



ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
HEAD START  
**POLICY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**



Holden Heights Community Center  
1201 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
November 20, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:31

Roll Call by Sandra Moore, Administrative Assistant

**Attended By:**

Joffery Matos Virella	Aloma	Alternate
Malena Perez	Bithlo	Representative
Tanesha Wilson	Callahan	Representative
Carlos Leon Rojas	Dover Shores	Representative
Manjola Kellezi	East Orange	Representative
Sharron Jacob	Hal P. Marston	Representative
Alyssa St. Hilaire	John Bridges	Representative
Alicia Uresti	Lila Mitchell	Representative
Jamyra Santiago	McCoy	Alternate
Luisa Acevedo Morillo	S.O. YMCA	Representative
Myrlanda Pierre	Southwood	Representative
Lori Jackson	Taft	Representative
Lucia Vasquez Castillo	Three Points	Representative
Mercy Campos	Ventura	Representative
Chanel Williams	WS ELC	Representative
Jasmine Allen	WS Elementary	Representative
Joseph Desravines	West Oaks	Alternate
Mike Scott	OCBCC	Commissioner

**Staff:**

Sonya Hill	Main Office	Manager
Avis McWhite	Main Office	Sr. Program Manager
Polly Bouler	PHCC	Child-care
Sonja Austin	W S ELC	Child-care
Carmen Serrano	Engelwood	Child-care
Colette Thomas	Main Office	Program Manager
Toni-Marie Thomas	Main Office	Sr. Family Service Worker
Hope Massey	Main Office	Sr. Family Service Worker
Kenya Munoz	Main Office	Sr. Family Service Worker
Deshon Perry	Main Office	Education Coordinator
Kurtisha Brown	Main Office	Registered Nurse

Leonor Cuevas Sayago

Main Office

Assistant Nutrition Coor.

There was no Executive Committee seated. Ms. Hill conducted the meeting. Applications were made available for anyone desiring to run for Executive Committee offices. Voting will take place at the December meeting. This meeting is for informational purposes only.

### **Director's Report by Sonya Hill, Manager**

- All staff completed the Gold Standard Customer Service Training to strengthen the program's commitment to provide high quality services to our families.
- Each site hosted an event for Head Start Awareness Month
- Head Start is collaborating with the NHSA in preparation for the Parent & Family Engagement Conference being held in Orlando December 8 – 11, 2025
- OCHS received the State Corporate Award from the FHSA for its partnership with A Gift for Teaching
- There was a \$10,769.80 savings in food waste compared to the same quarter last year.
- Office relocations are under way at the main office that will enhance workflow and confidentiality for sensitive conversations with families and increase staff morale and professionalism.
- The Government shutdown impacted OCHS resulting in the program being operated using county funds.

### **Ms. Hill covered the following IMs:**

ACF-OHS-IM-25-05 – Fiscal Year 2026 Monitoring Process for Head Start

ACF-OHS-IM-25-06 – Addressing Vacant Slots Due to Chronic Absenteeism in Head Start Programs

### **Budget Report by Sonya Hill, Manager**

**HR Report will be submitted at the December meeting for a vote on new candidates for hire**

### **Unit Updates**

ERSEA	Hope Massey
PFCE	Kenya Munoz
Nutrition	Leonore Cuevas
Education	Deshon Perry
Health	Kurtisha Brown
MH/D	Toni-Marie Thomas

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 PM

**Next Policy Council Meeting will be December 18, 2025**