

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

6:30 PM

Wellington Community Center

Public Safety and Education Committee Joint Meeting

I Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the chair of the Public Safety Committee, Michael Weil

II Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

III Roll Call

John Webber called the role for the Education Committee.

Education Committee members present were John Webber, Shelly Albright, Donna Baxter, Jana Bolinder, Jennifer Rodriguez, and Marcia Hayden. Beth Gillespie received permission to participate virtually.

Michael Weil called the role for the Public Safety Committee.

Public Safety Committee members present were Michael Weil, Brad Johnson, Jacqueline Hutman, Michael Arena, and John Archambo. Member Mohammad Junaid Akther was absent.

Also present were Committee liaisons Nicole Coates and Paulette Edwards, and staff members Jim Barnes, Village Manager; Ed De La Vega, Assistant Village Manager; Gloria Kelly and Ian Williams.

IV Opening Comments

John Webber and Michael Weil discussed what brought the joint meetings to fruition and welcomed everyone in attendance.

V Approval of Agenda

Richard Christmas made a motion to approve the April 27, 2022 agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jacqueline Hutman. Motion carried unanimously 11-0. Mohammed Junaid Akther was absent.

VI Staff Report

a [PSC-187](#) EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

PBC School District Superintendent Michael Burke discussed the recent hire of Sarah Mooney as Chief of School Police and stated that Ms. Mooney would officially assume the position on May 4, 2022. He further stated that the School District did have a need to recruit additional school officers as they were short 70 at this time. The preference was to have a total of 350 officers.

School Board Member Marcia Andrews thanked both the Education Committee and the Public Safety Committee for the impact that they both had on education and community safety.

- b [PSC-182](#) UPDATES FROM VALERIE ZULOAGA-HAINES, CENTRAL REGION SUPERINTENDENT
- Ms. Haines provided highlights from each Wellington area school throughout the school year along with elementary school FY22 diagnostic data.
- Ms. Whetsell provided highlights from each Wellington area secondary school throughout the school year along with secondary school FY22 diagnostic data.
- Ms. Haines also reported that New Horizons would host the elementary summer school and Wellington High School would host the high school summer school.
- c [PSC-188](#) SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF INTRODUCTION
- School District Police representative thanked the Village for their continued partnership.
- d [PSC-186](#) PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES
- Ms. Coates provided a staff report that included information related to an upcoming hurricane preparedness seminar scheduled for June 1, 2022.
- e [PSC-185](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT
- Lt. Shaivitz provided an update regarding golf carts and reported that PBSO had received a \$75,000 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") for Driving Under the Influence ("DUI") enforcement.
- f [PSC-184](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT
- District Chief Phillip Olavarria provided response time data, noting that the most frequently received calls were sick and falls with injuries. He also discussed a recent fire on Paddock Drive.

VII Presentations

- a [PSC-190](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COALITION PRESENTATION
- Ms. Alexa Lee stated that the Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition strived to create and facilitate an environmental shift where children learned skills to help them successfully address adverse experiences, shed the stigma of mental health issues and grow up drug and alcohol free.
- b [PSC-189](#) SAFETY COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY PRESENTATION
- Mr. James Choban provided a presentation on Distracted Driving as April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

VIII New Business

a [PSC-191](#) SELECTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Ms. Coates recognized the winners of the Essay Contest.

Elementary School Level: Mia Matthews, Liliana Blanco, Gavin McBriar, and Aayush Patel

Middle School Level: Ava Rose McBriar

High School Level: Jacob Brett Schecter, Kayla Cho, and Isabella Veillard

IX Public Comments

There were no public comments.

X Closing Comments

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee would take place on Wednesday, June 22nd beginning at 6:30PM in the Village Hall Council Chambers

The next meeting of the Education Committee would take place on Tuesday, August 2nd beginning at 6:30PM in the Grande Ballroom in the Wellington Community Center.

XI Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm