



**School Board of Broward County  
Disparity Study Work Group  
Minutes of Friday, May 13, 2016 Meeting**

**Call to Order**

The SBBC Disparity Study Work Group (Work Group) was called to order at 9:11 a.m. at the TSSC Annex Bank Lobby at 7770 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise, Florida, Brian Johnson, Chair, presiding.

**Roll Call**

Present: Sam Bays, Lavinia Freeman, Ayisha Gordon (arrived late), Brian Johnson, Winie Morris for Nell Johnson, Dodie Keith-Lazowick, Chelsea Jones Finley for Beatrice Louissaint, Christopher Atkinson for Sandy McDonald, Shelley Meloni, Alicia Mercado for Mary Coker, Ruth Mirailh for Mark Modas, Colleen Robbs, Dale Schmidt, Carla Maldonado for Bob Swindell, and Robert Vignola. Mary Coker arrived late, and Franklin Lee, Esq. participated via phone.

Absent: Leo Bobadilla, Kareen Boutros, Carol Bowen, Dexter Bridgeman, Dustin DuBois, Marsha Ellison, Aston Henry, Tony Hunter, Vanessa Lauchaire, Patrick Reilly, Omar Shim, Dr. Germaine Smith-Baugh, Dr. Carolyn Stewart, and Peter Webley.

Guests: Tim Bass of United Reporting, Paul Curtis of Curtoom, Danielle Mamede of SBBC, and Antonio Souza of SBBC.

**Agenda Adoption**

The agenda was not adopted due to the lack of a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes, April 22, 2016 and April 29, 2016**

The Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2016 and April 29, 2016 were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

**Prioritization of Disparity Study Policy Option Matrix – Professional Services, Commodities, and Contractual Services**

Using the draft *Policy Option Matrix for Professional Services, Commodities, and Contractual Services*, Consultant Franklin Lee, Esq. covered each draft Policy Option for Professional Services, Commodities, and Contractual Services, fielding questions and noting modifications for each category.

The Work Group did not rank the Policy Options due to the lack of a quorum. Mr. Lee stated that once the priorities are scoped out, and where consensus or clarity was added, he will edit the policy option matrix. It will then be put in final form, and as edited, will be distributed to the Work Group and ultimately to the Superintendent and the School Board.

**Report of BCPS Piggy-backing and Group Purchasing Organizations**

Mary Coker, Director of BCPS Procurement & Warehousing Services, discussed the current list of piggybacks. The list consisted of current contracts and included the following: facilities maintenance, lighting products, industrial supplies and tools, bottled water related services, propane gas, school buses, rental of vehicles, floor coverings, cab and chassis, fleet equipment, playground equipment, petroleum tanks, environmental service, automotive superstore

trailers, vehicles, counseling services, internet advertisement and web development. The list of piggybacks did not include expired contracts.

Chair Johnson expressed concern that if the SMART bond projects require the purchase of goods and services that currently are piggybacks, it would be problematic in reaching the goal of creating more local options for purchasing. Ms. Coker stated she was not aware if any of the current piggybacks were included in the anticipated purchases of the SMART Program. In addition, Sam Bays, Director of Physical Plant Operations, stated he did not think the piggybacks were as large a portion of the SMART work as contracting and professional services. As a next step, Sam suggested the District review the short list of commodities that are repeatedly coming up through the SMART projects and see where they intersect with the list of piggyback vendors.

After discussion of piggybacks, Ms. Coker shared information regarding Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs) and Co-ops. She stated there are Co-ops that M/WBEs can join at no cost and get the same pricing that the District would get from piggyback contracts. This is an option not widely known, and the information can be provided through outreach, mentorship and networking. This is a way to help increase M/WBE participation and also get the best price because pricing is scrutinized closely.

#### **Disparity Study Implementation Revised Timeline**

Ms. Robbs asked the Chair and Vice Chair to reach out to the members to emphasize the importance of their attendance to complete the Disparity Study Work Group process which will be impact the life bond work.

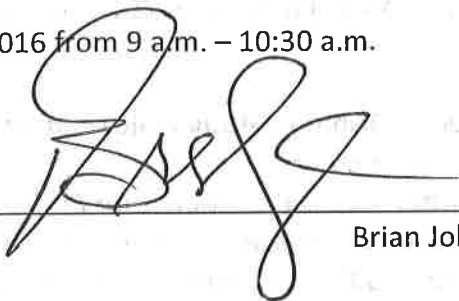
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#### **Future Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 16, 2016 from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.



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Brian Johnson, Chair

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

*Disparity Study Work Group Meeting Agenda – Thursday, June 9, 2016*