

**City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**April 20, 2026**  
**6:30 PM – 7:30PM**

Meeting location: virtually

Zoom: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oZwiFuH6TA-zQpVYG6MfpQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oZwiFuH6TA-zQpVYG6MfpQ)

Roll Call: Committee members

Michael Angeloni (Ward 5) – Chair – Present  
Lisvette García (Ward 1) – Record Keeper – Present  
Cynthia Totten (Ward 4) – Excused  
Vallorie Watson (Ward 1) – Present  
Mercy Ogutu (Ward 3) – Present  
Jacquelyn Smith (Ward 1) – Absent  
Danielle Sykes (Ward 5) – Present

Attending Council Liaison

Edouard Haba (Ward 4) – Absent

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Jazmin Shorts – Present

**Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:38pm.
- Welcome and introduction
  - Welcome to the newest member, Danielle Sykes.

**Approval items**

- April 20, 2026 meeting agenda
  - Motion by Michael to add agenda item for Smithsonian Youth Ambassadors Program, seconded by Vallorie, all in favor.
  - Motion by Michel to approve agenda, seconded by Danielle, all in favor.
- Approval of March 16, 2026 meeting minutes
  - Motion by Vallorie, seconded by Michael, all in favor.

**Updates:**

- 2026 backpack drive update
  - Amazon wish list
    - Lisvette will finalize this week and send to Jazmin.
  - Flyer
    - Jazmin will finalize flyer after Amazon wish list is done.

- Additional sources for outreach
  - Michael will reach out to Alonzo T. Washington for potential collaboration.
  - Jazmin will share the template letter and the list from last year to reach out.
- 2026 College/Trade fair
  - Danielle shared information about Montgomery County Public Schools college fair taking place this week.
  - Danielle to connect with Mercy and Jacqueline and potentially plan a college/trade for late summer or fall.
- Potential Immersion Program Cuts update
  - Michael will follow up with Pamela Boozer- Strother, PGCPs Board of Education, for discussion next month.
- Smithsonian Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP) – deadline Friday, April 24, 2026
  - Lisvette shared information about an opportunity for rising high school seniors interested in arts, sciences and humanities, deadline is April 24, 2026, and asked about distributing to Hyattsville students.
  - Michael will share with principals this week and share in the HOPE listserv.
  - Jazmin mentioned this will be great to share next year as she compiles information about scholarship opportunities since she manages the Higher Education Scholarship Program.

#### **Other Business?**

- Jazmin will send packet for Hyattsville Educational Path Scholarship Program by Friday, April 24.
- Committee members introduced themselves.
- Michael encouraged members to invite new members to join the Committee, Jazmin will verify if there is a limit on members.

#### **Public Comment**

- No public members in attendance.

#### **Next Meeting – In person on May 18**

- Jazmin will confirm room availability.

#### **Adjourn**

- Michael motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vallorie, all in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.