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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Miami, Florida

Minutes of January 14, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, met at 11:00 a.m. for the Presentation of Resolutions, in Regular Session at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Miami-Dade County Perla Tabares-Hantman School Board Administration Building, 1450 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33132.

PRESENT AT 11:00 A.M.

	Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, District 6
	Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, District 8
11:02 AM	Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Board Member, District 4
	Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member, District 2
11:05 AM	Ms. Mary Blanco, Board Member, District 7
11:02 AM	Mr. Daniel Espino, Board Member, District 5
11:11 AM	Mr. Joseph S. Geller, Board Member, District 3
	Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Member, District 9
	Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent and Secretary
	Mr. Walter J. Harvey, General Counsel

ABSENT AT 11:00 A.M.

Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Board Member, District 1
Ms. Kylie Sowers, Student Advisor

PRESENT AT 1:00 P.M.

	Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, District 6
	Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, District 8
1:36 PM	Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Board Member, District 4
	Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, District 2
1:31 PM	Ms. Mary Blanco, Board Member, District 7
1:36 PM	Mr. Daniel Espino, Board Member, District 5
1:45 PM	Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Board Member, District 1
1:45 PM	Mr. Joseph S. Geller, Board Member, District 3
1:40 PM	Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Member, District 9
	Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent and Secretary
	Mr. Walter J. Harvey, General Counsel
2:18 PM	Ms. Kylie Sowers, Student Advisor

11:00 A.M. - PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

CALLED-TO-ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and Board Member Bendross-Mindingall, led those in attendance in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Chair asked everyone to continue standing and pause for a Moment of Silent Meditation.

BOARD POLICIES OF RESOLUTIONS

The Chair informed the public that pursuant to Board policies, the proposed Board member resolutions would be presented at the 11:00 a.m. session. The Board would then reconvene its regular public meeting, including other hearings, in accordance with the policies of the Board, at 1:00 p.m. or soon thereafter.

INVITATION TO SPEAKERS

The Chair extended an invitation to anyone from the audience who had not already signed up and wished to address a resolution, endorsement, or proclamation to proceed to the lobby counter outside the auditorium for assistance from staff. The Chair noted that the Board must approve additional speakers by a majority vote. The Chair stated if a quorum of five members were not present, no votes would be taken. The votes on the Supplemental Speakers' List and Agenda Items would be discussed but put in reserve until that quorum of 5 Board Members were met for official votes.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Supplemental Speakers' List. [It was noted for the record that Ms. Blanco and Mr. Geller had not yet arrived at this session of the meeting.] [It was noted for the record that Dr. Gallon, III, was absent from this session of today's meeting.]

The Chair announced that there were 3 Board Member resolutions to be presented during this session.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 6-0 to move Agenda Items **B-3, B-4,** and **B-5** to the floor. Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 6-0 to approve these Agenda Items. [It was noted for the record that Ms. Blanco and Mr. Geller had not yet arrived at this session of the meeting.] [It was noted for the record that Dr. Gallon, III, was absent from this session of the meeting.]

The Chair stated that those Board members who had brought resolutions to present them pursuant to Board Policy 0165 whenever practicable as determined by the Board Chair. Presentations that included students should occur prior to any other presentations during this portion of today's meeting.

The Chair announced that Agenda Item **B-4** would be brought to the floor for presentation.

B-3

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APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 26-001, RECOGNIZING BILTMORE HOTEL

Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, and Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, and Mr. Daniel Espino, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Biltmore Hotel on the occasion of its 100th anniversary as a symbol of recognition, respect, preservation, and gratitude for its ongoing role as a landmark of history, education, beauty, and civic pride. [A copy of Resolution No. 26-001 would be on file with the official records of this meeting.]

The Chair presented this item and passed the gavel to Vice Chair Colucci.

The Chair went to the floor to present Agenda Item **B-3**.

The Chair started her presentation with thanking the law enforcement team for their presence due to January being the month we honour them which was done at the Biltmore Hotel on Friday. She also thanked Mr. Tom Prescott for hosting that event.

At this time, the Chair asked Mr. Prescott, President of the Biltmore Hotel, his daughter Celeste Prescott and her daughter, along with Priscilla Gaureau and Christina Ramos to join her on the floor as she presented her item.

The Chair stated that the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the broader educational community recognized the importance of honoring institutions that preserved, educated, and shaped our shared heritage, strengthen our cultural identity, and meaningfully contribute to the civic fabric of our region and overall State. The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida, marked its 100th anniversary, celebrating a century of timeless elegance, cultural significance, and architectural grandeur.

Since opening its doors in 1926, the iconic landmark has stood as a symbol of Miami's Golden Age, welcoming presidents, celebrities, and generations of guests to its Mediterranean-inspired halls. The hotel was designed by Schultze and Weaver and built in 1926 by John McEntee Bowman and George Merrick as part of the Biltmore hotel chain. The hotel's tower is inspired by the Giralda, the medieval tower of the cathedral of Seville, Spain.

The Chair continued to say that when completed in 1926, the Biltmore became the tallest building in Florida at 315 feet, holding the record as Florida's tallest building until 1928 when the Dade County Courthouse was built. At one time, the pool was the largest pool in the world.

This milestone year honored the hotel's rich history while showcasing its enduring role as a cherished centerpiece of the Coral Gables community. The Biltmore Hotel, a designated National Historic Landmark, stands as a preserved testament to our shared past safeguarding the history, cultural heritage, and architectural legacy that remain a physical embodiment of the broader community's story and identity.

The Chair also mentioned the grandeur of the Biltmore, its timeless beauty, elegance, and sophistication continued to elevate the cultural and educational landscape of Coral Gables, reflecting the city and by extension broader county's distinguished character and its place among Florida's most celebrated destinations. Throughout its century-long history, the Biltmore Hotel has served as a stage for significant national and international events welcoming heads of state, visiting royalty, educational and cultural icons and has contributed to the nation's service during World War II as a military hospital and training facility.

Over the past four decades, the Biltmore Hotel has been guided by a succession of visionary leaders whose stewardship has shaped its enduring legacy of excellence, elegance, and innovation. Mr. Gene Prescott played a pivotal role in saving and restoring the Biltmore Hotel. In 1992, through Seaway Hotels, he took over operations under a long-term lease with the City of Coral Gables and led a multimillion-dollar, decade-long restoration that returned the 1926 landmark to prominence while preserving its historic character. His stewardship is widely credited with reviving the Biltmore as a premier luxury hotel and National Historic Landmark. Tom Prescott, Gene's son, later assumed much of the hotel's day-to-day leadership and operations. He continues the family legacy by overseeing the Biltmore's modern management public presence, and long-term vision, ensuring the hotel remains both a historic treasure and a thriving destination.

The Chair concluded that for generations, the Biltmore has provided meaningful employment for countless individuals educated in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), reinforcing the essential connection between local education, workforce development, and the economic vitality of our community. It has consistently supported M-DCPS through long-standing partnerships, sponsorship of educational events, and active participation in school and district initiatives, by providing resources, venues, and community engagement opportunities, the Biltmore demonstrated a sustained commitment to enhancing student learning experiences and supporting educators across Miami-Dade County.

As it celebrated its 100th Anniversary, the Biltmore Hotel continued to embody excellence, resilience, and cultural stewardship, serving as an enduring educational touchstone and inspirational landmark for future generations.

Mr. Prescott thanked the Chair, the Board, and the Biltmore family for honoring, appreciating him and his family both personally and physically for acknowledging his continued support for 100 years. He mentioned that the Biltmore Hotel would have a ever-lasting commitment to M-DCPS.

