

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting

In attendance: Chair Jena Rae McClure, Helen Cohen, Robert Fleischer, Kirk Englehardt, Ellen Kay, Chun Majahan, Richard Quiroga, Howie Sorkin
Guests: Josh Giancarlo (Commission Candidate), Commissioner Jamie Curran
Tina Hudson

Absent: Vice-Chair Melissa Megna,

Meeting called to order at 6:19 pm by Jena.

The minutes from the meeting of 7/9/20 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes from that meeting was made by Kirk and seconded by Howie. Motion was passed.

Josh Giancarlo had an opportunity to speak to the Board. He offered to assist any way he could.

Jena spoke about the new Principals in the Cooper City Schools. There are new principals at Pioneer and at Cooper City High. Jena was able to sit on the initial panel but was not able to sit on the second panel during the selection process. The second panel to select principals are usually limited to fifteen people or less. No one from eye EAB sat on the second panel. There was also a community panel that had 100 spaces. That panel filled up really quickly.

Originally, our meet the candidate night was scheduled for September 15. We needed to move it to the 17th of September due to a conflict of schedule. Helen made a motion that we move the Meet the Candidates night to September 17. Ellen seconded. All candidates except Amy Ross (seven out of eight) will be available on September 17. The motion was voted on and passed. We discussed holding the event via Zoom or in the auditorium. Most of the board recommended doing the event via Zoom. We may be able to tape the meeting and post later but the tape must meet ADA standards. Chun suggested that when we write the motion that we state our preference for Zoom in case the city manager needs to override our preference.

Chun made the following motion:

In the interest of a publicly accessible event that prioritizes the safety of our residents and candidates alike, while providing equity in this experience, I would like to make the comprehensive motion to:

- host our Meet the Candidates for the Cooper City Commission Night (September 17th, 2020) and the Meet the Candidates for the Broward County School Board Night (September 29th, 2020) on the Zoom platform;
- have our candidates unmasked and in the safety of their own homes;

- have only the videos and audios of candidates and the moderator enabled while disabling those of any other attendees;
- have the option to make this event accessible to the general public during and after the event with the EAB covering any related costs for closed captioning; and
- have the option to make this event accessible to all members of our community in real-time, via live stream, in the case we are unable to record and close caption the event.

We would like to take these steps in order to continue our mission to educate and inform our community while meeting the demands of hosting a successful event during a pandemic.

The motion was seconded by Helen. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

Monica Elliot, The president of the League of Women Voters, will be present for the event on the 17th.

From Tina:

We can advertise the event by posting on the marquis, we can share any flyers, we can use social media platforms. We don't have time to share in printed media. We will also announce at the commission meeting. Tina will ask if it can go out in the utility bill. Members of the EAB need to post on social media as well. All Cooper City boards will be asked to share. Homeowners association's will also be notified. We can post a flyer in Publix, Walmart etc.

We discussed a suggested agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduce Moderator
4. League of Women's Voters Presentation
5. Moderator begins questioning candidates

We have eight candidates.

We will allow one minute each for introductions

We will allow one minute and thirty seconds to answer each question.

All candidates will have the opportunity to answer the same question. We will rotate through the candidates, so each candidate has an opportunity to be the first candidate to answer a question.

The board was concerned that if questions were brought to the meeting the questions would need to be recorded in the minutes. Since we want the questions to be "new" to the candidates we would not discuss the actual questions.

The members discussed the themes they would like to focus on including and not limited to the Candidates' perspectives on tangible issues within and experienced by the community, as well as their background or history that contributes to said views.

Action item: Submit questions for Candidates to Jena by August 2. These can be from members of the EAB, community members, and children of residents.

We discussed how candidates could become candidates in Cooper City . They do have to fill out a form to qualify to run. They do not have to go through a background check to become a candidate.

The next Cooper City commission meeting is September 17, 2020. The next school board meeting is September 29, 2020.

Commissioner Curran feels that the Sheriff position should be represented in our meet the candidates night.

Helen made a motion to invite the Sheriff candidates to our September 29 meeting. Howie seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. The candidates for sheriff will have three minutes each to introduce themselves and talk about their platform.

Action item: Jena will invite the Sheriff's candidates to the September 29 meeting.

Jena moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Chun seconded the motion. Motion voted on and passed.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at Cooper City Hall or virtually at 6:15 pm.

The foregoing minutes were respectfully submitted by Secretary Ellen Kay and approved by Chairperson _____ on date ____/____/_____