

Green Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

Thursday, August 14, 2025

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

KC Wright Building - 600 SE Third Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale
Pre-Function Board Meeting Room - Lobby Level

Agenda Notes

- I. Call to Order, Chair @ 4:41pm
- II. Roll Call – Afeefa Abdool-Ghany, Catherine Uden, Michael Ross, Dr. Julie Long, and staff liaison Dr. Lisa Milenkovic
- III. Chair's Report
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - a. 6/4/25 (Informational Workshop) - Dr. Julie Long made the motion, seconded by Catherine Uden, approved unanimously.
- V. Old Business & Actions
 - a. Review state's updates on submitted policy motions
 - I. Policies from last year and this past week's meeting
 - I. Items were passed and are on the agenda for next week's Board workshop.
 - II. Internal interdisciplinary committee is drafting a sustainability plan – one year to complete.
 - III. Members from BCPS have met with the county to discuss sustainability plans.
 - IV. A workshop will be held with the Board in the future.
 - b. Information requests from last meeting
 - I. List of schools with garden clubs, food forests, and composting programs
 - I. Garden clubs – roughly 50% of schools have them in some capacity or another
 - II. Composting Programs
- VI. New Business
 - a. Planning for School Board engagement – marketing campaign
 - b. Committee priorities and focus areas for 2025-2026
 - I. FPL Heat Shelters
 - I. Two schools are being updated
 - II. FPL donate a shelter for playground areas?
 - III. Funding is a problem, and according to FPL there are currently no free programs
 - II. More education needs to be done.
 - I. Teachers can reach out to Catherine Uden at Oceana and she is happy to do presentations on sustainability to schools and at career days.

- II. More initiatives for the 5 R's Reduce, Reuse, Refuse, Refill and lastly Recycle.
- III. Recycling
 - I. Coastal Recycling is one contract
 - I. Looking at creating a SOP (standard operating procedure)
 - II. Incineration is considered recycling
 - III. Hauling is expensive
 - IV. Exempt from municipal agreement
 - V. Can Coastal come to the next meeting to educate our newer committee members? - Eloy will reach out.
 - VI. Start simple with recycling and focus first on paper and cardboard.
 - VII. Foam is no longer used in school cafeteria trays. The trays currently being used are compostable. Somat machines are currently being phased out.
 - I. We should encourage all schools/school events to bring reusable water bottles and utensils instead of using disposable, plastic ones.
- c. Next Committee Meeting dates, times and location
 - I. Dates: September 11, October 9, November 13, skip December, January 8, February 12, skip March, April 9, May 14, skip June
 - II. Time: 4:30 – 6pm
 - III. Location: KCW Pre-Function Room
 - IV. Motion to accept dates by Michael Ross, seconded by Dr. Julie Long, and approved unanimously.
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Michael Ross and second by Dr. Julie Long at 5:47p.m.