Members of the Board and the Vice Chair thanked the Chair for presenting this item and thanked Mr. Prescott and the Biltmore family for their empowerment to our students as strong leaders for the future.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the co-sponsorship to Agenda Item **B-3**. Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Agenda Item **B-3** as amended.] [It was noted for the record that Mr. Geller, Ms. Rojas, and Ms. Santos were not on the dais.] [It was noted for the record that Dr. Gallon, III, was absent from this session of the meeting.]

With no objections from the Board, the Vice Chair requested that Agenda Item **B-5** be presented.

B-4

Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Member, and Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-002 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing District 9 Holocaust Education Initiatives. [A copy of Resolution No. 26-002 will be on file with the official records of this meeting.]

124,216 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 26-002, RECOGNIZING DISTRICT 9 HOLOCAUST EDUCATION INITIATIVES

The Chair presented this item.

Board Member Santos went to the floor to present Agenda Item **B-4** and asked the honorees to join her on the floor.

Board Member Santos stated she was recognizing three distinguished groups of honorable partner organizations in her District 9 with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She described these groups as passionate and dedicated community leaders whose work upheld the collective responsibility to defend human dignity, cultivate moral courage, and educate future generations. These leaders encouraged young people to connect present injustices with historical realities and to work toward a future that honor shared humanity.
Board Member Santos honored the following three representatives of the outstanding organizations for their extraordinary commitment to Holocaust education and the preservation of collective memory:

1. 3G Miami & Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach

- Stephanie Rosen and Julie Paresky, Co-Founders, 3G Miami
- Sherry Espy, Chief Executive Officer, Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach
- Education Team Members:
  - Hagit Fefferman
  - Caryn Pardo
  - Jennifer Weisfisch
  - Danielle Parade Levy

Through the 3G Miami Educational Program, the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach brought the voices of grandchildren of Holocaust survivors directly into classrooms across South Florida. Since 2021, the program had reached more than 18,000 students that weaved personal family narratives with historical instruction and ensuring that survivor legacies are carried forward across generations.

2. University of Miami Holocaust Teacher Institute

The Board honored Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff, Founder of the University of Miami Holocaust Teacher Institute and District Holocaust Education Specialist.

Dr. Kassenoff, herself was a childhood Holocaust survivor who dedicated her career to serving students and educators. Founded in 2001, the Institute provided critical professional development for K–12 educators by equipping them with the tools to teach the Holocaust with accuracy, sensitivity, and ethical responsibility.

Board Member Santos noted the transformative impact of the program, citing testimonials from educators who described the experience as life-changing and instrumental in shaping effective Holocaust instruction across the district.

3. <u>Holocaust Impact Theater</u>

- Ms. Ruth Gordon, Founding Executive Producer
- Mr. Russ Gordon, Co-Executive Producer
- Accompanied by staff members and student participants

Through original, student-led theatrical productions, Holocaust Impact Theater brings history to life by engaging audiences emotionally and intellectually. The program explored themes of intolerance, civic responsibility, empathy, and the consequences of hatred. Board Members shared personal reflections on the powerful impact of the performances and the exceptional talent and guidance demonstrated by participating students.

Board Member Santos gave special recognitions to:

- Dr. Leslie Benita, representing 3G Miami, was specially acknowledged as the producer of *The Last Ones*, a global independent project honoring the last living Holocaust survivors through documentaries and educational media. These resources were provided free of charge to educators throughout the district.
- Dr. Bob Versoski, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, was recognized for his ongoing leadership in ensuring comprehensive and accurate history instruction across all classrooms and for his collaboration with these organizations.

At this time, Board Member Santos asked the students that were present to introduce themselves. The following students were:

- Eva Vega – 1st year actor in the Holocaust Impact Theater
- Liv Garcia – 2nd year actor at the Miami Art Studio
- Isabela de la Vega – 2nd year actor with the Holocaust Impact Theater and a sophomore at Miami Art Studio
- Francesca Wallace – 1st year in the Holocaust Impact Theater and at Miami Art Studio
- Silvana Simmeraro – 1st year actor in the Holocaust Impact Theater and at Miami Art Studio
- Aydan Varella – 2nd year in the Holocaust Impact Theater and a student Miami Coral Reef Senior High School
- Emmanuel Miranda – 1st year in the Holocaust Impact Theater and a junior at Miami Coral Reef Senior High School
- Natalia Quick – 1st year Head Writer in the Holocaust Impact Theater and a sophomore at Miami Coral Reef Senior High School

Board Member Santos thanked the students for their input. She mentioned that these organizations in District 9 worked with passion to ensure that these stories, and the voices of our Holocaust survivors and their descendants were institutionally preserved in our schools. She was deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment and ensured that those lessons guided our future generations.

Dr. Kassenoff and Ms. Fefferman thanked Miami-Dade County Public Schools for honoring them, their teams, and each of their organizations. They also mentioned that they looked forward to continuing the successful collaboration in educating students of this generation.

In Closing, Board Member Santos expressed deep gratitude to all honorees for their unwavering dedication to education, remembrance, and the preservation of history, and for their continued service to students and the broader community.

Board Members and the Chair thanked Board Member Santos for presenting this item and thanked the members of all 3 organizations for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us today.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 7-0 to approve co-sponsorship to Agenda Item **B-4**. Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 7-0 to approve Agenda Item **B-4** as amended. [It was noted for the record that Ms. Santos was not on the dais during this vote.] [It was noted for the record that Dr. Gallon, III, was absent from this session of today's meeting.]

With no objections from the Board, the Vice Chair requested that Agenda Item **B-3** be presented.

B-5

124,217 APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 26-003, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE NORTHSIDE DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD UNIT (NRU)

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, School Board Member, and Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-003 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade Northside District Neighborhood Unit (NRU). [A copy of Resolution No. 26-003 will be on file with the official records of this meeting.]

The Vice Chair presented this item.

Board Member Bendross-Mindingall went to the floor to present Agenda Item **B-5**.

Board Member Bendross-Mindingall emphasized her role as a School Board Member that represented all communities, regardless of background or neighborhood. She expressed her appreciation for the honorees of the Miami-Dade Northside District Neighborhood Unit (NRU) who exemplified a strategic, proactive approach to law enforcement that emphasized the collaboration, trust-building, and partnership between deputies and the communities they served.
Board Member Bendross-Mindingall acknowledged that many of the honorees do not typically attend school board meetings and expressed gratitude for their participation, emphasizing the importance of recognizing their contributions consistently. She reflected on prior interactions with members of the group and reiterated her appreciation for their continued engagement and service.

The NRU was commended for exemplifying modern policing by moving beyond reactive responses and actively engaging community members, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations, and government partners to identify and prevent public safety concerns before escalation.

Board Member Bendross-Mindingall highlighted NRU's use of the SARA problem-solving model by Scanning, Analyzing, Responding, and Assessing to address not only criminal activity but also underlying conditions that contributed to fear and social disorder.

She mentioned that special recognition was given to NRU deputies for their commitment to youth, families, seniors, and vulnerable populations through initiatives including after-school mentorship, youth sports engagement, internships, fraud-prevention education, homeless outreach, and life-skills development.

Board Member Bendross-Mindingall concluded by commending the dedicated deputies of the North Side District Neighborhood Unit for their professionalism, compassion, and unwavering commitment to building trust, legitimacy, and safer neighborhoods for all. She asked for a representative from NRU to provide closing remarks and appreciation to the honorees.

An NRU Representative expressed personal reflection on the recognition for the significance of the occasion with the timing of acknowledgments being presented simultaneously.

