

City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee Minutes

April 28, 2025

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Meeting held in person:

City of Hyattsville – 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781

Roll Call: Committee members

Nicholas Misukanis (Ward 2) – Chair – Present
Lisvette Garcia (Ward 1) - Record Keeper – Present
Michael Angeloni (Ward 5) – Present
Cynthia Totten (Ward 4) – Present
Vallorie Watson (Ward 1) – Present
Mercy Ogutu (Ward 3) – Present
Jacquelyn Smith (Ward 1) – Absent

Attending Council Liaison

Emily Strab (Ward 2) – Present

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Jazmin Shorts (Community Services Manager) – Present

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

-Approve April 28 Meeting Agenda

- Motion to approve by Nicholas, seconded by Michael. All in favor.

- Approve March 24 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Cynthia, seconded by Michael. All in favor.

- Draft Equity Plan Presentation

- Daniel Amador, Co-Chair of the Hyattsville Race and Equity Taskforce, presented the [Draft Equity Plan](#) which includes recommendations to advance equity in the City in several areas including administration, public services, and community development to increase community inclusion. The plan will be presented to City Council in June for approval.
- Committee members asked questions and provided feedback on the Community Engagement and the Jobs & Economic Prosperity sections of the draft plan.

Discussion:

- Updates on the Backpack Drive

- As a result of recent budget cuts, the Backpack Drive will not be funded due to financial and capacity constraints.

- Committee members discussed ideas to continue with this signature initiative including:
 - Requesting donations, engaging more volunteers and distributing supplies directly to elementary school(s) based on event attendance data from last year.
 - Partner with Senator Alonzo T. Washington on his school supply giveaway efforts.
 - Hosting several distribution dates at the Hyattsville Library, limit registration so that it does not exceed Library capacity.
 - Reaching out to schools to help identify families who most need the resources.
- Committee members agreed on the first option of requesting donations, engaging more volunteers and distributing supplies directly to elementary school(s) based on event attendance data from last year.
- By next meeting in June, Committee members will have a template email to request donations and will start outlining the outreach plan.

- Meeting with the Youth Advisory Committee

- Luncheon with Youth Advisory Council (YAC) scheduled for Friday, May 16 at 1:30pm.
- Committee members agreed on getting a catering from Between the Bread Cafe.
- Available to attend: Cynthia, Mercy, Nicholas, Vallorie, Councilmember Strab, Jazmin. Tentative: Lisvette.
- Councilmember Strab sent questions from YAC to be discussed during luncheon.
- Lisvette will develop slides to project during the luncheon.
- Cynthia will bring flowers and Councilmember Strab will bring the vases.
- Jazmin will request tables and seating arrangements and will check on availability of tablecloths.

Next meeting – June 23, 2025 – Virtually, over Zoom

Other business?

- Councilmember Strab shared that for fiscal year 2026, there will not be funding for hosting two luncheons.

Public comment?

- None

Move to adjourn?

- Motioned by Michael, seconded by Cynthia. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.