THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 3, 2026

Minutes

Members Present		Members Absent
Antonio Burgess	Lilly Adesina	Narnike Pierre
Cary Tabora	Luke Harrigan	
Donna DeMarco	Marsha Ellison	
Erica Hansinger	Rasheed Gray	
Faheema Abdool-Ghany	Ruben Nesbitt	
Harve Brosten	Shonda Woodard	
Iman Sandifer	Teresa Williams	
Kimotta Johnson		

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

CALL TO ORDER

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Diversity Committee held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dr. Kathleen C. Wright Administration Building. Rasheed Gray called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee approved the minutes of the regular meetings held on June 4, 2026, and August 6, 2026.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Washington reported on the 10-day enrollment count. She confirmed that Dr. Hepburn will attend the October Diversity Committee meeting and requested that members submit specific discussion topics in advance so she can share them with Dr. Hepburn before the meeting. **Mr. Burgess** shared that twenty members of the 5000 Role Models Program and other members from different chapters around the country will travel to Washington, D.C. They will join Congresswoman Frederica Wilson to participate in the Congressional Black Caucus. The members, consisting of male students, will participate in leadership workshops and visit colleges, museums, and monuments.

Mr. Burgess also mentioned that the State of Florida recognizes September 18th as *Dads Take Your Child to School Day.*

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The committee elected Narnike Pierre as Chair and Marsha Ellison as Vice Chair.

SUBCOMMITTEES 2026-2027

Ms. Williams reviewed the subcommittees and asked members to indicate which subcommittee(s) they wished to join.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

- Request a status update on the concerns that were brought up in last year's site visits
- What is the district doing to help the 27 C-rated schools improve to an A or B rating?
- Request an update on redefining schools in terms of what is going to happen to the empty buildings or Schools that are closed, as well as updates on the schools that have been redefined (i.e., Hallandale, Plantation 6-12- how is that looking and enrollment), Gifted Academy
- Request updates on Parkway Gifted Academy; Hallandale High School Academy's transition to a four-day school week; and the status of the gifted summer camps at Western High School and Pompano Beach High School.
- Have the Regional Superintendents discuss their expectations of the schools within their regions at the meeting
- Request a breakdown of SESIR data to include suspensions, arrests, and expulsions by school
- Request an update on the hiring status for the Chief of Police position.
- Confirm whether the equipment from Plantation Middle School was transferred to Plantation High School.
- What is the status of the playground at Thurgood Marshall?

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.