

District Advisory Committee September 3, 2025, Minutes

Opening

Chairman Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Angela Kopnick, DAC vice chair; Jamie Haynes, school board chair; Ruben Colón, school board vice chair; Jessie Thompson, school board member; Donna Brosemer, school board member; Krista Goodrich, school board member; John Cash, chief of staff; Kyle Schicker, REA coordinator; Mike Cimino, REA analyst; and Danielle Johnson, communications coordinator, were all in attendance. The minutes from the May 7, DAC meeting were unanimously approved. An agenda revision to postpone the Science of Reading presentation to October's meeting was voted on and approved.

Individual introductions of each person in attendance took place. Following introductions Chair Marinaccio presented a [detailed orientation](#) which included the responsibilities, purpose, and expectations as a DAC representative.

District Grades Presentation

Kyle Schicker and Mike Cimino presented on how the state grades are calculated and the history of the grades. Here are some highlights:

- VCS has improved in district grade ranking among all Florida counties every year for the past years
- VCS showed great ranking improvement moving from 40th in 2023 to 24th in 2025
- VCS had no D or F schools, and all High Schools were an A or B
- Starke Elementary is 1 of only 2 schools across the entire state to go from a D to an A
- Mainland High received its first A ever
- Taylor Middle-High received its first B
- VCS state school grade includes testing scores from charter, home school, alternative education (only exception is private schools)
- Schools and district must test at least 95% of students to earn a grade
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School Board Members:

The school board appreciates the District Advisory Committee (DAC) representatives for their ongoing service and commitment. The information shared during these meetings provides valuable insight and another important opportunity for board members to remain closely connected with their schools.

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 1**, 5:15 p.m. at Deltona High School, Learning Commons. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.