

# City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## Agenda - Draft

Friday, April 19, 2024

8:30 AM

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

### School Community Relations Committee

*Chairperson Winnie Chang*  
*Vice Chairperson Sandy Dimitris*  
*Board Member Erin Anding*  
*Board Member Joshua Goodman*  
*Board Member Ana Lam*  
*Board Member Andrew Nadal*  
*Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick*  
*Board Member Sharon Watson*

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Friday, April 19, 2024, commencing at 8:30 a.m. While the Committee is back to live in-person meetings, members of the public may participate in person but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83893614478>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: 305-461-6769 Meeting ID: 838 9361 4478.

To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing \*9.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

24-7381 Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2024.

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes15-Apr-2024-01-09-57](#)

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*The School Community Relations Committee provides an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between schools and their neighbors, including the City of Coral Gables. The committee looks for opportunities to improve schools in terms of physical appearance, community involvement, and quality of education. The Committee will also provide oversight of the City's educational landscape; making sure the City is fulfilling its recent education commitments and assuring that the needs of students and families are being adequately served by the public-school system. Finally, the Committee is intended to serve as a review committee for the Education Compact between the City and Miami Dade Public Schools.*

*Public Comments shall be limited to two minutes per speaker. A ten second reminder will be provided to the speaker prior to the closing of their time.*

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

C-1 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Chair)

C-2 Update on The Mark project (Facilitated by City Staff)

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

D-1 Review and Update to MDCPS Education Compact with the City of Coral Gables (Facilitated by Chairperson Chang)

D-2 24-7382

Attachments: [CGFLF Literacy Laureates Nominees List 2024](#)

*Literacy Laureate Nominations*

D-3 Discussion on whether the Board should maintain a table at the 2024 Coral Gables Literacy Festival

**E. ONGOING BUSINESS**

E-1 General Updates

**F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, May 17, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

F-2 Join a local PTA or subscribe to their newsletters using the following links:

*Sunset Elementary*  
<https://www.sunsetpta.org/membership>

*Coral Gables Preparatory Academy*  
<https://coralgablespreppta.membershiptoolkit.com/whyjoin>

*GW Carver Elementary*  
<https://gwcarverelem.memberhub.com/store?category=PTA%20Memberships-%20JOIN%20TODAY>

*GW Carver Middle School*  
<https://carvermiddle.memberhub.com/store>

*Ponce de Leon Middle School*  
<https://ponceptsamemberhub.memberhub.com/store>

*Coral Gables High School*  
<http://gablespta.org/join/>

*International Studies Preparatory Academy High School*  
<https://ispa-pta.com/join-pta/>

*West Lab -*  
<https://www.westlabpto.org/pen>

F-3 **American Sign Language Class - Every Thursday, 6-7 p.m.**

*Every Thursday at the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Clubhouse at Ruth Bryan Owen Waterway Park, 3940 Granada Blvd., for American Sign Language classes. Classes will be taught by a Deaf instructor and will follow the Signing Naturally curriculum. No experience needed to participate. Classes are open to participants ages 18 and older.*

*Registration for city residents is \$37 per unit and \$47 per unit for non-residents.*

*Units will cover:*

*Unit 4: Talking About Family (April 25)*  
*Unit 5: Talking About Activities (May 2 - 23)*

*For more information, please contact Catie or Vivian at [PlayForAll@coralgables.com](mailto:PlayForAll@coralgables.com) or call 305-441-5650.*

**F-4 Seraphic Fire Concert - Friday, April 26 | 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.**

*The Florida vocal ensemble Seraphic Fire will be performing April 26, at 8 p.m. at the Church of the Little Flower. There will be a pre-concert conversation one hour before the concert with Dr. Brad Diamond, tenor.*

*Mid-Century Modern: furniture or architecture might come to mind when one hears the phrase mid-century modern, but the creative style also impacted the music of the time. Inspired by rapid technological advancements and a post-war world, artists in the mid-20th century strove to predict and create the art of the future. Composers like Arnold Schoenberg experimented with new sounds and compositional techniques. At the same time, others like Alan Hovhaness and Samuel Barber returned to styles of the past with new understanding. You'll likely discover a mid-century work you've never heard before on this program for a cappella chorus.*

**F-5 School Board Chair Rojas' Office Hours - Thursday, May 2 | 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

*Join School Board Chair Mari Tere Rojas on the first and third Thursday of every month for satellite office hours, located in the first floor conference room at Coral Gables City Hall.*

*For More Information:*

*Website: Dade Schools District 6*

*Email: district6@dadeschools.net*

*Phone: 305-995-1334*

**F-6 Gables Gallery Night - Friday, May 3 | 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

*Coral Gables galleries and participating art venues open their doors on the first Friday of the month from 6 to 10 p.m. as part of Coral Gables Gallery Night. At this monthly event, attendees can enjoy live music and fine art while enjoying a night out in the City Beautiful. Visitors are encouraged to use the city's trolleys or Freebee on-demand vehicles to travel between galleries. Music and dancing will also be showcased for Giralda Live!*

*Galleries and venues participating include:*

- 1. Artevivo | 111 Palermo Ave inside The Plaza  
- Featuring the participation of local and international artists*
- 2. ArtLabbé Gallery | 2522 Ponce de Leon Blvd*
- 3. H. Benitez Fine Art Gallery | 233 Aragon Ave.*
- 4. Coral Gables Museum | 285 Aragon Ave.  
- Live music and cash bar*
- 5. Giralda Live  
- Artist displays  
- Live music  
- Dining  
- Shopping*
- 6. And more!*

**F-7 Recycling Drive-Thru Event - Saturday, May 4 | 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.**

*Keep Coral Gables Beautiful will host a Recycling Drive-Thru on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at the parking lot behind City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, for city residents. Participants must enter the event through the Coral Way entrance to the City Hall parking lot.*

*Proof of residency in Coral Gables is required, and items will not be accepted before 9 a.m. or after noon.*

*Over the past eight years, these bi-annual events have diverted nearly 440,000 pounds of electronic, household hazardous waste, clothing and paper from entering landfills. This event is organized by Keep Coral Gables Beautiful in partnership with the Coral Gables Sustainability Advisory Board and the City of Coral Gables Police and Public Works Departments.*

*For additional information call 305-460-5008 or visit:  
<https://www.coralgables.com/events/recycling-drive-thru-event-0>*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **NOTE**

*Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.*

*Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.*

*Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.*

*Any person with a disability requiring communication assistance (such as a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aide or service) in order to attend or participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail : [relejabarrieta@coralgables.com](mailto:relejabarrieta@coralgables.com), Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.*