

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools**  
**SUPERINTENDENT’S DISTRICT ADVISORY PANEL**  
**FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION**

**Minutes of December 8, 2020**

**Southwest Miami Senior High School**

**Members Present**

Diane Adreon, UM/NSU CARD (Physical)	Hermine Wilson –Lang (Virtual)	Chris Reigadas (Virtual)
Sandy Ames, Family Care Council (Physical)	Yvonne Leon, M-DCPS (Physical)	Lisette Rodriguez, M-DCPS (Physical)
Emily Andrade, Student Representative (Virtual)	Laurie Malman (Virtual)	Elias Seife (Physical)
Rosa Maria Barbara, Vice Chair (Physical)	Ernie Martinez (Physical)	Mark Thompson, Special Olympics (Physical)
Enrique Escallon, Chairperson (Physical)	Lynn Miskiel, UM Mailman Center (Physical)	Angie Torres, M-DCPS (Physical)
Beverly Heller (Virtual)	Gisel Prado, Miami Parks/Recreation (Virtual)	Kathy Vergara (Virtual)
Kelli Hunter-Sheppard, M-DCPS (Physical)	Maria Ratti (Physical)	
Brenda Lampon, VR (Physical)	Sandra Rancano, Parent to Parent (Virtual)	

**Members Absent**

Michelle Cumming, FIU

Allicia Walford, PEN

**School Personnel Present**

Magaly Abrahante (Virtual)

Marisol Diaz (Virtual)

Magaly Ercilla (Physical)

Ava Goldman (Virtual)

Arlene Lindsay-Marshall (Virtual)

Angel Rodriguez (Virtual)

Patrick Salmasi (Physical)

Orfirio Sanchez (Physical)  
Ann Marie Sasseville (Virtual)  
Maria Sellek (Virtual)

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

### **Welcome and Introduction of Panel Members/Visitors**

Mr. Enrique Escallon welcomed all members and visitors. Every participant introduced themselves. Fourteen voting members were identified as present physically at Southwest Miami Senior High school.

### **Review of Agenda**

Mr. Escallon reviewed the agenda. He explained that voting will take place once quorum is established.

### **Presentations**

#### **Amended By-Laws**

Dr. Angel Rodriguez, Family Liaison Officer Department of Family Support Services  
Sub-Committee Co-Chair

Ernie Martinez  
Sub-Committee Co-Chair

Dr. Rodriguez displayed the amended by-laws for all members to view. He explained that words highlighted in red were recommended additions and changes. He clarified that words with a strikethrough were removed. Dr. Rodriguez reviewed each proposed edit in the by-laws.

Question was presented about the "Special" items statement in by-laws. Suggestion was made to edit the statement to reflect "non-agenda items must be approved by consensus of voting members present". (Vote was taken to approve the statement as proposed – consensus was reached.)

Number of minutes allowed to an individual to discuss an item within the 15 minutes allotted for one item was discussed. Suggestion was made for the panel to follow the School Board Meeting procedures for comments and time restrictions for Panel meetings (3 minutes per person)

Role of the Vice-Chairperson was reviewed. Suggestion was made to edit the role of the Vice-Chair to include a statement about keeping minutes and limiting time for speakers.

Order of the statements included in the definition of the Panel was discussed. Motion was made to approve the proposed changes in Article one. Motion was approved by voting members.

Ms. Heller made a motion to approve the amended by-laws as presented by the sub-committee without changes recommended today. Motion failed. Motion was made to approve by-laws as amended and recommended by the By-Laws Subcommittee. Motion was seconded. Panel discussed proposal.

Recommendation was made to add a statement to Article 5. "All terms of membership may be superseded as per Article 3 where it stipulates that the Superintendent may remove a member without cause". Motion was made to approve the addition of this statement to Article 5. Proposed change was not accepted.

Recommendation was made to add a statement to Article 9 – "unless removed from the Panel by the Superintendent earlier". Motion was made to accept this addition to Article 9. Motion was not approved.

Motion was made to accept by-laws reviewed, with the additions proposed during the meeting. Panel voting members voted. By-laws were adopted and approved by all voting members present. Mr. Escallon thanked the By-laws subcommittee.

Mr. Escallon reviewed minutes from November 19, 2020 Meeting. Minutes were approved.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Barbara moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 PM