



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Facility Development & Programming Services

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Construction Advisory Committee | MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 – 4:30 PM
BOARD ROOM - LCPEC

Attendees

Art Castellanos	Ryan Richards, Chair
Blanca Edwards	Robert Taylor
John Huether	Rochelle Thimlar
Jack McStravic	Darren Watkins, Vice Chair
Tania Prophet	Scott Wolf

Absent

Jacqueline Brown
Anthony Cherubin
Glenn Harris
Curtis Sheard

LCPEC Staff

Scott Reichenbacher, Staff
Liaison & Senior Prog. Mgr.
Melisa Giovannelli, Board
Member Liaison

Visitors

None

Recording Secretary

Pat Johnson

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome

Mr. Ryan Richards, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and called for introductions around the room.

Summary of Board Advisory Committee Training

Tabled – waiting for a conference call from Board Attorney, Mr. Saunders.

Public Comment

No guests in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Richards called for a vote to approve the May 1, 2019 minutes. **Motion** was made by Mr. Watkins and **Seconded** by Ms. Prophet. **Carried 9-0** (one member arrived late).

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Richards opened the floor for nominations for a CAC Chair. Ms. Prophet nominated Mr. Richards and he accepted. With no other nominations, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Watkins to nominate Mr. Richards and **Seconded** by Mr. McStravic. **Carried 9-0**. (One member was late in arriving)

Mr. Richards opened the floor for nominations for a CAC Vice Chair. Mr. Richards nominated Mr. Watkins and he accepted. With no other nominations, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Richards to nominate Mr. Watkins and **Seconded** by Mr. Wolf. **Carried 9-0**. (One member was late in arriving)

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Board Member Update – Mrs. Melisa Giovannelli

Mrs. Melisa Giovannelli stated that she was happy to be on the Construction Advisory Committee as the Board Liaison. She directed everyone's attention to the BSSW letter that was included in the packet and recommended discussion at the next meeting on October 2, 2019.

Election of Committee Meeting Dates/Times

After discussion, the Construction Advisory Committee will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. except for January. That meeting will be held on January 15th, due to winter break. **Motion** made by Mr. McStravic and **Seconded** by Mr. Taylor. **Carried** 9-0. (One member was late in arriving)

Summary of Board Advisory Committee Training

Mr. Saunders, Board Attorney, apologized for not being able to attend the meeting on a conference call to the members. He went over all the following items in detail. The members were given handouts to follow along. He stopped periodically for questions and answers.

1. Organization of Advisory Committee Meetings
2. Ethic/Conflicts of Interest
3. Open Meeting/Sunshine Law – Fla Stat. 286.01
4. Public Records
5. Robert's Rules of Order

Public Comment Format

After discussion, it was agreed by the membership that the format will remain the same as it was in 2018-19. Public comment will continue to be at the beginning of the meeting. **Motion** was made by Mr. McStravic and **Seconded** by Ms. Prophet. **Carried** 10-0.

Facilities Update – Scott Reichenbacher

East Zone Middle School – “MM”

- Architect/Engineer (A/E) plans and specifications are 60% complete and being reviewed by Maintenance staff for their approval.
- Construction cost **estimates** at 60% completion:
 - A/E - \$47.7M
 - CM - \$52.1M
- All permitting submitted for review by local agencies
- In the process of removing and transplanting approximately 29 Gopher Tortoises at the cost of \$1,500.00 per turtle

East Zone High School “MMM”

- Silt fence staked out
- Clearing began on September 1, 2019
- Construction field office trailer to be moved on site
- Completion date will be May 1, 2021
- Staging for MMM 9th grade, will be in portables behind Lehigh Sr. High School for August 2020 school year

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South Zone Prototype Schools – Elementary “K” & Middle “NN”

- RFQ process status:
 - Architectural ranking was Board approved on 9-10-19
 - Construction Manager ranking is scheduled for approval at the 10-7-19 Board meeting
 - Building Official Ranking is scheduled for approval at the 10-22-19 Board meeting

Questions and Answers:

- 1) Who is the CM for MMM? **Suffolk Construction**
- 2) When is ground breaking for MMM? **Early November**
- 3) Is there any information regarding the Cypress Lake Middle and Franklin Park Elementary demo? **DOE State representatives walked both sites with Ms. Ebaugh and Dominic Gemelli on 9-17-19**

Note from the Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chair

Mr. Watkins asked the membership to bring ideas to the next meeting of topics that could be discussed at future meetings.

Good of the Order

- 1) Darren Watkins gave an update on the FFA program. He is proud to say that he has been affiliated with FFA in Alva with a few community members, by building a barn and starting agriculture programs at the middle school last year. Now that his son attends Riverdale High school, they re-established the FFA program there by getting community support and sponsorships and bringing it back to the way it was 15 years ago.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Wolf to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. and **Seconded** by Mr. McStravic. **Carried 10-0**

NEXT MEETING: October 2, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. – Room 01-0202

BOARD MEMBERS GWYNETTA S. GITTENS, Chair, District 5 | CHRIS N. PATRICCA, Vice Chair, District 3 | MARY FISCHER, District 1 MELISA W. GIOVANNELLI, District 2 | DEBBIE JORDAN, District 4 | BETSY VAUGHN, District 6 | CATHLEEN O'DANIEL MORGAN, District 7
GREGORY K. ADKINS, Ed.D., Superintendent | ALAN L. GABRIEL, ESQ., Board Attorney