



**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**THURSDAY, August 15, 2019–6:30 PM-8:30 PM**

**July 2018 – May 2019**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Dr. Allen Zeman, Chair	P	11	1
Robert Audet	P	8	6
Linda Barnett	P	7	6
Maureen S. Dinnen	P	7	7
Amy Ellowitz, Vice Chair	P	12	1
April Jeff	A	5	4
Terry Large	P	10	4
Jennifer Lovell	P	12	2
Vickie Melus	A	3	4
Dr. Heather Munns	A	6	7
Sarah Owen DelNegri (arrived at 6:37 p.m.)	P	7	6
Lincoln Pasteur	A	9	4
Christopher Relyea	P	11	3
Betty Shelley	A	6	7
Rory Sponsler	P	4	0
Dr. Michele Verdi Knapp	P	12	1
Yolanda B. Francis (arrived at 6:39 p.m.)	P	3	0
Lillian Small	A	1	13

**Appointed Members to the Board: 18**  
**Needed to constitute a quorum: 10**

**Staff Liaison:** Zoie Saunders, Chief Education Officer

**Motion** by Ms. DelNegri, seconded by Ms. Barnett, to amend the 6/20/19 Communication to the City Commission. Chair Dr. Zeman advised that the Communication to City Commission would be amended to say “one-year learning gain with a qualitative modifier.” (*see highlighted amendment below*)  
 In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** by Mr. Relyea, seconded by Vice Chair Ellowitz, to adopt one-year learning growth with qualitative labels for standard of education in Fort Lauderdale schools. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**6/20/19 Communication to Commission: Amended since June 2019 regarding standards**

We want to thank all of you for the commitment you have shown to the 20,016 Fort Lauderdale residents who attend public schools. We are honored by your enthusiasm shown during the recent Joint City Commission Workshop on Education. We accept your task to come back in 3-6 months and look forward to presenting an update on education in Fort Lauderdale.

We made specific recommendations at our Joint Workshop and recommend that the Commission take the following actions, with the methods (resolution, proclamation, policy statement, or other) that best motivate expeditious actions or adoption:

- One, adopt a policy that encourages the creation of Early Learning Centers designed and implemented to improve early literacy and otherwise prepare students for starting school.
- Two, establish an urgent requirement for the City to plan with Broward County Schools' staff and City principals to establish joint-use parks and recreation facilities at, or near, all 28 schools with the goal of optimizing the City and County parks and recreation investments as soon as possible.
- Three, support the City in establishing education standards
  - All schools in the City achieve state grades of "A" or "B"
  - ~~Support efforts that improve the percent of students who achieve at least a one-year learning gain~~
  - ***Adopt one-year learning gain with a qualitative modifier as the standard***