

## **ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITY COMMISSION**

**NAME OF BOARD:** Education Advisory Board (2024-2025)

**CHAIR:** Mrs. Danielle Spradley

**VICE CHAIR:** Mrs. Natolyn Jones-Ferguson

**REPORTING TERM:** June 2024 – May 2025

**DATE SUBMITTED:** June 4, 2025

### **33.503 ANNUAL REVIEW**

On or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the respective Advisory Board or Committee shall forward to the City Commission a summary of the Advisory Board's or Committee's accomplishments during the prior year, along with any recommendations or suggestions to the City Commission regarding any improvements to City operations, ordinances, or policies, they see fit to transmit based on their work and observations over that year.

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#### **I. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE REPORTING TERM:**

- Discussed relevant proposed legislation in Florida Legislature impacting students at various meetings.
- Scheduled and attended presentation of Sunshine Law refresher by City Attorney's Office.
- Board members continue to work with their assigned schools located with the City of Pembroke Pines where they have made contact with principals and staff to open a line of communication for needs within the schools that the board or City may be able to assist with.
- Armando Arana, Coordinator, Governmental Affairs, Legislative Affairs and Community Relations, Broward County Public Schools attended several meetings to provide updates as to what is going on at the Broward County School Board.
- Members attended the Read for the Record Day in October 2024 at Pembroke Pines Schools.
- Hosted 24 high school students, all Juniors, for the Student Ambassador Day in February. Students were introduced to the City Mayor, Manager and Department heads as they were escorted throughout City Hall, learning about government and city operations. They also toured the Pembroke Pines Police Headquarters and the Pembroke Pines Fire Department. They concluded their day with a tour of the Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point facilities and a dinner provided by the Focal Point staff; ending their evening being recognized by the Mayor at the City Commission meeting.

- Attended county meetings concerning the district's plans for redefining use of school resources, particularly schools that are under enrolled and how to best utilize those schools.
- Members attended the STEM Festival at North Perry Airport in November 2024.
- At all meetings, members reviewed, discussed and approved minutes e-mailed to Board Members.

**II. SUPPORTING OR BACKUP DATA, MATERIAL OR OTHER CLARIFYING DOCUMENTS, IF APPLICABLE.**

Attendance Record for the Board is attached.

**III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

- Members commend Dr. Maraj for her investment and dedication in serving as Liaison to the Education Advisory Board.
- Members appreciate the staff of Carl Shechter SW Focal Point for their continued support to host meetings in their facility.
- Members thank the City Commission and City Manager for their continued support.

**IV. Statement regarding meeting date at which report was approved by Board or Committee for presentation to the City Commission.**

The final version was approved at the April 22, 2025 meeting, for presentation to the City Commission on June 4, 2025.

Danielle Spradley  
Chair

Education Advisory Board  
Attendance Record  
August 2024- April 2025

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