

# City of Coral Gables

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## Agenda

Friday, March 17, 2023

8:30 AM

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

### School Community Relations Committee

*Chairperson Dr. Winnie Chang*  
*Vice Chairperson Sandy Dimitris*  
*Board Member Erin Anding*  
*Board Member Sam Joseph*  
*Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya*  
*Board Member Andrew Nadal*  
*Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick*  
*Board Member Jennifer Ward Sando*  
*Board Member Sharon Watson*

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Friday, March. 17, 2023, 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/QUORUM CALL

### A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A-1 The School Community Relations Committee Minutes of Feb. 17, 2023.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)  
[SCRC Draft Minutes 2.17](#)

A-2 The School Community Relations Committee Workshop Minutes of Feb. 24, 2023.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)  
[SCRC Feb. 24 Draft Workshop Minutes](#)

### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*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 **Centennial Update (Facilitated by Martha Pantin, Communications & Public Affairs Division Director)**

C-3 **Discussion on Tucker Elementary School Black History Show event (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Board Member)**

C-4 **Update on the Chamber of Commerce's Business Education Committee Meeting (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

D-1 Discussion on substitute teachers (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)

**E. ONGOING BUSINESS**

E-1 General Updates (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez, Secretary)

- Board Member Terms

**F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, April 21, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.

Comments/Questions: [scrc@coralgables.com](mailto:scrc@coralgables.com)

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 Moon Over the Gables - Friday & Saturday, Mar. 17 & 18 | 7 p.m.

*St. Patrick's Day Celebration Friday, Mar. 17 - Visit the museum of the moon at Ponce Circle Park and get your green on this St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy 1-hour bagpipe performance beginning at 7 p.m. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Sunset is at 7:31 p.m.*

*Goodnight Moon Pajama Party Saturday, Mar. 18 - Presented by Books & Book and the Coral Gables Museum. Bring the whole family for a night of children's book readings and*

*lunar inspired crafts. Kids event runs from 7 to 9 p.m. Food and beverage will be available for purchase.*

*Readings featuring: Zoo Miami's Ron Magill, Books & Books Founder Mitchell Kaplan, and Comic Kids.*

*Visit [www.moonoverthegables.com/events](http://www.moonoverthegables.com/events) for more information on the last week of events.*

**F-4 Farmers Market at Merrick Park - Saturdays | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

*Open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. between Jan. 14 and March 25 at Merrick Park, 405 Biltmore Way, the Coral Gables Farmers Market will have local vendors with fresh Florida produce, prepared foods, baked goods, flowers and plants, activities for children, and more!*

*Weekly Seminars:*

*March 18: Jorge Rivera, Arborist for the City of Coral Gables, will present "Flowering Trees for the City Beautiful"*

*March 25: Cindy David will present "Going Native"*

**F-5 Path of the Panther Film Screening - Sunday, Mar. 19 | 3:30 p.m.**

*In celebration of Save the Florida Panther Day, the Coral Gables Art Cinema and Keep Coral Gables Beautiful will be hosting a special screening of "Path of the Panther" on Sunday, March 19 at 3:30 p.m. Drawn in by the haunting specter of the Florida panther, veterinarians, ranchers, conservationists, indigenous people, and a wildlife photographer find themselves on the front lines of a battle that has pushed the Everglades to the brink of collapse. The panther's habitat has become an island and its lush territory transformed into subdivisions. Perched on the edge of extinction, the panther is an emblem of our once-connected world.*

*Purchase tickets today at [www.gablescinema.com](http://www.gablescinema.com)! Use promo code EVERGLADES at checkout for a discount!*

**F-6 Downtown Community Cleanup - Monday, Mar. 27 | 5 to 7 p.m.**

*Join us on Monday, March 27 at 5 p.m. in front of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, 201 Alhambra Circle, for a group cleanup of Downtown Coral Gables! Light bites and refreshments, courtesy of Baptist Health South Florida, are available after the event. (Volunteer hours are available upon request.) Visit [www.coralgables.com/kcgb](http://www.coralgables.com/kcgb) to register.*

**F-7 School Board Chair Rojas' Office Hours - Thursday, April 6 & 20 | 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](http://Dade Schools District 6)*

*Email: [district6@dadeschools.net](mailto:district6@dadeschools.net)*

*Phone: 305-995-1334*

## 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.*