He stated to the Board that many of the most meaningful contributions that were made by members of his NRU team were not to be captured in formal evaluations, reports, or written documentation. He mentioned that some of the deputies consistently and tirelessly contributed to the lives of the youth in the North Side District, often as surrogate parents and trusted adults and that many of them would contact the deputies before their own biological parents or relatives when they faced challenges or needs. Often times, deputies provided support using their own time and personal resources without expectation of recognition which was performed instinctively and selflessly. The team did not like to be acknowledged for their kindness because they did it from their hearts to go above and beyond the call of duty. He and the team thanked Dr. Bendross-Mindingall and the Board for all their support for NRU law enforcement.

Members of the Board and Chief of Staff thanked all of them for their hard work and dedication to M-DCPS and the students. They also thanked Dr. Bendross-Mindingall for bringing this item forward in recognition of the NRU law enforcement team.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 6-0 to approve co-sponsorship to Agenda Item **B-5**. Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 6-0 to approve Agenda Item **B-5** as amended. [It was noted for the record that Dr. Bendross-Mindingall and Mr. Geller were not on the dais during this vote.] [It was noted for the record that Dr. Gallon, III, was absent from this session of today's meeting.]

At this time, the Chair mentioned that January was recognized as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month which was dedicated to increasing awareness education and prevention efforts related to human trafficking.

The Chair announced Ms. Katherine Fernandez Rundle, the first Cuban American State Attorney in Miami-Dade and Florida. Ms. Fernandez Rundle opened by expressing her sincere gratitude to law enforcement partners, school system leaders, and community collaborators for their continued dedication and leadership. She acknowledged long-standing partnerships and recognized individuals who had been at the forefront of combating human trafficking for many years.

Being in office since 1993, she emphasized that human trafficking particularly involved children as a serious and present issue within the local community. Miami-Dade County ranked first in Florida for human trafficking cases, and Florida ranked third nationally. She stressed that trafficking victims were not just outsiders, but local children who may have been found in schools, parks, and the foster care system.

Ms. Fernandez Rundle highlighted the importance of collaboration among law enforcement, schools, and community organizations in identifying victims and preventing exploitation. She expressed appreciation for the State Attorney's Office staff and acknowledged their commitment, teamwork, and daily sacrifices.

She noted that major upcoming events in the community would attract visitors, which could also increase criminal activity and trafficking risks. She stressed the need for heightened awareness and coordinated prevention efforts. She referenced the importance of timely communication between agencies, especially regarding missing children's cases, noting that Florida ranked third in the nation for missing children and that one in six missing children became victims of trafficking. She emphasized that these statistics were data-driven and evidence-based.

Ms. Fernandez Rundle concluded by thanking the police department, its leadership, and all partners for their service to the community and dedication to protecting children, whom she described as the future. She closed with appreciation and wishes to all attendees, especially M-DCPS.

The Chair and the Board thanked Ms. Fernandez Rundle for her appearance at today's meeting. The Chair gave much appreciation for what she did on a daily basis and that her true dedication and commitment to this endeavor was beyond remarkable and commendable, which touched the lives of many people. Again, she dearly thanked Ms. Fernandez Rundle for taking time out her busy schedule to share this moment with us.

Upon a motion being duly motioned and seconded, the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn this portion of today's meeting. [It was noted for the record that Dr. Bendross-Mindingall and Mr. Geller were not on the dais during this vote.] [It was noted for the record that Dr. Gallon, III, was absent from this portion of the meeting.]

With no objections from the Board, the Chair concluded the Presentation of Resolutions at 12:18 p.m. and called to adjourn the meeting.

The regular public meeting, including other hearings today will be reconvening at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon. [Audio recording of these Board Member Resolution presentations and discussions is on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary.]

1:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened in a Regular Session at 1:30 p.m.

The Chair asked everyone to stand as Board Member Monica Colucci, led those in attendance in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Chair asked everyone to remain standing to pause for a Moment of Silent Meditation. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

The Chair invited anyone from the audience who had not already signed up and wished to address an agenda item on today's agenda or be heard at today's public hearing, to proceed to the lobby counter outside the auditorium for assistance from staff. She advised that the Board must approve additional speakers by a majority vote. INVITATION TO SPEAKERS

At this time, the Chair introduced a student performance by The Historic Booker T. Washington Senior High School Percussion Section performing "Percussion (Drumline) Cadences." The Chair thanked the students for their amazing performance with a standing ovation from the audience. She mentioned that they brought tremendous joy to the Superintendent, Board Members, Student Advisor, and Board General Counsel. She gave special thanks to the students' band director Mr. Ahmad Newbold and the principal Mr. Anthony Simons, III. STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Dr. Bendross-Mindingall congratulated the band for their great talent and thanked both the band director and principal for being there for the students.

The Chair announced that it was the conclusion of the student performance portion of the meeting.

The Chair announced that Agenda Item **H-10** was added for which she found Good Cause to vary from the established agenda pursuant to the recent stated in the original Agenda Items. The Chair announced that no Agenda Item was withdrawn from the agenda prior to the Board meeting. ADDED/ WITHDRAWN AGENDA ITEMS

The Chair then allowed Board members to announce for the record, their abstention from voting on any agenda item(s) to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. It was noted for the record that there were no abstentions.

BOARD MEMBER ABSTENTION

The Chair referred to General Counsel Harvey for the Board to confirm all Agenda Items were properly assembled and in compliance with Board Policy, State Statutes, and all other legal requirements under which the School Board operated.

The General Counsel confirmed "Yes."

Led by the Chair, members of the Board proceeded with today's Consent Agenda by listing those items each member wished to address.

The Chair announced that those items not reserved for separate consideration would be approved under the Consent Agenda; as a result, they would not be discussed by the Board. The Board Members would be provided with additional speakers once sign up was completed.

The Chair called for a motion to the Supplemental List of Speakers to Agenda Items and to Public Hearing topics not previously signed up to speak.

APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF SPEAKERS

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 8-0, to approve the Supplemental List of Speakers for the Agenda Items and Public Hearing topics. Those items receiving unanimous approval will not be discussed by the Board. [It was noted for the record that Dr. Gallon, III, was not on the at the meeting at the time of the vote.]

The Chair then announced that pursuant to Chapter 286.0114, Florida Statutes and Board Policy 0169.1, citizens who signed up to speak to an item appearing on the Consent Agenda may speak to the item prior to the Board's vote or may speak to the item at the Regularly Scheduled Public Hearing. Citizens may not, however, speak to the item both times.

It was further announced that the Regularly Scheduled Public Hearing would begin no later than approximately 6:30 p.m.; the Chair or Vice Chair may begin calling speakers who were present immediately following the conclusion of the Regular Agenda and that the Public Hearing shall not conclude before 4:30 p.m. unless all speakers who have signed up to speak were present and had been given an opportunity to speak.

Note: See pp. 26 for the **Regularly Scheduled Public Hearing**.

SEE PP 25 FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

Before the Chair proceeded to call Board Members regarding the Agenda Items that they wanted to discuss on today's Agenda, the following members requested to be added as co-sponsors to items:

Rojas: **H-10**
Colucci: **H-10**
Alonso: **H-10**
Dr. Bendross-Mindingall: **H-3, H-4, H-6, H-9,** and **H-10**
Espino: **H-10**
Gallon: **H-10**
Geller: **H-3, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-7, H-8, H-9,** and **H-10**
Santos: **H-5, H-7, H-8,** and **H-10**

APPROVED CO-SPONSORSHIP TO AMENDED AGENDA ITEMS

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve co-sponsorship of the items listed above and to approve the amended Agenda Item(s) as indicated by the Chair to the Agenda Item(s) listed above.

