



POLICY 1.099

4-F I recommend that the Board adopt the proposed new Policy 1.099, entitled "Independent Referendum Oversight Committee."

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Adoption

CONSENT ITEM

- The Board approved development of this revised Policy at the development reading on August 31, 2011.
- This proposed policy would create an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that the proceeds of the School Board's November 2010 referendum are expended for the specific purposes set forth in the ballot measure or referendum as approved by voters in November 2010.
- The key areas of responsibility include:
 - Provide oversight and review expenditure reports produced by the District to:
 - Ensure that one hundred percent (100%) of proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure; and
 - Make reports to the Board and Superintendent, which shall include, but not be limited to a statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of the ballot measure, and a summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities.
 - Receive and review any copies of a District audit, if any, regarding the proceeds related to the ballot measure.

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INDEPENDENT REFERENDUM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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3 1. **Purpose.** The Independent Referendum Oversight Committee created as the
4 independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that the proceeds of the
5 School Board's November 2010 referendum are expended for the specific
6 purposes set forth in the ballot measure or referendum as approved by voters in
7 November 2010.

8 The citizens of Palm Beach County duly passed a referendum, in November 2010,
9 which specifically provided: "Shall the School Board of Palm Beach County have
10 the authority to continue to levy 0.25 mills of ad valorem millage dedicated for
11 school operational needs to fund teachers, arts, music, physical education, career
12 and academic programs for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011 and ending
13 June 30, 2015, with oversight by an independent finance committee of citizens and
14 experts?"

- 15 2. **Committee Key Areas of Responsibility.** The Independent Referendum
16 Oversight Committee (Committee) shall have such responsibilities as outlined
17 below.

18 a. Provide oversight and review expenditure reports produced by the District to:

19 i. Ensure that one hundred percent (100%) of proceeds are expended only
20 for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure; and

21 ii. Make reports to the Board and Superintendent, which shall include, but
22 not be limited to a statement indicating whether the District is in
23 compliance with the requirements of the ballot measure, and a summary
24 of the Committee's proceedings and activities.

25 b. Receive and review any copies of a District audit, if any, regarding the
26 proceeds related to the ballot measure.

- 27 3. **Composition; Appointment; Term.**

28 a. **Composition and Appointment.** The membership of the Committee shall
29 consist of thirteen (13) members who are residents of Palm Beach County,
30 including:

31 i. One (1) representative each from the following Board advisory
32 committees: Audit, Finance, and Budget;

33 i. ~~Nine (9) volunteer citizen members who are residents of Palm Beach~~

- 34 County, as follows:
- 35 ii. One (1) representative appointed by the Education Commission;
- 36 ii. ~~Four (4) additional members, consisting of one representative each from~~
37 ~~the Glades as recommended by the Glades Area NAACP; the senior~~
38 ~~community as recommended by the Coalition of Boynton West~~
39 ~~Residential Associations; condominium residents as recommended by~~
40 ~~the West Boca Community County, and as recommended by the West~~
41 ~~Palm Beach Branch of the NAACP.~~
- 42 iii. One (1) representative appointed by the Palm Beach County League of
43 Cities;
- 44 iv. One (1) representative from the Black community as designated by the
45 Urban League of Palm Beach County;
- 46 v. One (1) representative from the Hispanic community as designated by the
47 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and
- 48 vi. Two (2) representatives appointed by the Business Forum of Palm Beach
49 County as created under the economic council.
- 50 vii. One (1) representative from the Glades as recommended by the Glades
51 Area NAACP;
- 52 viii. One (1) representative from the senior community as recommended by
53 the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations;
- 54 ix. One (1) representative from the condominium residents as recommended
55 by the West Boca Community Council; and
- 56 x. One (1) representative as recommended by the West Palm Beach Branch
57 of the NAACP.

58 No person appointed to the Committee may be an employee of the District.

59 b. Non-voting Members. There shall be two (2) non-voting members of the
60 Committee. Such members shall be a representative of the Principals'
61 Association and a representative of the Classroom Teachers Association.

62 c. Term. The terms of the committee members shall be as provided in Board
63 Policy 1.09 (Advisory Committees to the Board), or shall end in accordance
64 with the time limitation imposed by the referendum.

65 4. Committee Meetings, Operations, Procedures and Administrative Matters

- 66 a. Meetings. The Committee will hold its regular meetings on a quarterly basis,
67 or as otherwise needed, and consistent with the provisions of Board Policy
68 1.09.
- 69 b. Operations and Procedures. The Committee shall conduct its meetings and
70 operate consistent the provisions of Board Policy 1.09.
- 71 5. **Documents to Committee Members.** Upon approval of Committee members by
72 the Board, Committee members shall be provided with a copy of this policy, a copy
73 of Board Policy 1.09 (Advisory committees to the Board), and a copy of the Board's
74 resolution for the referendum.
- 75 6. **Duration of Charter.** Consistent with the referendum measure, this charter shall
76 remain in effect until all proceeds of the referendum for the fiscal years beginning
77 July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015 have been expended and accounted for
78 consistent with the referendum measure.

79 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41(2); 1001.42(25)
80 1001.43(2), (4) & (10)
81 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41(1); 1001.42(9); 1001.43(4) &
82 (10); 119.071; 286.011; 112.313
83 HISTORY: __/__/2011

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 1.099 and finds it legally sufficient for adoption by the Board.

Attorney

Date