

City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee Minutes

March 24, 2025

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Meeting held virtually:

Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7R7QQ5B5TJCY4P65WQ03dQ

Roll Call: Committee members

In attendance

Nicholas Misukanis (Ward 2) – Chair

Lisvette Garcia (Ward 1) – Record Keeper

Michael Angeloni (Ward 5)

Cynthia Totten (Ward 4)

Vallorie Watson (Ward 1)

Mercy Ogutu (Ward 3)

Jacquelyn Smith (Ward 1)

Attending Council Liaison

Emily Strab (Ward 2) – Joined until 7:00 PM

City of Hyattsville:

Jazmin Shorts (Community Services Manager) – Present

Meeting called to order at 6:39 PM.

- Approve February/Special March Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Nicholas, seconded by Michael. All in favor.

Discussion:

- Updates on the Education Enrichment Grant? Any further action required?

- Council approved. Jazmin reached out to recipients and they will pick up checks on Friday, March 28.

- Begin laying out timeline for Backpack Drive

- The Masons from Prince Hall & Crop Hunger Walk are interested in assisting with the backpack drive
 - Jazmin said they reached out to get involved.

- Organize Grant Applications to City:

- Meeting with Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)/Principal's Luncheon - Spring/Fall
 - Emily shared that she met with YAC, they brought in questions for an agenda and provided possible dates in April and May:
 - Friday, April 4th at 1:30 pm
 - Friday, April 18th at 12:00pm

- Friday, May 16th at 1:30 pm
 - Most committee members are available on May 16 for a luncheon with the YAC.
 - Jazmin will confirm room is available and book. During next meeting in person on April 28 we will finalize questions for luncheon and catering.
- **College Fair/Trade Fair – Discussions around Dual Enrollment and bringing awareness to this possibility – May/April**
 - Jacquelyn started reaching out to contacts, had question to committee regarding target audience since that could inform what other types of organizations could participate.
 - Mercy connected with dual enrollment contact and shared their availability and venue availability.
 - Jazmin proposed reaching out to local schools to see if they're already hosting a college/career fair so we do not duplicate efforts.
 - Nick asked committee members if we should move event to fall and coordinate further with YAC.
 - Mercy will reach out to dual enrollment contact to confirm fall availability.
 - Committee members agreed to move event to fall, possible around September.
- **Backpack Drive/Uniform Drive/Vaccine Drive – Saturday, August 9th**
 - Nick posed the question on whether we want to add uniform and vaccine components to Backpack Drive.
 - Jazmin shared that the City has partnered with Luminis Health in the past to provide health clinics and she can start a connection.
 - Jacquelyn shared she could also connect with Mary's Center to see what type of services they could provide and whether they would be free or charged to participants' insurance.
 - Committee agreed to keep focused on backpack and vaccine and consider adding a uniform component in the future.
 - Start planning during next meeting on April 28.

Next meeting – April 28, 6:30 – *In person*

Other business?

- None

Public comment?

- No comments from member of the public in attendance.

Move to adjourn?

- Motioned by Michael, seconded by Vallorie. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.