

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-105
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. PANDWE ALETHA GIBSON**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, &
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

Dr. Gibson is making going green cool, practical, and profitable. Dr. Gibson has a Bachelor of Arts from Scripps College, a Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning from Claremont Graduate University, a Master in Leadership from Harvard Graduate School and a PhD from Claremont Graduate University.

Dr. Gibson has published works, articles, blogs and op-eds on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) education, business, entrepreneurship, sustainability, climate reliance and the 'Green Collar' movement. She began her career as an early educational pioneer serving public schools and co-found ReNEW NOLA, the first Charter Management Organization (CMO) of its kind. Dr Gibson forged new educational structures in the Southern United States by perfecting scalability as she opened six schools in one year, 11 the second year and 16 the following year. In 2013, she took a courageous leap into the entrepreneurial world and founded EcoTech Visions, a community development firm where she is leveraging her past experiences and skills to develop commercial properties that will revitalize communities and promote economic development.

EcoTech's Vision supports consumer product company growth and clean manufacturing. Also, the organization has several programs such as Digital Citizens Boot Camp held at D.A. Dorsey Technical College, which is a free, 8 week intensive course in the practical use of a variety of web-based tools and applications necessary to close the Digital Divide and empower individuals to access and use technology in their lives.

Dr. Gibson's intellect, ambition and commitment to our community at large is to be commended. She is an exemplary leader who enriches the lives of the people of Miami-Dade County.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-105 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Dr. Pandwe Aletha Gibson.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-105
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
DR. PANDWE ALETHA GIBSON**

WHEREAS, Dr. Gibson is making going green cool, practical, and profitable. Dr. Gibson has a Bachelor of Arts from Scripps College, a Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning from Claremont Graduate University, a Master in Leadership from Harvard Graduate School and a PhD from Claremont Graduate University.

WHEREAS, Dr. Gibson has published works, articles, blogs and op-eds on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) education, business, entrepreneurship, sustainability, climate reliance and the Green collar movement. As a business women, Dr. Gibson has launched, led, and scaled several successful enterprises including founding RENEW NOLA, launching a financial service firm, and her most valued achievement to date, EcoTech Visions. Ecotech Visions supports consumer product company growth and clean manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, she has received numerous fellowships and awards including the Key to Miami-Dade County, German Marshall Fellow, New Leaders for New Schools, Miami Fellowship, and Leadership Florida. Dr. Gibson also serves on the board of the Miami Foundation, The Miami Dade Chamber, the YMCA and the Ruby Bridges Foundation.

WHEREAS, Dr. Gibson's intellect, ambition and commitment to our community at large is to be commended. She is an exemplary leader who enriches the lives of the people of Miami-Dade County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-105 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Pandwe Aletha Gibson.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this twenty-third day of November, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary