

Chair Jeffrey Means
Vice Chair Travis White
Member Jeremy Grimm
Member Lynn Hayes
Member Tanya Floyd

City Manager Mike DaRoza

The Education Task Force will conduct a
Regular Education Task Force Meeting
At 5:00 PM

to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: October 28, 2024

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers
15100 NW 142 Terrace
Alachua, FL 32615

Education Task Force Meeting

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

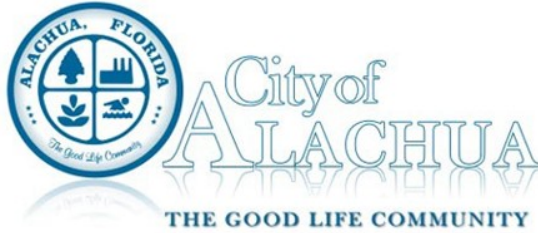
A) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

B) STAFF REPORT - OCTOBER 28, 2024

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

ADJOURN



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: October 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Approve Meeting Minutes

PREPARED BY: Diane Amendola

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve June 3, 2024, Educational Task Force Meeting Minutes.

Summary

Approval of the June 3, 2024, Education Task Force Meeting Minutes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ATTACHMENTS

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City of ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

Education Task Force Meeting Minutes June 3, 2024

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Citizens Present: Ross Woodbridge, Xaviera White, Mia Jones, Gib Coerper, Jennifer Ringersen

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EDUCATION TASK FORCE MEETING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Jeffrey Means, Chair

Jeremy Grimm, Member -Absent

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Travis White moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Tanya Floyd.

Passed by 4-0 roll call.

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. April 29, 2024, Education Task Force Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair White moved to approve the April 29, 2024 Education Task Force Meeting Minutes; seconded by Member Floyd.

Passed by 4-0 roll call.

- B. Staff Report - June 3, 2024

Received and filed.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Gib Coerper

Jennifer Ringersen

ADJOURN

Vice Chair White moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Floyd.

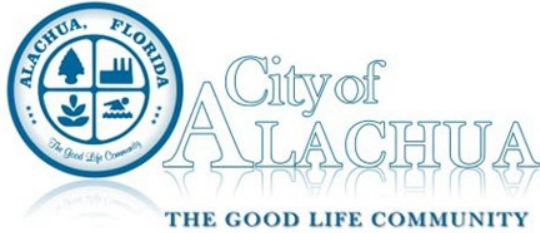
The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

EDUCATION TASK FORCE OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Presiding Officer

Staff Liaison



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: October 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Staff Report - October 28, 2024

PREPARED BY: David Wisener

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive Staff Report.

Summary

Staff has created a report to summarize relevant information and events that have transpired since the last regular meeting of the ETF.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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1. ETF Staff Report - October 28, 2024



City of Alachua

Education Task Force Staff Report

October 28, 2024

- **Strategic Plan updates**

- Initiative 1: Reestablish the City's Mentor Volunteer Program and include community business and nonprofit organizations.
 - Staff attended the Alachua Business League meeting on July 15 and advocated for partnerships from any who are willing to participate in mentorship programs associated with SBAC. The Chamber of Commerce also disseminated advertisements advocating mentor programs to its membership. This initiative is effectively complete other than ongoing advocacy.
- Initiative 2: Create a centralized website to provide information for all education resources available for parents, teachers, students and potential residents.
 - Staff received feedback from the community from its survey asking for input on what content to include on this website. The website framework has been completed, and it was launched in time for the new school year in August. This initiative is effectively complete other than ongoing advocacy.
- Initiative 3: Promote and advocate for home visitation programs for families of children aged 0 to 5.
 - The Parents as Teachers program is tracking home visiting enrollment by City of Alachua residents to establish a baseline. It also partnered with the NewboRN program starting on June 1 to familiarize families within Alachua with the Parents as Teachers program.
- Initiative 4: Work with the School Board of Alachua County and private childcare organizations to expand the number of Voluntary Prekindergarten classes in the community.
 - An additional VPK class has been funded at Irby Elementary and will be ready for the beginning of the school year. Contact will be made within the next two months with private childcare providers to inquire about the possibility of expanding capacity of their VPK offerings.
- Initiative 5: Identify sustainable funding sources from the private sector and / or State and Federal Government for subsidizing high-dose tutors and family liaisons.
 - No updates since last meeting.
- Initiative 6: Coordinate with the Alachua Chamber of Commerce and Optimal Station to provide book vending machines in community schools.

- Staff reached out to the principals of public elementary and middle schools in the City of Alachua via email on October 3 with information regarding Global Vending Group's offerings to gauge interest and explore fundraising options for locating vending machines in their schools. Staff will reach out once more because, as of October 22, staff has not yet received responses.

- **Children's Home Society of Florida Community Partnership School update**

- Staff met with CHS leadership in July to discuss continued interest in eventually advocating for an Alachua public school to become a Community Partner School. CHS leadership is intrigued at the coordination between the Mebane and Santa Fe High magnet programs as feeders to Santa Fe College and then potential work in the bio-life science sector. They are considering advocacy for an Alachua school after this upcoming school year.

- **Free public WiFi available in City neighborhood parks**

- The City has as of August 5 started offering free public WiFi in its neighborhood parks with the intent of providing internet access to residents who may not otherwise have it. WiFi will be available to the public during park hours, which are currently sunrise to sunset.