Led by the Chair, members of the Board proceeded with today's Consent Agenda by listing those items each Board Member wished to discuss on today's agenda. At this time, the Chair announced those agenda items reserved for consideration by Board Members. She then called for speakers who signed up to address items placed on the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda Speakers

Kenny Brown appeared before the School Board to speak on Agenda Item **D-19**, "Presentation of the quarterly school safety compliance report to the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida." PUBLIC SPEAKERS

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Kenny Brown appeared before the School Board to speak on Agenda Item **D-68**, "Expulsion and Assignment of students to alternative school program."

The Chair paused to allow Board Member Gallon, III, to clarify roles, prevent misinformation, and ensured that the previous speaker and the listening public understood how school safety and operational responsibilities were structured with the following:

- The 2018 Parkland tragedy, state law required all schools to have School Resource Officers (SROs), which all schools were currently in compliance with this requirement.
- The primary responsibility of School Resource Officers was the safety and security of students and staff within school buildings and
- clarified the misinterpretation to parents of schools not being fully covered under the law.
- Issues such as school speed zones, signage, and traffic-related safety measures fell under the jurisdiction of the municipality, not the School Board.
- School Crossing Guards did not report to the School Board, and the Board was not responsible for speed zone enforcement or signage.
- This clarification was intended both to address potential misunderstandings and to educate the public on established protocols and responsibilities.
  He also clarified the roles being:
- Principals were responsible for the day-to-day operations of schools.
- School Board Members serve in a policy-making role not managing daily school operations.
- Board Members may visit schools, but operational oversight remained with school administrators.
- The appropriate chain of communication was Principal → Region → Superintendent.
- The speaker noted prior experience as a principal and emphasized the distinction between administrative and governance responsibilities.

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall thanked Dr. Gallon for his remarks and thanked the previous speaker for his hard work in her district and stated there were going to be extended visits to the perimeters of school campuses to ensure broader oversight and engagement. She also informed the speaker that she would be hosting upcoming meetings and encouraged attendees to prepare themselves by bringing relevant information.

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Kenny Brown appeared before the School Board to speak on Agenda Item **E-36**, "Approval of Resolution 25-056 authorizing the issuance of up to $400 million general obligation school refunding bonds to refund all or a portion of the series 2014A, 2015, and 2016 general obligation school bonds."

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Antonio White appeared before the School Board to speak on Agenda Item **H-4**, "Proposed 2026 Legislative Program of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards."

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Nancy Lawther, appeared before the School Board to speak on Agenda Item **H-6**, "Accelerating student achievement through above grade level learning opportunities in reading and mathematics."

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Mindy Grimes-Festge, appeared before the School Board to speak on Agenda Item **H-6**, "Accelerating student achievement through above grade level learning opportunities in reading and mathematics."

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Maria Paula De Carolis, appeared before the School Board to speak on Agenda Item **H-6**, "Accelerating student achievement through above grade level learning opportunities in reading and mathematics."

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The Chair concluded this portion of the meeting.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair announced if your item passed under the Consent Agenda and you did not address it prior to the vote but still wish to speak during the public hearing, please go to the lobby counter outside of the auditorium and advise staff to assist you.

Upon a motion being made and duly seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on December 17, 2025.

APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to Board Policy 0169.1, Public Participation at Board Meetings, the Chair advised of the public's input and participation during today's Board meeting and public hearing. Also, the Chair reminded public speakers of the time allotted to citizens who wished to appear before the Board to address agenda items and/or public hearing issues, which would be observed.

CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Upon a motion being made and duly seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to move Agenda Item **A-1** to the floor for consideration.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM **A-1** TO THE FLOOR FOR CONSIDERATION

A-1
Superintendent's Informational Reports to the Board on Selected Topics.

- Highlighting Innovative Teachers
- Industry Leaders in Apprenticeship

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HEARD
- HIGHLIGHTING INNOVATIVE TEACHERS
- INDUSTRY LEADERS IN APPRENTICESHIP

The Chair presented the item and called for public speakers.

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Kenny Brown appeared before the School Board to speak on Agenda Item **A-1**, "Superintendent's Informational Reports to the Board on Selected Topics."
- Highlighting Innovative Teachers
- Industry Leaders in Apprenticeship

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The Superintendent started by saying that every month they would like to highlight an innovative teacher. An innovative teacher is an educator who moves beyond traditional methods to facilitate a focus on problem-solving, creativity, and real-world application. An innovative teacher focuses on how students think and challenges them to use modern tools to solve complex problems. As a standing A-1 Item, he wanted to start highlighting innovative teachers in our District to showcase forward-thinking practices and demonstrate our teachers' commitment to preparing students for a rapidly changing world. Today, we have the distinct honor of celebrating an educator who defines what it means to be a lifelong learner and a true innovator. While the world of technology moves at lightning speed, this individual has not only kept pace but has led the charge for over four decades. He turned the presentation over to Dr. Michael Lewis, Deputy Superintendent, and Ms. Lourdes Diaz, Chief Academic Officer, to highlight January's Innovative Teacher.

Ms. Lourdes Diaz welcomed Ms. Lois Seaman from Hammocks Middle School and she accompanied by her Principal Ms. Martiza Correa. Ms. Seaman has been a cornerstone of Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 42 years. She has been at the forefront of education and the last 7 years at Hammocks Middle, she has turned her passion for innovation into a gateway for student success. Lois didn't just witness the digital revolution, she built a home for it. She opened the Verizon Innovative Learning Lab and the Apple coding magnet at Hammocks Middle, fueled by a deep belief that where technology can take our learners but Lois's impact extends far beyond the walls of her classroom. She serves as a senior lab mentor for teachers across the nation through Arizona State University. She hosts VIP nights where the roles are reversed, students become the teachers, showing their parents and neighbors how to use virtual reality, augmented reality, 3D printing, robotics, and more. She has actively completed a multitude of artificial intelligence certificate and micro-credentialing programs and is one of the leaders in its implementation into teaching and learning. Lois often tells her students, "when you learn it, you know it when you teach it, you own it." She lives this philosophy every day, whether it's Microsoft Mondays, Tech Tuesdays, or free app Fridays. She is a 24/7 educator. She even empowers her tech team students to act as buddies for staff members fostering a culture where everyone is a student and everyone is a teacher. One of her ESE students recently told her, "she never liked technology before, but now she's going to go to high school to study it and make it my career." That is the Lois Seaman effect.

Dr. Dotres thanked Ms. Diaz for the presentation.

The Superintendent introduced his Agenda Item **A-1** presentation titled "Industry Leaders in Apprenticeship" In celebrating the power of apprenticeship to transform lives and strengthen Miami-Dade's economy, we are recognizing a select group of industry leaders who have embraced Miami-Dade County Public Schools as a true talent-development partner. These employers have opened their shops and service centers to our students, invested in state-of-the-art equipment, and helped us design paid, high-demand pathways that begin in our classrooms and extend into long-term careers. Today's **A-1** item, "Recognizing Industry Leaders in Apprenticeship Workforce Development," highlights partners within our transportation and automotive pathways, organizations that are helping us prepare diesel technicians and automotive service professionals for the growing needs of our region. We are proud to honor the leaders who exemplify excellence in apprenticeship workforce development and who serve as anchors of our transportation and mobility talent pipeline. He turned it over to Mr. Reginald J. Fox, Administrative Director, Office of Postsecondary Career and Technical Education, to present Board Item **A-1**, "Recognizing Industry Leaders in Apprenticeship Workforce Development.

