

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: PILOT FOR SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES

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

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School Board Committees are comprised of five committees, all of which are scheduled to take place on Wednesday prior to the School Board Meeting for a period of one hour each, with a start time of 11 a.m. and with an end time of 4 p.m. However, the current time allotment of the School Board Committee Meetings have run past the hour time increment slated for each, due to the length of discussion and number of items proposed in each School Board cycle. Additionally, while the School Board committee meetings advertised time provides for a specific start of each meeting, this process has not been adhered to. Consequently, due to the lack of time frame structure this current process has created delays with the start time of the majority of committee meetings now taking place beyond the 4 p.m. end time and running into evening hours between 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Currently, in Policy 0155, *School Board Committees*, under "Scheduling," the Board is not required to host all committee meetings on Wednesdays. The policy states that "The chair of each committee is responsible for scheduling the committee meeting. The Board shall first consider Wednesdays to schedule all committee meetings in which Board members are requested to attend, recognizing that certain factors may impede consideration for Wednesdays including, but not limited to, advertisements, agenda publication deadlines, emergency meetings, annual organizational meeting, legislatively mandated periods for special meetings and budget public hearings, religious holidays, previously schedule calendared conflicts and travel, legislative session, Dade Days, and graduations."

In order to establish a more structured time frame for School Board Committee meetings and to provide a reasonable opportunity to formulate a strong discussion between the School Board Members and the Superintendent during all committees, this item proposes to establish a three month pilot program beginning in January, 2018, to schedule three Board Committee meetings on the Wednesday, and two Board Committee meetings on the Thursday, prior to the regular School Board meeting with an advertised start time and end time during regular business hours.

The School Board Attorney's office has reviewed and approved the item for legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, establish a three month pilot program beginning in January, 2018, to schedule three Board Committee meetings on the Wednesday, and two Board Committee meetings on the Thursday, prior to the regular School Board meeting with an advertised start time and end time during regular business hours.