

SCRC Meeting Minutes

Date: August 15, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Coral Gables- Police and Fire Building – 2151 Salzedo Street

Roll Call:

- Winnie Chang
- Cecilia Slesnick
- Sandy Dimitris
- Joshua Goodman
- Andy Gomez- sent email indicating he would not be present – he would be on vacation
- Mary Palacio
- Sharon Watson – had indicated she would be absent
- Sam Joseph – arrived a bit late

Guests:

- School Board Chair, Mari Tere Rojas – unable to attend due to other commitments
- Marlene Hernandez, School Board Chair Assistant
- Cristina Nevarez, Director of Education at Kristi House (invited by Sam)
- Ailette Rodriguez, MDCPS Governmental Affairs Liaison
- Miguel Vias, resident

Excused:

A. CALL TO ORDER

- *Motion to approve by Andy Gomez, seconded by Sam Joseph. All approved.*

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

All Board Members approved of July 18, 2025 minutes.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public Comments. Ms. Granell chose this time to make a brief introduction of her role within the city and as liaison for the SCRC board.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Items proffered by Chair Rojas:

- B-2- Request Approval of Resolution No. 25-037 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Recognizing Mr. Willaim J. Montford III, former Florida State Senator and Current Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS).
- H-6- School Board Endorsement and Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools from September 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025. This is an item Chair Rojas brings yearly.
- H-7- Miami-Dade County School Board Endorsement and Celebration of October 2025 as National Principals Month.
- H-8- School Board Endorsement of “Ethical Governance Day 2025” in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) on October 16, 2025, sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust.
- H-9- School Board Endorsement of the Month of September 2025 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

F. OLD BUSINESS

G. ONGOING BUSINESS

G-1 Discussion regarding the Education Compact.

- Further edits were made to the Education Compact

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony Ulivarri, Assistant Superintendent of Inter-Governmental Affairs Former Principal at Coral Gables High School joined via Zoom.

- There are several bus depots throughout the County: North to South.
- Regarding electric buses, however, uncertain how they are distributed.
- A proposal has been submitted; ultimately it will be reviewed by their board.
- Details associated with the 2-mile radius to school are delineated in the Florida Statute 1011.68.
- Another municipality has brought up a similar concern, lobbying will be done to try to amend and reduce the 2-mile radius to 1.5 miles. A transportation survey has been conducted this will provide transportation

to approximately 17,000 students in the district and will allow an increase in the number of buses. Looking into increasing bus drivers.

Chair Chang mentioned that it would be a good idea to introduce electric buses.

Vice Chairperson, Slesnick inquired if it is historically known what the number of students using the bus transportation.

Mr. Ulivarri, the number is captured, however, will inquire transportation service for details on these numbers for the next meeting.

Board Member inquired if there is knowledge of the number of electric buses in existence and additional buses will be added.

Mr. Ulivarri, with recent significant cuts at the Federal level that have greatly impacted this program.

Facilities Expert was invited to meeting and is participating via Zoom- Ivan Rodriguez; Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide updates on impact fees:

- \$22 to \$27 million dollars have been collected annually from 2020 thru 2024. Also collected from various Coral Gables projects have been collected \$2 million and the expenditure has been approximately \$1.3 million dollars. Additional comments were mentioned.

Further discussions were finalized as to the Education Compact's priorities with liaison, Granell. In essence the top three priorities are:

- Educational Excellence.
- Faculty staff retention/recruitment.
- Classroom program enrichment.
- Healthy Kids.
- Promoting Schools.
- Mobility.
- Safety

Another important aspect is to consider and highlight children with disabilities.

Next meeting will be on September 19, 2025

Adjourn at 10:40 am