

Frank J. Bolaños, Chairman

SUBJECT: CITIZENS CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

On February 15, 2005, Mr. Frank J. Bolaños, Chairman of the School Board, co-authored a letter with Mr. Ed Easton, the Chairman of the Land Acquisition and Facilities Maintenance Operations Advisory Board (LAFAB), recommending that the LAFAB not be authorized beyond this current fiscal year. Furthermore, both these chairmen agreed that it was appropriate to explore a new approach to sustaining the spirit of positive change and reform stimulated by the LAFAB by establishing a Citizens Construction Advisory Committee.

The Florida Legislature created the LAFAB in 2001. Since its inception, the dedicated and community-minded members of this body provided the Miami-Dade County School Board with valuable and independent analysis and counsel. Collectively, this working relationship brought about concrete accomplishments in five specific areas requiring corrective action as delineated on January 8, 2004.

The Florida Legislature voted to dissolve the LAFAB at the conclusion of this fiscal year, in recognition of the district delivering on the substantive expectations of the LAFAB and the legislature.

The creation of a Citizens Construction Advisory Committee will help the School Board and Administration move efficiently and expeditiously in carrying out the capital construction program. By continuing to utilize the expert knowledge of local citizens to provide meaningful counsel on improving construction practices, land acquisition, and facilities maintenance processes, we will continue to reassure both the local community and the state legislature that positive reform continues in our business practices.

It is proposed that this advisory committee be composed of five members, two appointees made by the Chairman of The School Board, two by the outgoing Chairman of the LAFAB and one by the Superintendent of Schools. This committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the School Board and Superintendent.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
CHAIRMAN FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida create a Citizens Construction Advisory Committee composed of five members: two appointees named by the Chairman of The School Board, two appointees named by the outgoing Chairman of the LAFAB and one by the Superintendent of Schools.

**Item Withdrawn
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