



EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Members	Attendance	June 2021-May 2022	
		Present	Absent
Dr. Allen Zeman, Chair	P	3	0
Amy Ellowitz, Vice Chair	P	3	0
Moises Acosta	P	2	0
Heather Brinkworth	P	3	0
Ruchel Coetzee	A	2	1
Suzanne Dean	P	1	0
Yolanda Francis (departed before vote)	P	2	1
Leah Polhemus Hopkins	A	0	3
April Jeff	A	2	1
Tina Jaramillo	P	2	1
Dr. Michele Verdi-Knapp	P	3	0
Colleen Lockwood	P	1	2
Tomislav Lukic	A	2	1
Lisa May	A	2	1
Vickie Melus	P	1	2
Denia Perloff	A	2	1
Christopher Relyea	P	3	0
Betty Shelley	A	1	2
Lillian Small (departed before vote)	P	1	2
Rory Sponsler	P	2	1

Appointed Members to the Board: 20
Needed to constitute a quorum: 11

Staff Liaison: Zoie Saunders, Chief Education Officer

Communication to Commission:

1. We encourage Broward County School Board to continue to review all options for the construction of a cafeteria at Stranahan High School, which is a critical construction requirement in the City of Fort Lauderdale.
2. We recommend they acknowledge the less expensive reuse option, which is predicted to be completed and open roughly one school year earlier and cost less than a new design option, as their preferred option.

3. We ensure the eventual cafeteria meets the dining, restroom, and all other requirements for Stranahan High School.

Our recommendation is based on our belief that the reuse option will be faster and is more likely to be completed, but if these constraints did not exist, we would prefer a new design cafeteria.

Motion by Mr. Christopher Relyea, seconded by Mr. Moises Acosta, to approve the communication. **Motion** passed unanimously. (11 -0)

Note:

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