



ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
HEAD START
POLICY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES



Holden Heights Community Center
1201 20th Street
Orlando, FL 32805
November 25, 2024

Call to Order by: Sonya Hill, 6:22 p.m.

Roll Call by: Sandra Moore

Attended By:

Stephanie Soler	Aloma	Representative
Nicole Charette	Aloma	Alternate
Alicia Bermudez	Bithlo	Representative
Melissa Myers	Dillard	Representative
Nyeli Macuare	Dover Shores	Representative
Yairalee Davila Bonilla	East Orange	Representative
Nayisha Goldwire	Engelwood	Representative
Briyuana Simpson Ayala	Hal P. Marston	Alternate
Viviana Escalente	McCoy	Representative
Daniella Santander	McCoy	Alternate
Leslie Dipre	Millennia	Representative
Shondra Greggs	Pine Hills	Representative
Luisa Acevedo Morillo	SOYMCA	Representative
Lucia Vasquez Castillo	Three Points	Representative
Tytiana Francis	WS/ELC	Alternate
Jada Moore	WS Elementary	Representative
Fitta Jeanniton	West Oaks	Representative
Ilonese Nicholas	West Oaks	Alternate

Guests:

Octavia Gibson	Past Parent
Darnellion Brown	Past Parent
Renato Ayala	Parent

Staff:

Kerry-Ann Smith	Main Office
Danna Declet	Main Office
Keisha Carrion	Main Office
Rosally Bisbal Moreno	Main Office
Rosnel Bertrand	Main Office
Sunitha Koorathota	Main Office
Kenya Munoz	Main Office
Sandra Moore	Main Office
Avis McWhite	Main Office

Lisselot Feliz Perez
Sandra Ruff
Natalie Colon
Polly Boulter
Sonya Hill
Zhor Elmekali
Sonja Austin
Vidya Deonarine

SOYMCA
Main Office
Main Office
Hal Marston
Main Office
Lila Mitchell
Hal Marston
Main Office

This was the first meeting of the new Policy Council group therefore there was no executive committee at this time. Ms. Hill, Head Start Director, conducted the meeting leading up to the election of officers.

Ms. Hill called for a motion to adopt the agenda

Motion: Melissa Myers, Dillard Representative

Second: Briyuana Simpson Ayala, Hal Marston Representative

Motion carried with no objections

Secretary's Report by Sandra Moore

Ms. Hill called for a motion to accept the Secretary's report

Motion: Melissa Myers, Dillard Representative

Second: Tytiana Francis, WS/ELC Representative

Motion carried with no objections

HR Report by Avis McWhite – Ms. McWhite read off a list of applicants with their qualifications for hire deleting Destiny Gomez-Lankford from the list. Also, listed terminations and vacancies. One parent asked if she could list the number of vacancies at each site.

Ms. Hill called for a motion to accept the HR report

Motion: Stephanie Soler, Aloma Representative

Second: Fitta Jeanniton, West Oaks Representative

Motion carried with no objections

Budget Report by Sandra Ruff

Director Report by Sonya Hill – Ms. Hill reviewed the following IM and PI from the Office of Head Start:

- ACF-OHS-IM-24-04 - Facilities Guidance
- ACF-OHS-PI-24-07 - Final Rule Delay Effective Date for Increasing the CLASS Instructional Support Domain Competitive Threshold
- ACF-OHS-IM-24-07 - FY 2025 Monitoring Process for Head Start Recipients
- ACF-OHS-PI-24-06 - Final Rule on Supporting the Head Start Workforce and Consistent Quality Programming – Technical Updates

Ms. Hill also reviewed the new Standard Operating Procedure #12.20 concerning Annual Reporting.

Ms. Hill called for a motion to approve the SOP #12.20

Motion: Stephanie Soler, Aloma Representative

Second: Darnellion Brown, Community Representative

Motion carried with no objections

New Business

Election of Officers – New Executive Committee after the vote:

Chairperson – Octavia Gibson

Vice-Chair – Alicia Bermudez

Secretary – Shondra Greggs

Treasurer – Yairalee Davila Bonilla

Parliamentarian – Stephanie Soler

Community Representative Vote

There were two candidates for Community Representative

1. Darnellion Brown – Past Parent

Ms. Hill called for a motion to accept Mr. Brown as Community Representative

Motion: Fitta Jeanniton, West Oaks Representative

Second: Yairalee Davilla Bonilla, East Orange Representative

Motion carried with no objections

2. Octavia Gibson – Past Parent

Ms. Hill called for a motion to accept Ms. Gibson as Community Representative

Motion: Jada Moore, W/S Elementary Representative

Second: Briyuana Simpson Ayala, Hal Marston Representative

Motion carried with no objections

Unit Updates

ERSEA by Natalie Colon – ERSEA Coordinator

PFCE by Kenya Munoz – Sr. FSW

Education by Vidya Deonarine – Education Coordinator

Mental Health and Disabilities by Keisha Carrion – Sr. FSW

Nutrition by Kerry Ann Smith – Nutrition Coordinator

Medical and Dental by Valentine Palmer – RN

Maintenance by Sandra Ruff – Program Manager

Chairperson Gibson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion: Jada Moore, W/S Elementary Representative

Second: Briyuana Simpson Ayala, Hal Marston Representative

Motion carried with no objections

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next Policy Council Meeting: December 19, 2024