

MINUTES

Committee Members in attendance: Brandy Bowman, Carol Steen, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Leslie Anderson, Linda McDaniel, Martin Moore, Philip Belcher, Wendy Wieber, Mark Taft, Rich Johnston, Mistie Reising-Cogbill (virtual), Al Whitesides

Absent: Kit Cramer, Susan Mims, Marsha Davis

County staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, Sara Joss, Angelica Tyler, Angelyn Johnson, Michael Frue

Welcome and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara.

Minutes

Philip Belcher made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7. Martin Moore seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- There was no old business

New Business

- Conflict of interest disclosure
 - Committee members will inform staff of any conflicts of interest via email or the electronic form provided.
- Questions for applicants
 - The deadline for committee members to submit follow-up questions for applicants is 8:00 am on March 13th
- Kindergarten Readiness Data Follow-Up
 - The committee would like to see data disaggregated by race, as well as economic disparities of familial units.
 - Suggestion to track unused capacity (slots or classroom enrollment) due to staffing shortages to help determine viable projects/funding recommendations
 - Commissioners are prioritizing the inclusion of early childhood education/childcare spaces in mixed use affordable housing developments in the hopes of increasing classrooms and slots in the county.
 - Committee members proposed including infant and toddler childcare in this conversation.
 - Recommendation that all education systems use the same kindergarten readiness tool, including public, charter, and private schools.
 - Committee members would like to see a roadmap for year-over-year expectations for schools to help implement necessary systemic changes (e.g. 1 year plan, 3 year plan, 5 year plan, etc.).
 - Staff provided information on the Reparations Commission and the opportunity for committee members to participate in those conversations and lend additional voices to the education focus area of this work.
- Recommendations for workforce development
 - Commissioner Beach-Ferrara would like to see this committee take action steps for recommendations towards building B-K licensure opportunities in this area.
 - Follow-up steps: The committee should come to the April 4th meeting with specific proposed action items for prioritizing workforce development.

- Timeline reminder:
 - 3/13 at 8:00 am – deadline for committee member to submit questions for applicants
 - 3/20 at 5:00 pm – deadline for applicants to submit responses to committee questions
 - 4/3 at 8:00 am – deadline for committee members to submit final scores for applications
 - 4/4 at 12:30 pm – Committee meeting
 - 4/18 at 12:30 pm – Committee meeting
 - 4/25 at 12:30 pm – Committee meeting (if needed)
 - 4/28 – Grant recommendations due to County Budget Office

Announcements

- There were no announcements.

Public Comment

- Pepi Acebo participated in public comment.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is April 4, 2023 from 12:30-2:30pm in the Ground Floor Conference Room at 200 College St.