Mr. Reginald Fox stated that we are honoring the employer partners who are transforming Miami-Dade County's transportation and automotive section by elevating our diesel and automotive apprenticeship programs within the transportation and automotive sector. These partners do more than just hire apprenticeships. They provide shared training spaces, donate state-of-the-art equipment, and show up consistently year after year to support the tech college expos, recruitment events, advisory committees, student engagement activities and more. Their commitment help students see themselves in the workforce that our programs remain aligned with industry needs. We are proud to honor these leaders who exemplify excellence in apprenticeship workforce development and who serve as anchors of the transportation career cluster.

Mr. Fox called Deputy Superintendent Dr. Michael Lewis and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Rene Mantilla join him on the floor to recognize the elite transportation industry partners.

Mr. Fox began by recognizing the diesel apprenticeship partners. Who are leaders of heavy equipment, fleet services, and transportation.

- Kelly Tractor Company – Ernesto Guerra and Tatiana Salazar
- Nextran Truck Center – Paul Boffman
- Transportation America – Luis Pereira
- United Rentals – Gregory Echerri
- Vermeer Southeast – Mike Adams

Mr. Fox continued recognizing the Automative Apprenticeship Partners. These organizations are shaping the next generation of master technicians in the automotive service industry.

- Warren Henry Automotive Group – Dayron Gonzalez
- Bomnin Automotive Group – Juan Aleman

Mr. Fox said it was a tremendous honor to recognize these elite group of partners. Their visionary leadership and commitment to our students and apprenticeship programs are truly shaping Miami-Dade's future workforce. Thank you for your profound difference that you make and again congratulations from Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Dr. Dotres thanked the people that worked so tirelessly to help them create 3 amazing expos and what is amazing is that the expos from the South, Central, and North this year brought more participants than ever. It seems like every year we do this, we get better and we bring more community members, parents to our fairs. We have an incredible team at the district and at the schools and it is truly a pleasure to let you know that we had over 7000 registered participants and our expos every year they're getting better and better. He thanked our partner Miami Dade College. Every time we do something at one of the sites at one of the college campuses, they are incredibly supportive. With other universities in order to be able to connect with our community and really allow our parents and community members throughout to come and see the innovative programs that we have in every school, the principals, special thank you to them not only for showing up really with some of them with their entire administrative team, to reflect the good and the positive that is happening in every one of our schools, just a recognition and again to recognize the success of our expos.

Dr. Dotres started reading the Florida Department of Education, they released the latest graduation rates showing that MDCPS achieved a 1.3%-point increase reaching a graduation rate of 93.1%. What's important for us is not only that MDCPS surpassed the statewide graduation rate overall and across all reported subgroups. In our world, in our school district, we had increases in every single subgroup. He highlighted 3 individual subgroups that had significant increases.

First, are African American students. Increase their high school graduation rate by 1.9% points. Economically disadvantaged, an increase of 1.9% points, and our English language learners an incredible increase of 3.9% points. Now the graduation rate of our district school remains above 94-95%, and we're very proud of that as well.

Dr. Dotres stated that this concluded Board Item **A-1** two formal presentations.

The Chair thanked the Superintendent for the presentations. In addition to thanking the Superintendent for the A items that he brought the accolades in reference to the performance exhibited by all of our students came to fruition because of a plethora of different reasons, but there are many people behind the scenes that have made that happen and on behalf of our entire Board she wanted to take this opportunity to thank every single member of our Miami-Dade County family for making a difference, our teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, principals, assistant principals, region personnel, district personnel, bus drivers, food service department, and transportation, every single department played a role in making this become reality. She wanted to thank him for being at the helm and having led our district together with the Board who have provided also many initiatives that our policy that were implemented to also played a small role in making a difference there too. She wanted this opportunity to commend everyone for this outstanding report that the Superintendent have just given. She looked forward to our grades when they come out and hopefully with a lot of hard work, dedication, and commitment from all those in this district to get another A rated school district for the 7th year, this year. She thanked the Superintendent because he is the person at the helm and they appreciate his leadership and his vision as well and Lourdes Diaz and her team Dr. Lewis, it's a team and Mr. Bueno, and to every single member that is part of the superintendent's leadership team, thank you so much because this Board does appreciate what you all do every day, but most importantly on behalf of the children they're the true winners here.

It being 2:38 PM, the Chair recessed the regular session of the Board meeting to convene a meeting of the Board of Directors of Miami-Dade County School Board Foundation, Inc.

Upon motion being made and duly seconded the Board voted 8-0 to recess the regular session of the Board meeting and to convene a meeting of the Board of Directors of Miami-Dade County School Board Foundation. [It is noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, was not on the dais at the time of this vote.]

The Chair called the Miami-Dade County School Board Foundation meeting to order. The Board acknowledges that pursuant to Article II, Section 9 of the Bylaws of the Foundation, The Chairperson of The School Board shall serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Foundation and the Vice-Chairperson of the School Board shall serve as the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Upon a motion being made and duly seconded the Board voted 7-0 to elect the Superintendent of Schools as President and Secretary of the Foundation. [It is noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos were not on the dais at the time of this vote.]

Upon a motion being made and duly seconded the Board voted 7-0 to elect the Chief Financial Officer, Financial Services, as the Vice-President, and Treasurer of the Foundation. [It is noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos were not on the dais at the time of this vote.]

Upon a motion being made and duly seconded the Board voted 7-0 to elect the Treasurer as Assistant Secretary of the Foundation. [It is noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos were not on the dais at the time of this vote.]

Mr. Daniel Espino asked how is the item; Resolution 25-055 with respect to the issuance of up to $400,000,000 of refunding Certificates of Participation ("COPS") to refund all or a portion of the Series 2015D, 2016A, 2016B, and 2016C COPs, correlative to the foundation?

General Counsel responded that this was published and advertised with regard to the items that the chair has gone through today at the board meeting. Typically every year there's an election of new officers for the foundation.

Mr. Espino said that he only needed clarification on the refund portion of the item. Why is the item on both the Foundation agenda and Regular School Board Meeting agenda?

Board Member Geller asked if the item had to be approved in the Foundation meeting prior to being approved in the Regular School Board Meeting?

General Counsel stated yes, the Foundation and the Board are two separate entities and they need to approved by both separately. Under the bylaws, the Board sits as the Board for the Foundation. The Superintendent sits as the president. The Chair also serves on the foundation Board, as well as the CFO, which is the treasurer. That has to be voted upon every year, once a year.

Upon a motion being made and duly seconded the Board voted 7-0 to approve Resolution 25-055 with respect to the issuance of up to $400,000,000 of refunding Certificates of Participation ("COPS") to refund all or a portion of the Series 2015D, 2016A, 2016B, and 2016C COPs. [It is noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos were not on the dais at the time of this vote.]

Upon a motion being made and duly seconded the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting of the Miami-Dade County School Board Foundation, Inc. [It is noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos were not on the dais at the time of this vote.]

Upon a motion being made and duly seconded the Board voted 7-0 to reconvene the Regular School Board Meeting. [It is noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos were not on the dais at the time of this vote.]

It being 2:42 PM the regular session reconvened.

With there being no objections from the Board, the Chair moved the **"H"** items to the floor.

The Chair called for Agenda Item **H-5** to be presented. (Please see page 20.)

