

The School Board of Broward County, Florida
Central Area Advisory Council – General Meeting
Indian Ridge Middle School
October 16, 2024 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Minutes

Chair - Dee Defoe

Recording Secretary - Brie-Anne Pendlebury

Vice Chair - Pamela Taylor

Corresponding Secretary - Midge Royer

Call to order:

- Welcome and Meeting Etiquette
 - raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged
 - inform Chair prior to recording meeting to allow those that do not want to be recorded to move from the view of the camera
- Approve September Minutes: Pended for quorum
- Membership Explanations: Must attend monthly DAC meetings to maintain their seat. After 3 absences, the seat is vacated.

I-Zone Spotlight:

Fort Lauderdale Zone:

On October 21, 2024 Fort Lauderdale High School will host a Magnet Expo at 6pm at the NSU Rick Case Arena. On October 9th Sunrise Middle was recognized as a PBIS model school and will have a Magnet Open House on 12/17/25. North Side Elementary School held their induction for 5000 Role Models on September 30th.

New Business/Guest Speaker(s):

Megan Turetsky, Legislative Affairs Director: OIG Public Awareness Campaign and Legislative Update

Referendum 2:

The School Board of Broward County (SBBC) is proposing an amendment to the Broward County Charter, which will be on the November 5, 2024, ballot. On the ballot, this amendment will be titled "Referendum 2," and it aims to give the Broward County Office of the Inspector General the authority to independently investigate matters related to SBBC operations.

The amendment proposes expanding the BCOIG's role to include the investigation, audit, and review of SBBC operations. The BCOIG would be empowered to investigate potential issues such as misconduct, gross mismanagement, waste, and fraud. This measure will appear on the ballot as "Referendum 2."

Ballot Language

"Amends the Broward County Charter to allow the Broward County Inspector General to provide inspector general services to The School Board of Broward County and the constitutional officers of Broward County if the applicable entity (The School Board or the constitutional officer) contracts with the Broward County Office of Inspector General and with Broward County regarding such inspector general services."

If voters approve the amendment, the BCOIG will establish a specialized branch dedicated to

SBBC oversight. This branch will include two supervisors, an attorney, three auditors/agents, a manager and an administrative assistant. This special BCOIG branch will cost the District around \$1.2 million annually. BCOIG will have the authority to subpoena witnesses, require documents, and audit BCPS operations and contracts. If the amendment does not pass, the current oversight of SBBC will remain with existing agencies, such as the State Attorney's Office, the Commission on Ethics, and SBBC's own Audit Department. The BCOIG's role will not be expanded to include SBBC operations.

The Broward County Office of Inspector General (OIG) was established in 2010 to provide independent oversight within Broward County and its municipalities. This amendment aims to extend the OIG's oversight capabilities to include the School Board of Broward County, following recommendations for impartial and effective investigations into government operations.

Several members shared that there are concerns regarding the funding source for the anticipated cost of 1.2 million dollars as it was mentioned that it would be covered by internal funds. The Central members would like clarification of what specific internal funding would be impacted. It was also requested that feedback be taken to the board regarding the lack of push for sharing this information out to stakeholders as compared to requests to promote the referendum to voters in previous years. There is a marked reduced level of promotion/information shared comparatively. The Central Advisory would like to officially request an increase in awareness promoted by the District including but not limited to districtwide Parent Link emails, calls, and text messages.

For further Inquiries call the Office of Legislative Affairs at 754-321-2608.



Ballot Measure on Expanding Oversight for the School Board of Broward County November 5, 2024

Overview:

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What's on the Ballot?

Voters will decide whether to expand the BCOIG's role to include SBBC oversight. The amendment would empower the BCOIG to investigate, audit, and review SBBC operations.

Ballot Language

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- YES
- NO

Key Points if Passed:

- New Responsibilities:** Creation of a BCOIG branch focused on SBBC, with two supervisors, an attorney, three auditors/agents, a manager, and an administrative assistant.
- Cost:** This special BCOIG branch will cost the District around \$1.2 million annually.
- Powers:** The BCOIG will have the authority to subpoena witnesses, require documents, audit operations, and report on misconduct and mismanagement of the SBBC.

If Not Passed:

Oversight of SBBC will remain with existing agencies, such as the State Attorney's Office, the Commission on Ethics and SBBC's Audit Department.

Background:

- The OIG was established in 2010 for independent oversight within Broward County.
- The proposed amendment aims to extend this oversight to SBBC, based on recommendations for impartial investigations.

This information is provided to inform voters about the proposed amendment, in advance of the November 5, 2024, election.

For more information, visit browardschools.com/IGamendment2024. For general election information, visit browardvotes.gov.



