



**Chair Jeffrey Means**  
**Vice Chair Travis White**  
Member Lynn Hayes  
Member Ryan Reidway  
Member Dietra H. Sherman

City Manager Rodolfo Valladares

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

to address the item(s) below.

**Meeting Date:** February 2, 2026

**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.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Chair, through the City Clerk's office, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day prior to the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

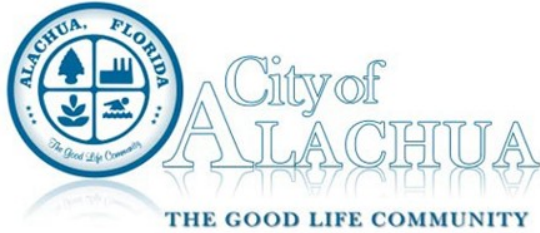
**A) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES, 12/1/2025**

**B) STAFF REPORT**

**III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**

**IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**ADJOURN**



## Commission Agenda Item

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**MEETING DATE:** February 2, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Approve Meeting Minutes, 12/1/2025

**PREPARED BY:** David Wisener

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Meeting Minutes, 12/1/2025

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### Summary

Approve Meeting Minutes, 12/1/2025

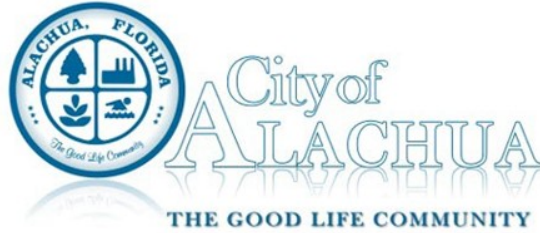
### FINANCIAL IMPACT

### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### COMMISSION GOALS

### ATTACHMENTS

1. 25.12.01.M.ETF



Regular Education Task Force Meeting Minutes  
December 1, 2025 at 5:00 PM

**Chair Jeffrey Means**  
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### CALL TO ORDER

Jeffrey Means, Chair

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Vice Chair Travis White moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Dietra H. Sherman.**

**Passed by unanimous consent, 4-0.**

### I. OLD BUSINESS

### II. NEW BUSINESS

- A) APPROVE THE EDUCATION TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 4, 2025.

**Vice Chair White moved to approve the August 4, 2025 minutes; seconded by Member Sherman.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

**B) CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY UPDATE**

Tiffany Martin, Regional Executive Director for the Children's Home Society of Florida, update on status of School Board of Alachua County's interest in Mebane

**C) STAFF REPORT - DECEMBER 2025**

David Wisener, Economic Development Manager, Staff Report - filed.

**D) SET ETF MEETING CALENDAR - 2026**

**Vice Chair White moved to set the ETF's 2026 meeting schedule to 2/2, 4/13, 6/1, 8/3, 10/5, and 12/7; seconded by Member Sherman.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

**III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**

**IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

James Lawrence, Gainesville for All  
Brandon Wilson, Crafty Gemini

**ADJOURN**

**Vice Chair White moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Sherman.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

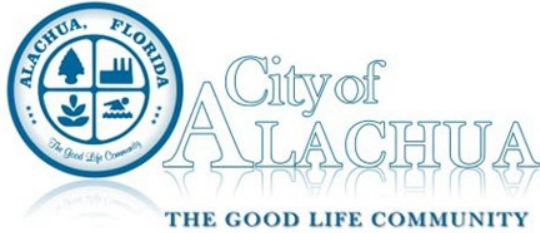
The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
ALACHUA, FLORIDA:**

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Presiding Officer

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Staff Liaison



## Board Agenda Item

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**MEETING DATE:** February 2, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Staff Report

**PREPARED BY:** David Wisener

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive report.

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### Summary

Staff report for February 2, 2026 as prepared by Staff Liaison David Wisener.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ATTACHMENTS

1. ETF Staff Report - February 2, 2026



# City of Alachua

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## Education Task Force Staff Report

February 2, 2026

- **Update on Book Vending Machine funding**
  - The Alachua Chamber of Commerce did not award grant funding to purchase book vending machines for Irby and Alachua Elementary Schools, but did offer to fund the purchase of books for the machines if other funding can be found to acquire the machines (perhaps through local businesses or fundraisers).
- **Strategic Plan Milestones**
  - Initiative 1: Promote and advocate for home visitation programs for families of children aged 0 to 5
    - Champion: Ryan Reidway
    - Updates:
      - Coordinate community event with Children’s Trust, Partnership for Strong Families, Parents as Teachers 9/25
        - Working to coordinate
  - Initiative 2: Coordinate with Children’s Home Society and SBAC to establish Community Partnership School at Mebane or Alachua Elementary
    - Champion: David Wisener
    - Updates:
      - Met with Alachua County Children’s Trust in December, it has potential interest in helping to fund CHS School Navigators but wants to see whether the ETF / City will contribute any funding (through either budget or in-kind sources).
  - Initiative 3: Coordinate with Special Olympics to work toward local schools becoming Unified Champion Schools
    - Champion: Travis White
    - Updates:
  - Initiative 4: Coordinate with local businesses to create opportunities to recognize children’s achievements and successes
    - Champion: Lynn Hayes
    - Updates:
      - Outreach to select local businesses needed
  - Initiative 5: Create an advertising / information sharing strategy to better promote available resources to parents, teachers, and students
    - Champion: Jeff Means
    - Updates:
      - Crafty Gemini offered assistance with marketing

- Initiative 6: Identify sustainable funding sources from the private sector and / or State and Federal Government levels for subsidizing preschool programs for all children in economic need within the City
  - Champion: Dietra Sherman
  - Updates:
    - Other potential sources of funding as shared by Chair Means from SBAC community meeting:
      - Center for Non-Profit Excellence
      - VP of Student Affairs at Santa Fe College
      - Peak Literacy
    - As suggested by Member Sherman:
      - Local businesses / organizations
      - Existing VPK centers