D-19

124,218 RECEIVED THE SCHOOL SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Jose Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Ivan Silva, Chief of Police, Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida receive the school safety compliance report for the second quarter of the school year, dated October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

D-20

124,219 APPROVED THE PERSONNEL ACTION LISTING 1199

Dr. Jose Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Dawn M. Baglos, Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of Human Capital Management, recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve the:

1. Personnel Action Listing 1199 for Instructional and Support Personnel appointments, reassignments, leaves, separations, retirements, and resignations from November 21, 2025 through December 18, 2025.
2. Instructional personnel assigned to teach out-of-field for the 2025-2026 February FTE Survey.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

D-21

Dr. Jose Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Dawn M. Baglos, Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of Human Capital Management, recommended that effective January 15, 2026, or as soon thereafter as can be facilitated, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve the recommendation for appointments and lateral transfers to be effective January 15, 2026, or as soon thereafter as can be facilitated, with the exception of the effective dates as noted throughout the item and authorize compensation adjustments pursuant to the MEP Manual.

124,220
APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENTS, LATERAL TRANSFERS, AND ADJUSTMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2026

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

D-55

Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Dawn M. Baglos, Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of Human Capital Management, recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade, Florida, approve the Superintendent's recommendation for:

124,222
APPROVED THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION, WHICH HAS BEEN AGREED BY THE EMPLOYEES

1) That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Superintendent's recommendation for disciplinary action, which has been agreed to by the employees.

   A) Sheleenya Clark: suspension without pay from her position as Teacher at Myrtle Grove K-8 Center, for ten (10) workdays, effective January 15, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; and 3210.01, Code of Ethics. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.

   B) Yunifer Duque: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School, for fifteen (15) workdays, effective January 15, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.

2) That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Superintendent's recommendation for disciplinary action, pending the outcome of an administrative hearing or grievance/arbitration proceeding, if requested.

   A) Christine L. Smothers: suspension without pay from her position as School Bus Driver at South Transportation Center, for thirty (30) calendar days, effective January 15, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 4210.01, Code of Ethics; 4213, Student Supervision and Welfare; 8600, Transportation; and 8670, Post Trip Inspections of School Buses. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and Articles II and XI of the Contract between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

D-68
Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Michael A. Lewis, Deputy Superintendent, Office of School Leadership and Performance recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

124,223
EXPELLED THE STUDENT SPECIFIED IN SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL *SM-14

1. expel the students specified in supplemental material *SM-14 (Grade 9) and SM-16 (Grade 5), furnished under separate cover to School Board members from the regular, specialized centers and adult programs of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Expulsion assignments to an alternative school/program will be for the maximum time permitted under law, which is the 2025-2026 school year, the 2026 summer session, and the 2026-2027 school year.
2. provide continuing educational services in an alternative school/program during the term of the expulsion.

*Subsequent to the expulsion, the students were withdrawn from the school district.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

E-1
Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer, Financial Services recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida receive and file the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 2025.

124,224
RECEIVED AND FILED THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 2025

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

E-35
Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer, Financial Services, recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 25-055 authorizing the issuance of up to $400,000,000 of refunding Certificates of Participation to refund all or a portion of the Series 2015D, 2016A, 2016B, and, 2016C COPs.

124,225
APPROVED RESOLUTION 25-055

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

E-36
Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer, Financial Services, recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution 25-056 authorizing and providing for the issuance of up to $400,000,000 of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds to refund all or a portion of the Series 2014A, 2015 and 2016 GO Bonds.

124,226
APPROVED RESOLUTION 25-056

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

E-201

123,227
AUTHORIZED
THE SUPERINTENDENT
TO:
ACCEPT FIVE GRANT
AWARDS

Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer, Financial Services recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. Accept five grant awards from:

    a. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Miami-Dade County Public Schools – Classical Education Model Grant, in the approximate amount of $500,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026;

    b. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Miami-County Public Schools – SpaceHUB @ Booker T. Washington Senior High School, in the approximate amount of $350,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026;

    c. Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) under the National Football League Foundation Grassroots Program, in the approximate amount of $250,000, for the grant period of December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027;

    d. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under Computer Science Teacher Certification, in the approximate amount of $469,722, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and

    e. The Education Fund for funding under SmartPath Connect to College: A Bridge to Postsecondary Success, in the approximate amount of $434,302, for the grant period of January 1, 2026, through July 31, 2029.

2. enter into contractual service agreements with the agencies prescribed in the grant, with whom the School Board must contract, pursuant to Board Policy 6320 – Purchase Approval and Competitive; Bidding Process Requirements;

3. extend these programs and contractual agreements and authorize the acceptance of additional funding as provided by official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program;

4. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;

5. direct Financial Services to establish appropriations in the amount approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board;

6. authorize travel out-of-state as required by the grant parameters; and

7. eliminate any grant-funded position upon cessation of the grant funds, and place the impacted employee(s) on the Personnel Action Listing of Instructional and Non-Instructional Appointments, Reassignments, Leaves and Separations for the relevant period.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

F-41

Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Raul L. Perez, Chief Facilities Design & Construction Officer, Office of Facilities Design & Construction recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, award, Invitation to Bid 25-0002 (ITB 25-0002) to KAST Construction Company Florida, LLC for the New Addition at Marine Academy of Science and Technology (MAST) at FIU Senior High School Biscayne Bay Campus –Phase II; Project Number 02299100; on the basis of the lowest Base Bid in the amount of $17,828,224.00. **124,228** AWARDED INVITATION BID 25-0002

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

F-54

Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Carl Nicoleau, Chief Maintenance and Operations Officer, Facilities Operations, Maintenance, recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida: **124,229** AUTHORIZED JOB CONTRACTS

1. Authorize the renewal of the Job Order Contracts under the same terms and conditions as the original contracts, except for weighted factors, which will be subject to negotiation with the vendors to ensure terms that are most advantageous and in the best interest of the District, for a contract term not to exceed one year. The contracts are as follows:
   a. Contract #JOC22OC-4
      Unitech Builders Corp.
      16115 SW 117 Avenue, Suite 10
      Miami, Florida 33177
      Weighted Factor: 0.7999
      Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.7999
      Other than Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.7999

   b. Contract #JOC22OC-5
      FHP Tectonics Corporation
      2301 NW 33 Court, Unit 113
      Pompano Beach, Florida 33069
      Weighted Factor: 0.8000
      Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.8000
      Other than Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.8000

   c. Contract #JOC22OC-6
      J.R.T. Construction, Co.
      3050 NW 77 Court
      Doral, Florida 33122
      Weighted Factor: 0.9199
      Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.9199
      Other than Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.9199

   d. Contract #JOC22SC-3
      JCI International, Inc.
      12315 SW 132 Court
      Miami, Florida 33186
      Weighted Factor: 0.9599
      SBE Tier-1
      Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.9599
      Other than Regular Working Hours Factors: 0.9599

   e. Contract #JOC22SC-4
      Carivon Construction Company
      12171 SW 131 Ave
      Miami, Florida 33186
      Weighted Factor: 1.0439

Regular Working Hours Factor: 1.0437
Other than Regular Working Hours Factors: 1.0458
SBE Tier-2

f. Contract #JOC22MC-2
Alta Home Remodeling Co. dba Alta Quality Builders
15358 SW 62 Street
Miami, Florida 33193
Weighted Factor: 0.9999
Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.9999
Other than Regular Working Hours Factors: 0.9999
MBE Tier -2

2. Provide the School Board with an update within thirty (30) days regarding the negotiated weighted factors.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

F-80

Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Raul L. Perez, Chief Facilities Design & Construction Officer, Office of Facilities Design & Construction recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the prequalification applications for educational facilities as listed in Attachment A of the Agenda Item.

124,230 APPROVED THE PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AS LIST

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

G-1

Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Walter J. Harvey, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve the proposed Settlement Agreement in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Charlie E. Horn, issuing the Respondent back pay from the time his criminal case was resolved to the date of his reinstatement.

