, Eugene Hays, Director, School Choice Pathways, and Nicole Micheau, Executive Director, Federal Programs joined in the discussion on the following:

- Concern was expressed about the school grades and scores for Biscayne High School.
- State Law regarding charter school closures was explained.
- Administrative fees.
- A request was made regarding the services performed for Biscayne High School by the district.
- A request for what it costs the district versus what it would cost to hire these services.
- Information request for Becoming Collegiate Academy prior sales.
- The approval process was explained for Charter renewals.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS — SUPERVISOR, FLORIDA SCHOOL RETIREE BENEFITS CONSORTIUM**

Dr. Bernier and Jacqueline Watkins, Chief Officer, Human Resources, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Funding source.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT ATHLETIC AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- The need to create this position was due to the current director's retirement.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - LEAD SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Grant funded position and could end in 1 year.

## **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TPG CULTURAL EXCHANGE, LLC**

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Watkins joined in the discussion on the following:

- Basic requirements and process for verifying credentials were explained.
- TPG works closely with individuals and partners with schools in addition to assisting with housing, roommates, etc.
- It was suggested that more support could be needed for these individuals.
- The number of teachers included in the contracted amount.
- Professional development for these individuals.

## **APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SCHOOL SAFETY ASSISTANT SALARY SCHEDULES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

- Negotiations with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) recently stalled.
- IBEW received notification from the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) that their union status has been revoked due to paperwork that was not completed in a timely manner.
- The district is deciding to provide a raise in the amount of 2.67% to this group.

*The meeting was recessed at 10:39 a.m.*

*The meeting was reconvened at 10:45 a.m.*

## **PROPERTY INSURANCE**

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

- Coverage amounts.
- Total insured value.
- A breakdown of the value of buildings or property values was requested.
- Insurance layers were explained.
- A request for a workshop to better explain the coverage and benefits.

## **ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - MARCH 2026**

## **MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FEBRUARY 2026**

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Fagan joined in the discussion of the following:

- An overview of the budget and financial statements was given.

## **PIKMYKID DISMISSAL MANAGEMENT**

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

- Usage by the schools of the systems.

- Different levels of usage by schools will be brought back to the Board.
- Paid by the district. Fee is not passed on to the schools.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM 2025/2026 - 2030/2031**

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

- Why each school is listed was explained.

**LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CARROLL FAMILY FOUNDATION, AT THE FORMER CHARGER ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL NO, 216**

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

- Maintenance responsibilities.
- Lease to own options.
- Price increase in the contract.
- Possible credit for improvements.

**PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS**

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

- The bidding process was explained.

**CHANGE ORDER REPORT**

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

- Updates to the change order report were explained.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTIONS MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICE CONTRACT - RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL #237 - RFQ NO. 05-24/DB**

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

- Changes to the contract were explained.
- Budget for project.

**PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL FOR THE RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT DUNCAN U. FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL #223 - PROJECT NO. P-89530**

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICE CONTRACT FOR RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT DUNCAN FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL #223 - RFQ NO. 14-23/TW - PROJECT NO. P-8953001**

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

- Appreciation was expressed for these projects and the funds that have been saved.
- Appreciation was also expressed for the community meetings regarding these projects.

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE PICKETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #72 - ITB NO. 13-26/LM - PROJECT NO. P-91780**

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

- Appreciation was expressed for the cost savings for this project.

**SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGENT/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES - AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSULTANT - RFQ NO. 11-21/TW**

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Changes to the contract were explained.

**CUSTODIAL SERVICES MANAGEMENT**

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Concerns were expressed regarding management, evaluation and performance of HES.
- Possibility of ending this third-party contract and what that would take.
- A request for a bring back of what other districts spend and if it is contracted out.

*Board Member Willie left at 11:53 a.m.*

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACTS, GSA 4 - SECOND (2ND) CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF AMERICA**

- Cost of this contract and a request to have it lowered.

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, GSA3 - CONTRACT RENEWAL**

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

- Performance-based contract.
- Concerns over cost of contract.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: SCHOOL START TIMES**

- Appreciation was expressed for the times.

**Comments from Elected Officials**

There were no comments from Elected Officials.

**Public Comment**

There was one public comment speaker.

**Adjournment**

1. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m.**

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Anthony Ricardo

**Second:** Reginald Blount

**PASSED: 6 - 0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody D. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

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Superintendent

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Chairman