

Town of Miami Lakes  
Education Advisory Board Minutes  
July 29, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 P.M. by Hector Abad, EAB Chair.

**Members Present:** Hector Abad, Daylin Garcia, Emily Garcia, Mario Pinera, Jessica Mendoza, and Kevin Macki. Also present is our Committee Liaison Ms. Clarisell De Cardenas, TOML Community Engagement and Outreach Director.

**Absent:** Jacqueline Vaquer

**Order of Business:**

Committee Member Daylin Garcia motioned to add the Mayor's Back-to-School event as Item 6B. Committee Vice Chair Kevin Macki seconded the motion, every member in attendance voted in favor.

**Public Comments:**

Committee Member Mario Pinera motioned to reopen Public Comments. Committee Member Daylin Garcia seconded the motion, every member in attendance voted in favor.

School of Advanced Studies (SAS) student Alexa Darnaby sent a video describing her "Conflict Management via Shakespeare and Chess" program.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:**

Committee Member Mario Pinera motioned to approve the May 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Committee Member Jessica Mendoza seconded the motion, every member in attendance voted in favor.

### **New Business:**

**6A:** Committee Member Jessica Mendoza excused herself from the voting of the Graham Company Scholarship, while the remainder of the committee members voted and chose the two winners.

The two winners of the Graham Company Scholarship were Javier Pedraza-Mena and Kaylee Mendoza.

**6B:** Committee Member Daylin Garcia explained that the Mayor's Back-to-School event will be a drive thru event, where they will be giving free backpacks, school supplies, and more. It will be held in Town Hall on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents will be able to sign up through Eventbrite and will have the supplies placed in the trunks of their cars.

The EAB was asked to cohost the event, volunteer, and pass out brochures from the Imagination Library or pass out pamphlets/resources that promotes education.

Committee Member Mario Pinera motioned to approve the EAB cohosting the Mayor's Back-to-School event with Giving Gators and the Mayor's office. Committee Secretary Emily Garcia seconded the motion, every member in attendance voted in favor.

**6C:** Committee Chair Hector Abad motioned to discuss and add Alexa's "Conflict Management via Shakespeare and Chess" program as Item 6C. Committee Member Jessica Mendoza seconded the motion, every member in attendance voted in favor.

Committee Member Mario Pinera motioned to support the "Conflict Management via Shakespeare and Chess" program. Committee Member Daylin Garcia seconded the motion, every member in attendance voted in favor.

### **Adjournment:**

Committee Liaison Ms. Clarisell De Cardenas asked to recruit one of the EAB's members to be a part of Councilman Luis Collazo's Mental Health Task Force. Committee Chair Hector Abad volunteered to be a part of it.

The committee's next meeting will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Member Mario Pinera motioned to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Daylin Garcia seconded the motion, every member in attendance voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 P.M.