

**MINUTES**  
**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AUDIT AND BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**February 3, 2012**

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The School Board Audit and Budget Advisory Committee (the Committee) met on Friday, February 3, 2012 in the School Board Administration Building, Conference Room 916, at 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida to conduct a Special meeting.

**Members Present:**

**Voting:**

Mr. Jeffrey B. Shapiro, Esq., Chair  
Dr. Lawrence Feldman, School Board Vice Chair  
Mr. Thomas B. Davis, Esq.  
Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla  
Mr. Rayfield McGhee, Jr., Esq.  
Mr. Mayowa Odusanya, Esq.  
Mr. Jose I. Rasco, CPA  
Mr. Isaac Salver, CPA  
Mr. Frederick F. Thornburg, Esq.

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Roland Sanchez-Medina, Jr., Esq.

**Non-Voting:**

Dr. Richard H. Hinds, Associate Supt./CFO

**Call to Order**

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The Committee Chair Mr. Jeffrey Shapiro called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. and warmly welcomed everyone in attendance.

**1. Welcome, Introductions, and Moment of Reflection**

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Mr. Shapiro requested everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. The following persons were present:

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, School Board Chair	Mr. Edgardo L. Reyes, Executive Director
Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools	Ms. Rosy Ugalde, Executive Director
Mr. Walter J. Harvey, Esq., School Board Attorney	Mr. Luis Baluja, Supervisor
Mr. Jose F. Montes de Oca, Chief Auditor	Ms. Ana Rodriguez, Staff Specialist
Mr. Luis M. Garcia, Deputy Asst. School Board Atty	Mr. Jerold Blumstein, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent	Ms. Ana Lara, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Helen Blanch, Assistant Superintendent	Ms. Suzanne Matthews, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Asst. Superintendent	Ms. Dalia Rosales, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Silvia Rojas, Treasurer	Ms. Lourdes Amaya, Administrative Aide
Mr. Jaime Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer	Ms. Elsie Berrios-Montijo, Administrative Secretary
Ms. Judith Marte, Chief Budget Officer	Ms. Lucila Gonzalez, Administrative Secretary
Mr. Ron Steiger, Asst. Chief Budget Officer	Mr. Dan Ricker, Publisher and Editor
Mr. Trevor L. Williams, Asst. Chief, Oper. & Perf. Audits	Ms. Ana Martinez, Academica Charter School
Ms. Tabitha Fazzino, District Director	Ms. Collette Papa, Academica Charter School
Ms. Chris Master, Administrative Director	Ms. Carolina Romero, Academica Charter School
Ms. Tiffanie Pauline, Administrative Director	

## **2. Review of Proposed Legislation – Potential Capital Outlay Millage Transfer to Charter Schools**

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Mr. Shapiro introduced the item and explained that the purpose of this Special meeting was to discuss and provide input on a letter to be transmitted by the Committee to the Honorable Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Chairman, Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation related to proposed legislation and the urgency to address its potential outcome, which would be financially disastrous to M-DCPS as well as many other districts throughout the State.

Mr. Carvalho commented that a letter had been drafted for the Committee's consideration, which expresses the will of the School Board and his, and has the support of the Chief Financial Officer, Controller and Treasurer. He conveyed his appreciation to the Committee for its prompt action in convening this meeting and for the position it is taking in this very important issue.

Several Committee members voiced their concurrence with the contents of the letter as drafted.

Mr. Shapiro also expressed agreement with the contents of the draft letter, but suggested to moving the introduction of the Committee and its function to the opening paragraph, and also suggested including bullets to highlight the main points.

Ms. Kairalla suggested that the letter should emphasize that funds must follow the children, not anything else.

There was extensive discussion as to what topics should and should not be included in the letter. Mr. Salver commented that the focus should be kept narrow in order to have more impact.

Mr. Carvalho again thanked the Committee for their concern on this issue and dedicating their time to endorse this noble effort. He emphasized that the paramount importance in drafting the letter is to restrict the language to the financial impact and agreed to moving the function of the Committee to the beginning of the letter.

Ms. Mendez-Cartaya explained that the proposed bill was scheduled to be heard the following Monday, February 6, 2012, and that because of time constraints she will hand-deliver the letter to Mr. Cantera.

There was no further discussion and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Salver, seconded by Mr. Thornburg, that carried unanimously, it was recommended that the letter be finalized in concert with Mr. Shapiro and that staff deliver it to the Honorable Carlos Lopez-Cantera.

### **Adjournment**

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There being no further business to come before the Committee and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Shapiro at 2:32 p.m.