124,231 APPROVED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - HORN

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

G-2

Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Walter J. Harvey, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Office of the General Counsel to provide or secure legal representation for the legal defense of the retired School Board employee who is individually-named as a codefendant in the matter of William Clark and Adah Clark, on behalf of A.C. vs. The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, and Hannah Purcell, in her individual capacity. USDC Case No. 25-CV-24478-RAR.

124,232 AUTHORIZED USDC CASE NO. 25-CV-24478-RAR

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

G-3

Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Walter J. Harvey, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the proposed Settlement Agreement in the matter of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Marcus Alexander, reinstating Respondent to his employment with the District and issuing the Respondent back pay from the time Respondent's criminal case was resolved to the date of his reinstatement.

124,233 APPROVED PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - ALEXANDER

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

H-3
Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, and Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Mr. Joseph S. Geller, and Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, confirm the Chair's 2026 appointment of: (i) Mr. Daniel Espino, Board Member, to represent the School Board on the Value Adjustment Board; and (ii) Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair, as the alternate representative of the School Board on the Value Adjustment Board; and (iii) Mr. Hani M. Jardack as the School Board's citizen member on the Value Adjustment Board.

124,234
CONFIRMED CHAIR'S 2026 APPOINTMENTS

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

H-4
Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, School Board Member, and Ms. Mari Tere Rojas, Chair, Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Mr. Joseph S. Geller and Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt the proposed draft of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards 2026 Federal Legislative Program.

124,235
ADOPTED GREATER FLORIDA CONSORTIUM OF SCHOOL BOARDS 2026 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

H-5
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, School Board Member, and Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Mr. Joseph S. Geller, and Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

124,236
RECOGNIZED NO MORE BROKEN HEARTS

1. formally recognize and commend Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall for her visionary leadership and 26 years of dedicated service through the No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Workshop, and reaffirm its commitment to supporting initiatives that promote safety, dignity, healing, and well-being for all members of the community;
2. direct the Superintendent to recognize February 28, 2026, across Miami-Dade County Public Schools as "No More Broken Hearts Day", to raise awareness about domestic violence, honor survivors, promote prevention and education, and reaffirm the District's collective responsibility to foster safe, supportive, and compassionate learning and working environments for all.

The Chair presented the item.

Board Member Bendross-Mindingall stated that this item was near and dear to her heart. It's been a good number of years that as a society have tried to stop what we consider domestic violence. She thanked the Chair and her the Chair's team for never missing a meeting and workshops. She thanked her colleagues for helping spread the word about this important issue. She mentioned that the State Attorney Ms. Katherine Fernandez-Rundle was present in the meeting earlier to speak about Human Trafficking which sometimes starts with domestic violence.

For 26 years, the No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Workshop has stood as a beacon of compassion, advocacy, and action within Miami-Dade County. Long before conversations about trauma informed care, wraparound services, or survivor centered practices became a part of our professional vocabulary, this workshop was already doing the work quietly, faithfully, and courageously. This came to her attention because she was a principal in one of the toughest neighborhoods that there would be in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and her children would come to school and they would act out. In order for her to find out what was causing this behavior, she took a walk across the street to the homes of her children and at that time there weren't many principals doing that or maybe none other than her and maybe they had no real need, but when you see an issue as we as educators and others who love children we take we take it to heart. When she found out that much of this was going on in the homes of her children, she had to put a stop to it. They did that in that center that they called Lillie Carmichael Evans Elementary School and there were times when they had to hand in reports and we had to discuss why they had so many children fighting in our schools Well, when they got to my report, she had a 0. They were not having fights in that school. Why? Because the parents knew at that time, that if children fought, it was an automatic 10 days. When spoke to the parents as she visited their homes, they would say to her, that they couldn't have them home for 10 days. She didn't want them home. She wanted them in school so we could teach them, so she offered them a suggestion, she told them they could come to the school for 10 days and help them teach our children. The parents said that they could do that and that turned into about 40+ parents who were hired at that school, some volunteered, most of them were paid. We have parents now who are retiring from Dade County Public Schools because she decided to do something about domestic violence.

Mr. Geller thanked Board Member Bendross-Mindingall for bringing this item forward and for keeping him and the Board aware of what is happening in the community.

The Chair stated that she has been going to the No More Broken Hearts event for years and she encouraged everyone to take the time to attend the event.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 7-0 to approve agenda item H-5. [It was noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos were not on the dais at the time of this vote.]

With no objections from the Board, the Chair called **H-7** to the floor for consideration.

H-6

124,237
DIRECTED ACCELERATED AND ADVANCED LEARNING

Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, and Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Mr. Joseph S. Geller, and Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. Conduct a systemwide review and analysis of Accelerated and Advanced Learning courses available for each school that includes enrollment in each;
2. Develop a districtwide Accelerated and Advanced Learning Plan for reading and mathematics that prioritizes above-grade level instruction and increases student achievement at Levels 4 and 5;
3. Implement districtwide, multi-measure criteria for identifying and placing students into accelerated and advanced learning courses, with intentional outreach to ensure access for all student groups;
4. Ensure that all accelerated and advanced courses include embedded academic supports, which may include curriculum aligned tutoring, intervention or enrichment labs, summer bridge programs, an instructional coaching;
5. Establish progress accountability measures to monitor student participation, performance, and growth in accelerated pathways, including annual increases in the percentage of students' achievement Levels 4 and 5 in reading and mathematics and report on these Levels (4 and 5) as a separate category when sharing assessment results with the Board; and

6. Deliver a presentation that includes the implementation plan to initiate for the 2026-2027 school year, timeline, and initial progress report to the Academics, Innovation, Evaluation, and Technology Committee by April 15, 2026.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

H-7

124,238
ENCOURAGED/ SHARED/ SUPPORTED/ PROMOTED

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, School Board Member, and Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Mr. Joseph S. Geller, and Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. Encourage schools to incorporate dating violence awareness into counseling programs, student assemblies, and wellness initiatives;
2. Share information on available district and community resources with students and families;
3. Support professional development for staff on recognizing and responding to signs of dating violence;
4. Promote student-led initiatives that foster peer education, advocacy, and healthy relationship practices.

The Chair presented the item.

Board Member Bendross-Mindingall stated that dating violence can escalate into domestic violence and thanked her fellow colleagues for co-sponsoring this Agenda item.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 7-0 to agenda item H-7. [It was noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos were not on the dais at the time of this vote.] [It is noted for the record that although not present on the dais at the time the vote was taken Mr. Daniel Espino was present at the meeting and has since requested that the record reflect their vote as aye.]

With no objections from the Board, the Chair called **H-8** to the floor for consideration.

H-8

124,239
RECOGNIZED FEBRUARY 2026 NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, School Board Member, and Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Mr. Joseph S. Geller, and Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize February 2026 as National Black History Month and join in celebrating National Black History Month in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

The Chair presented this item.

Board Member Bendross-Mindingall stated that Black History Month Celebration is a kinship. Not that they are making light of what African American history is about they should never short change anyone and everyone as we talk about the history of African Americans and other black individuals who are our cousins. Sisters brothers of African Americans. This board item recognizes Black History Month not only as a reflection of where we have been but as a declaration of where we're going. It acknowledges progress made, barriers overcome, and voices elevated while affirming that the work of equity, access, and opportunity is ongoing. Be reminded, if we don't speak up for all of us, there will come a time where there will be none of us.

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Dannielle Boyer appeared before the School Board to speak on Agenda Item **H-8**, "Recognizing February 2026 as National Black History Month in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools."

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Board Member Geller thanked Board Member Bendross-Mindingall for bringing this item forward. He stated that it was ironic that the first celebration of Black History in this country was 300+ years after it started. Black History is American History and American History is not complete without Black or African American History and we must teach the truth.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the agenda item **H-8.** [It was noted for the record that Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos were not on the dais at the time of the vote.]

