THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 1, 2026
Minutes

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

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

DISTRICT STAFF: Dr. Howard Hepburn, Superintendent; Dr. Angela R. Fulton, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Valeria Wanza, Chief Strategy & Operations Officer; Saemone Hollingsworth, Chief Student Services Officer; Alan Strauss, North Regional Superintendent; Dr. Ted Toomer, Central Regional Superintendent; Dr. Veda Hudge, Assistant Superintendent, School Transformation Office, ; Kathy Dupuy-Bruno, General Counsel; Diane Eagen, Executive Director, Exceptional Student Education (ESE); Zuzel Rodriguez, Curriculum Supervisor, Gifted & Talented, ESE Curriculum

GUEST: Naima Khan

CALL TO ORDER

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Diversity Committee held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dr. Kathleen C. Wright Administration Building. Narnike Pierre called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 3, 2026.

PRESENTATION:

Dr. Hepburn addressed academic success, student outcomes, and challenges, and provided an overview of the Next Generation Referendum. A question-and-answer session followed, during which committee members discussed his presentation and other issues raised during their previous school site visit.

Committee Requests

- Provide the number of student-assigned laptops per school.
- Provide Inventory for the number of Smart Boards or Promethean Boards per school
- Requesting an update on the ADA compliance at Lauderhill 6-12 STEM. There was no ramp or other accessible entry for students or guests.
- Request a follow-up to last year's site visit at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary including an update on the fence between Title I and the playground.
- Request an update on the playground at Thurgood Marshall Elementary

SITE VISIT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Hansinger and Mr. Gray summarized the site visits conducted at several schools.

The committee invited Michael Gregory, Interim Chief of Police and Mr. Mark Dorsett to attend an upcoming Diversity Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.