THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 2, 2026
Minutes

Members Present		Members Absent	
Antonio Burgess	Marsha Ellison	Briana Jacques	Jea'Cier Leon
Ashley Eubanks	Narnike Pierre	Erica Hansinger	Natalie Allen
Carey Tabora	Ruben Nesbitt	Esther Gold	Rasheed Gray
Corey Shearer	Shonda Woodard	Haley Nisim	Teresa Williams
Donna DeMarco	Windsor Ferguson	Iman Sandifer	
Luke Harrigan			

STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF: Dr. Jodi Washington, Director, Carlisa Russell, Instructional Facilitator, Marion M. Williams, Committee Liaison, School Culture and Student Support; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling.

GUESTS: Dr. Jeff Holness, Vice Chair, School Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida, Diversity Committee was held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kathleen C. Wright Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Narnike Pierre at 6:36 p.m. A quorum was not present.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Pierre observed a moment of silence to honor Nancy Metayer Bowen, who served as Vice Mayor of Coral Springs. Ms. Pierre informed the members of the Diversity Committee Report that will be presented at the May 12th School Board Workshop. Ms. Pierre asked members to review the site visit data report and provide feedback on the schools they assessed for the Diversity Committee Response Report. She suggested reviewing the Superintendent's report.

Ms. Russell requested that members provide feedback regarding the use of iPads during the visits and offer suggestions on their expectations for future use.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

A quorum having been established, the chair continued the business requiring committee approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 5, 2026.

SITE VISIT FEEDBACK

The committee discussed feedback from their recent Orange Brook Elementary visit and previous school visits. Ms. Williams will contact the school to ask for a copy of the letter given to parents when students check out a laptop. She will also reach out to the IT Department to request an up-to-date list of schools that have distributed laptops to students.

Dr. Holness spoke to the committee members about many of their concerns, including issues with the distribution of laptops.

REQUESTED INFORMATION

- Martin Luther King Elementary-Need more information on the playground, such as the building date and other issues.

The Chair will draft an email for District staff who participated in site visits to request an updated report on issues and concerns raised by members. Ms. Williams will forward the email accordingly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.