



ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
HEAD START
POLICY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES



Holden Heights Community Center
1201 20th Street
Orlando, FL 32805
May 14, 2026

Called to order by Chairperson Sharron Jacob at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call by Secretary, Alyssa St.Hilaire

Attended By:

Rinesha Smith	Dillard	Representative
Yvonne Ramos	East Orange	Alternate
Sharron Jacob	Hal P. Marston	Representative
Alyssa St.Hilaire	John Bridges	Representative
Alicia Uresti	Lila Mitchell	Representative
Amarilis Lorenzo	Lovell	Alternate
Violeta Reynoso	McCoy	Representative
Briyuana Ayala	Rosemont	Representative
Sara Zapata	SOYMCA	Alternate
Myrlanda Pierre	Southwood	Representative
Lori Jackson	Taft	Representative
Lucia Vasquez	Three Points	Representative
Chanel Williams	WS/ELC	Representative
Jasmine Allen	W/S Elementary	Representative
Mike Scott	BCC	Commissioner
Ada Carballo	OCPS	Community Rep

Staff:

Sonya Hill	Main Office
Sandra Moore	Main Office
Regina Temple	Main Office
Jennifer Birch	Main Office
Avis McWhite	Main Office
Silvio Infante	Southwood
Kerwin Garcia	Southwood
Jamie Harrold	Main Office
Maria Bryant	Main Office
Sonja Austin	W S ELC
Colette Thomas	Main Office

Zhor Elmekali

Main Office

Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to adopt the agenda

Motion: Alicia Uresti, Lila Mitchell Representative

Second: Lori Jackson, Taft Representative

Motion carried with no objections

Secretary's Report by Alyssa St.Hilaire

Minutes from April 23, 2026 were reviewed.

Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to approve the April 23, 2026 minutes

Motion: Lori Jackson, Taft Representative

Second: Briyuana Ayala, Rosemont Representative

Motion carried with no objections

OCHS March 2026 Self-Assessment review by Brittany Kwarteng

Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to approve the Self-Assessment

Motion: Alicia Uresti, Lila Mitchell Representative

Second: Jasmine Allen, W/S Elementary Representative

Motion carried with no objections

OCHS Supplemental Grant Application Reviewed by Sandra Ruff, Fiscal Manager

Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to approve Supplemental Grant Application

Motion: Alicia Uresti, Lila Mitchell Representative

Second: Yvonne Ramos, East Orange Representative

Motion carried with no objections

OCHS Application for Federal Assistance Non-Competitive Grant Year 2 reviewed by Sandra Ruff, Fiscal Manager

Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to approve 5 year Grant Application

Motion: Alicia Uresti, Lila Mitchell Representative

Second: Yvonne Ramos, East Orange Representative

Motion carried with no objections

Budget Report by Sandra Ruff, Fiscal Manager

COLA was less than anticipated, the County will supplement the budget.

HR Report by Avis McWhite

Ms. McWhite listed names and qualifications of applicants for hire to several positions and listed number of vacancies.

Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to approve the HR Report

Motion: Lori Jackson, Taft Representative

Second: Rinesha Smith, Dillard Representative

Motion carried with no objections

Commissioner Mike Scott, BCC Representative

Commissioner Scott spoke about upcoming regulations for micro mobility devices and potential fines for parents with minor children who violate new regulations. Teen takeovers have become a problem in the city causing curfews to be put in place.

Community Action Board Update by Lucia Vasquez

Ms. Vasquez encouraged parents to use resources available, especially related to vocational services and programs.

Officer's Report by Sharron Jacob, Chairperson and Alyssa St.Hilaire, Secretary

They spoke about the importance of the Policy Council members sharing the information from the meeting with parents, especially concerning chronic absenteeism and enrollment.

Unit Updates

ERSEA	Kenya Munoz
PFCE	Jamie Harrold
Nutrition	Regina Temple
Maintenance	Kerwin Garcia
Health	Janika Gyles
Education	DeShon Perry
Mental Health & Disability	Jennifer Birch

Chairperson Jacob called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion: Jasmine Allen, W/S Elementary Representative

Second: Alicia Uresti, Lila Mitchell Representative

Motion carried with no objections

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Policy Council Meeting will be TBD