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Updates:

Dr. Toomer, Superintendent Report

Our school calendar that may impact our school calendar. This is more possible if there is an additional storm that causes school closure. This may include a reduction to Thanksgiving break. We are currently in compliance with school time for semester one, however, additional weather issues would cause us to be out of compliance and need to make up time.

Focus trainings for parents in a face-to-face format was requested at a previous meeting and this is now in the works. Some feedback included a potential train the trainer model so that parents can train other parents at the local level. There was also a request to provide these trainings in multiple languages.

Pamela Taylor, Superintendent Review Committee (SRC) Report

The SRC reviewed two books:

Ellen Outside the Lines By: A.J. Sass: This book will remain at the middle school level based on the vote of the SRC.

Empire of Storms (Book 5 of Throne of Glass) By: Sarah Maas: This book will remain at the high school level based on the vote of the SRC.

The next SRC meeting will be held on Superintendent Review Committee on Oct. 21, 2024 at 4:30 PM. This meeting is intended to review the objection to:

1. Rick By Alex Gino
2. A Court of Thorns and Roses (Book 1) By Sarah Maas
3. My Sister, Daisy By: Adria Karlsson
4. I Am Jazz By Jessica Herthel

Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh, Facilities Task Force and District Advisory Reports

District Advisory: Next meeting will be DAC General Meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:15 pm at Plantation Middle School.

Motion regarding students with Diabetes. There is consensus by Central Area to support the North Area motion as below:

We move that Broward County Public Schools automatically include a provision in all 504 plans for students with Type 1 diabetes, allowing the use of cell phones for direct communication between parents and students. This provision is essential for the timely management of blood sugar levels, particularly in light of recent cell phone policy changes that have hindered parent-student communication. Given the life-threatening nature of Type 1 diabetes and the current challenges in school nursing coverage and diabetes management knowledge, this motion is necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of students with this condition.

Facilities Task Force: This committee did not meet due to the storm. Upcoming conversations includes the costs related to moving students from William Dandy to the Arther Ashe campus. This response is pending from the District.

There is consensus by Central Area to support the Facilities Task Force motion as below:

MOTION:

Whereas on 11/09/21 the School Board of Broward County approved AECOM's proposal to develop a two-phased long-range facilities plan framework; and

Whereas the framework included a facilities condition assessment and long-range facilities master plan and a steering committee; and

Whereas the steering committee is defined as a team of BCPS senior staff and community stakeholders to guide the creation of the capital planning framework, align to the strategic plan, manage cost, and review policies

Whereas AECOM submitted the deliverables as approved by the School Board:

We recommend the school board formally adopt the AECOM framework and adopt a resolution establishing the Steering Committee as a committee reporting directly to the School Board.

Announcements and Open Discussion:

Sunshine Law and Ethics Training (10 minutes for returning members; 45 minutes for new members):
<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329>

Volunteer Application

[Get Involved with BCPS / Volunteer Services \(browardschools.com\)](https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329)

Dates to Remember:

DAC General Meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:15 pm

Location: Plantation Middle School

Website: Browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com

Central Advisory General Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 9:45 am

Location: Indian Ridge Middle School Media Center

Adjourn: 8:05 PM

2024-25 Meeting Dates

August 15, 2024	9:45-11:45 am
September 19, 2024	9:45-11:45 am
*October 16, 2024	6:30-8:30 pm
November 21, 2024	9:45-11:45 am
December 19, 2024	9:45-11:45 am
January 16, 2025	9:45-11:45 am
*February 19, 2025	6:30-8:30 pm
March 20, 2025	9:45-11:45 am
April 17, 2025	9:45-11:45 am
May 15, 2025	9:45-11:45 am

*Evening meeting from 6:30-8:30 pm

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**The School Board of Broward County, Florida
Central Region Advisory Council - Steering Meeting
Indian Ridge Middle School
September 19, 2024
Minutes**

Called to order: 12:19 AM

Members Present: Dee Defoe, Pamela Taylor, Brie-Anne Pendlebury, Brooke Bordy

Agenda Items:

- Today's meeting had very good pacing and allowed for discussion. There will be further clarification of the calendar options as we move forward to the survey and board approval process.
- Focus overall and Focus as related to ESE remain areas of concern.
- October will be OIG presenting legislative updates and upcoming ballot information.
- We would like to also have a Middle School Symposium as we had last year. Ms. Defoe will follow up with Dr. Toomer to schedule.
- October: We would also like to invite representatives to address FOCUS as related to ESE together.
- Monthly izone spotlights will be one zone per meeting moving forward.
- We would like to have SAF chairs meet at the close of the general meeting to collaborate and plan ahead.
- November: Redefining to discuss the revised potential schools for closing and repurposing. We would like to have a representative address the disconnect with the new list and the existing information and schools listed on the Broward Schools Redefining website.

Adjourned: 1:05 PM