With no objections from the Board, the Chair called for Board Announcements.

H-9

124,240
AFFIRMED OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND SAFETY

Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Member, and Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, and Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, affirms its commitment to operational efficiency, fiscal responsibility, and safety by directing the Superintendent to

1. Conduct an assessment of each school site to inventory existing electronic access systems and identify gaps in current access control practices across the district; and
2. Analyze the long-term operational and fiscal impacts of transitioning from mechanical key systems to electronic access, including potential savings from reduced re-keying, streamlined credentialing, student accessibility, and improved key management; and
3. If deemed feasible and appropriate following the assessment and analysis indicated in recommendations 1 and 2 above: develop a phased plan to expand electronic access, integrated with current school IDs, at existing schools, prioritizing exterior doors, high-traffic areas, and schools undergoing major renovations to ensure a fiscally responsible approach; update access-control design standards for all new capital and maintenance projects, as well as renovation or remodeling projects at all district facilities, including requirements for electronic key-card systems and compatibility with districtwide safety technologies and current staff and student IDs; and
4. Share findings and recommendations with the M-DCPS Safety & Security Committee; and
5. Present findings and recommendations to the Fiscal Accountability Committee by April 2026, including proposed implementation timelines and funding strategies.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

H-10

124,241
GOOD CAUSE ENDORSE THE LIVE LIKE BELLA FOUNDATION SUPERHERO 5K

Ms. Mary Blanco, School Board Member, and Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, and Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Mr. Daniel Espino, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Mr. Joseph S. Geller, and Ms. Luisa Santos, School Board Members, proposed that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request that the Superintendent of Schools endorse the Live Like Bella Foundation Superhero 5K on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Tropical Park.

Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. [This item passed under the Consent Agenda.]

The Chair confirmed with General Counsel Harvey that the announcement of all the regular business of the Board on this month's agenda had been exhausted and moved on to Board Member announcements.

<u>Board Member Announcements/Discussion Issues/New Business</u>

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ DISCUSSION ISSUES/NEW BUSINESS

The Chair opened the floor to members of the Board for announcements, discussion issues, and/or new business.

The Chair announced that Monday, January 19, 2026, we would be observing a national holiday as we honor the enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a visionary leader whose courage, faith and unwavering commitment to justice transformed the course of our history. Through his powerful words and non-violent actions, Dr. King challenged a nation to confront inequality and strive towards a more just, compassionate, and united society. We reflect not only on his profound contributions to civil rights but also on our shared responsibility to carry forward his dream of equality, dignity and peace for all. Many of them will be attending the thirty-third annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship breakfast, Monday morning. An event that she goes to every year and she looks forward to attend again this year.

The Chair announced that Dr. Dotres has been selected as an honoree and role model by the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Foundation an invitation being extended by Congresswoman Frederica Wilson and he will be recognized this upcoming Monday. She stated that she is very proud of him and it's important that everyone knew about his honor.

The Chair stated that it would only fitting that we end the day with the College Football National Championship which will played here in Miami-Dade County at the Hard Rock Stadium. The championship is more special because of the presence of the University of Miami's head coach Mario Cristobal, a proud native, Christopher Columbus High School graduate and University of Miami alumnus that once played during the Hurricanes championship era. This celebration also comes full circle with the return home of the reigning 2025 Heisman Trophy winner Fernando Mendoza from Indiana University, a proud Miami native and graduate of Christopher Columbus High School. Fernando represents the very best of this community, a remarkable young man devoted to his faith his family, his heritage, and his loved ones.

Ms. Luisa Santos thanked Florida City who hosted an incredible celebration this past weekend honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The principals were the parade marshals and she got to march the 5000 Role Models from Laura C. Saunders Elementary and Florida City Elementary. It was a fun day with Battle of the Bands from all over Miami-Dade County to close out the festivities. She has other events in Homestead and other corners in her district.

Ms. Santos announced that District 9 annual a Night in D9, which is the biggest event in her district will be taking place on February 28th, at Coral Reef Senior High School, 10101 Southwest 152nd Street, Miami, Florida 33157 at 2:00 PM. She encouraged the listen public to go to the free family event. Many of our departments will be in attendance, over 100 organizations for a resource fair and they will have over 30 performances inside and out of the auditorium.

Vice Chair Colucci rooted GO CANES!

The Vice Chair stated that we had exhausted all the business before us today by concluding this portion of the meeting to begin the Public Hearing. She confirmed with General Counsel Harvey and the Board Secretary that we could conclude today's meeting once she called all the names of individuals present with us and heard from them all.

General Counsel Harvey responded "yes".

There being no further business before the Board, this portion of the meeting was now adjourned, and we proceeded into the Public Hearing portion.

The Chair stated that we had concluded all business listed on the published agenda for today's Regular School Board Meeting. According to our agenda, we would begin calling speakers who were present immediately following this conclusion.

The time was 3:10 p.m. and we began our Regularly Scheduled Public Hearing portion. She reminded everyone that the Public Hearing shall not conclude before 4:30 p.m. unless all of the speakers who had signed up to speak were present and had been given the opportunity to address the School Board.

The Vice Chair asked General Counsel Harvey to summarize the established decorum policies and procedures governing this portion of today's meeting.

It being 3:10 p.m., the Chair convened today's Regularly Scheduled Public Hearing. [A verbatim recording of this meeting and all discussions is on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary.]

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

At the Vice Chair's request, the School Board General Counsel provided a summary of the procedures governing the public hearing, pursuant to Board Policy 0169.1, *Public Participation at Board Meetings.*

The Vice Chair thanked General Counsel Harvey for the summary and proceeded to call the registered speakers.

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Nancy Lawther, Ph.D. appeared before the School Board to speak on the topic, "Committee discussion of Schools of Hope."

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Antonio White appeared before the School Board to speak on the topic, "Educational Issues."

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Dannielle Boyer appeared before the School Board to speak on the topic, "Educational Issues."

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Mindy Grimes-Festge appeared before the School Board to speak on the topic, "Educational Issues."

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It being 3:30 p.m. the Chair recessed the public hearing to allow speakers who signed up to appear before the Board. The public hearing will reconvene at 4:30 p.m.

Upon a motion being made and duly seconded the Board voted 6-0 to recess the meeting until 4:30 p.m. [It is noted for the record that Mr. Roberto Alonso, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Dr. Steve Gallon, III, were not on the dais at the time of this vote.]

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It being 4:30 p.m. the Chair reconvened the public hearing.

With no objections from the Board, the Chair called on Carline Paul representative of the Haitian National Teachers Association.

With there being no quorum, the Chair asked the General Counsel could there be a vote to allow Ms. Carline Paul to speak.

General Counsel Harvey stated “yes”.

The following Board Members were present: Chair, Vice Chair, Dr. Bendross-Mindingall, and Ms. Santos. [Mr. Alonso, Ms. Blanco, Mr. Espino, Dr. Gallon, III, and Mr. Geller, Board Members were not on the dais.]

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Carline Paul appeared before the School Board to speak on the topic, “Public Hearing.”

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There being no further speakers to appear before the Board, the Regularly Scheduled Public Hearing concluded at 4:38 p.m. [A verbatim recording of the public hearing is on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary.]

I-1 CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

Individual Board members’ presentations of correspondence, reports, and other education-related information to the public were pre-taped and aired after the Board meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m. CHAIR ADJOURNED MEETING

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Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair

ATTEST:

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Dr. Jose L. Dotres,
Superintendent and Secretary

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