



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



Holden Heights Community Center  
 1201 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Orlando, FL 32805  
 February 19, 2026

Called to order by Chairperson Sharron Jacob at 6:40 p.m.

Roll Call by Secretary, Alyssa St.Hilaire

**Attended By:**

Stephanie Soler	Aloma	Representative
Joffery Virella	Aloma	Alternate
Malena Perez	Bithlo	Representative
Rinesha Smith	Dillard	Representative
Carlos Leon Rojas	Dover Shores	Representative
Manjola Kellezi	East Orange	Representative
Nayisha Goldwire	Engelwood	Representative
Sharron Jacob	Hal P. Marston	Representative
Alyssa St.Hilaire	John Bridges	Representative
Amarilis Figueroa Lorenzo	Lovell	Alternate
BriyaunaAyala	Rosemont	Representative
Luisa Acevedo Morillo	SOYMCA	Representative
Myrlanda Pierre	Southwood	Representative
Lori Jackson	Taft	Representative
Lucia Vasquez	Three Points	Representative
Jasmine Allen	WS Elementary	Representative
Joseph Desravines	West Oaks	Alternate

**Staff:**

Sonya Hill	Main Office	Manager
Sandra Moore	Main Office	Admin Assistant
Avis McWhite	Main Office	Sr. Program Manager
Sandra Ruff	Main Office	Program Manager
Sonja Austin	W S ELC	Child-care
Jamie Harrold	Main Office	FSW
Vicmarie Colon	Main Office	CNA
Regina Temple	Main Office	Assistant Nutrition Coordinator

Kerwin Juarez	Main Office	Maintenance Tech
Dwayne Horne	Main Office	Sr. FSW
Wendy Herrera	Main Office	Sr. FSW

**Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to adopt the agenda with changes to delete New Business: Approval of SOPs**

Motion: Alyssa St. Hilaire, John Bridges Representative  
Second: Lori Jackson, Taft Representative  
Motion carried with no objections

**Secretary's Report by Alyssa St.Hilaire**

Minutes from January 21, 2026 were reviewed.

**Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to approve the January 21, 2026 minutes**

Motion: Lori Jackson, Taft Representative  
Second: Malena Perez, Bithlo Representative  
Motion carried with no objections

**Budget Report by Sandra Ruff, Fiscal Program Manager**

**HR Report by Sonya Hill – Changes to the report**

Teacher Assistant Openings – 4  
Food Service Assistant – 0  
Education Coordinator – 0

**Director's Report by Sonya Hill**

- All Head Start programs will receive a COLA increase total of \$85B to distribute between all programs
- Tallahassee trip coming up this month to speak to members of congress about the importance of supporting Head Start
- Guest Readers Month in April planning is in effect. Asking all parents to plan to read at centers.
- Gearing up for possible school closures at McCoy, Three Points, and Ventura. School visits have been happening to possibly move into new sites.

**Unit Updates**

ERSEA	Jamie Harrold
PFCE	Dwayne Horne
Nutrition	Regina Temple
Education	Erica Jones
Health	Vicmarie Colon
Maintenance	Kerwin Juarez

MH/D

Wendy Herrera - May 8<sup>th</sup> Transition Conference will be held for students going into kindergarten. OCPS will be on site to discuss requirements to register. More information will be going out soon.

**Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to adjourn the meeting**

Motion: Stephanie Soler, Aloma Representative

Second: Jasmine Allen, WS Elementary Representative

Motion carried with no objections

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM

**Next Policy Council Meeting will be March 19, 2026**