

MINUTES
Convocation of Governments Meeting
Suncoast Technical College- Conference Center
4748 Beneva Road
Sarasota, FL

MEETING: January 20, 2017

PRESENT (HEAD TABLE):

School Board: Caroline Zucker, Jane Goodwin, Shirley Brown, Eric Robinson, Lori White, (Zoe Marshall, Administrative Assistant)

Sarasota County: Paul Caragiulo, Alan Maio, Michael Moran, Charles Hines, Tom Harmer, (Andrea Greer, County Clerk) (Leigh Sprimont, Commission Services Manager)

City of Venice: John Holic, Rich Cautero, Kit McKeon, Jeanette Gates, Deborah Anderson (Lori Selzer, City Clerk)

City of North Port: Linda Yates, Christopher Hanks, Debbie McDowell, Jonathan Lewis (Patsy Adkins, City Clerk)

City of Sarasota: Willie Charels Shaw, Shelli Freeland Eddie, Susan Chapman, Tom Barwin, Marion Brown (Karen McGowan, City Clerk)

Town of Longboat Key: Dave Bullock, Terry Gans, (Jo Ann Mixon, Town Clerk)

CALLED TO ORDER: 9:10 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Welcome and Introductions – Caroline Zucker	
Update on Suncoast Technical College Joint-Use Public Library, Conference Center- Todd Bowden Sarabeth Kalajan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The joint library has been named Shannon Staub Public Library • It will be staffed with library professionals, have a large young adult center, children storytime room, student friendly hours and an early literacy initiative • There will be programs for all ages, a “Maker” space (DabbleWorks, Gizmo Dojo), Friends of Library bookstore, drive up book return and an automated check-in/sorting system • The grand opening is planned for August 2017 • The programs to be offered at the technical college in phase 1 include accounting, administrative office specialist, business management, CAN, LPN, carpentry, culinary arts and industrial technologies; Phase 2 includes automotive technology, cosmetology, CDL, EMP and paramedic • Current photos and a finished rendering was shared
Update on Machinist and New Trade Initiative Programs- Todd Bowden Mike Endee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May of 2013 the Precision Machining program was created at SCTI in collaboration between Sarasota County Government, Sarasota County School Board, CareerEdge and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation • The first class began in September 2015 and as of January 2017 there are 37 students currently enrolled • Program outcome expectation was 100 graduates in 5 years; so far there are 96 graduates in 4 years • Gene Haas Foundation has donated over \$40,000 in funding and equipment • STC has earned 225 NIMS certifications since becoming accredited • June 2014 had 16 graduates, June 2015 had 25 graduates, June 2016 had 23 graduates, all graduates had 100% job placement • July 2017 has 32 potential graduates • There are over 22 employers and partnerships to date

<p>Update on Joint Use Opportunities for Parks and School Facilities- Carolyn Brown Kathie Ebaugh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County parks at schools include Tatum Ridge soccer fields, Pine View athletic courts, Riverview tennis courts, and school facilities for summer camps • Schools at county owned/maintained parks include Hecksher Park for Venice tennis team, Twin Lakes and Butler Park for baseball, and Miss Sarasota softball • Opportunities to expand partnerships include updating the school/park ILA (Interlocal Agreement) by spring 2017 • Good governance of taxpayer dollars include expansion of park inventory with existing facilities, providing use of parks by schools, and increasing community access to schools
<p>Homeless Students- Lori White</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All programs for homeless students are run by the Sarasota Family YMCA with funds from both Title 1 and Title X • There were 867 homeless students identified in Sarasota County during the 2015-16 school year • Special services are provided to our homeless students by Schoolhouse Link (SHL) • SHO goals include achieving school stability and improving attendance and academic success for all homeless students • Data from 2013 – 2016 on attendance, reading and math was shared
<p>City of Venice Len Bramble</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible joint use of the lightning detection system at Venice High and the Wellfield sports complex in Venice was discussed; the capabilities of this system will be examined more closely • Possible expansion of partnerships with the School Board and City of Venice were discussed
<p>City of North Port Jonathan Lewis Linda Yates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for investment partnerships for a joint use 50-meter pool was discussed • School bus stop locations and associated lighting and sidewalk issues were discussed; designating more “permanent” bus stops may help the situation, which will help with the decision to spend City funds to light a particular area. This will be explored further. • Possible joint funding for SROs in elementary schools was discussed; One possible option is to have parents who are officers, drop off and pick up their children while in full uniform. More Safe Schools categorical funds from the state could be sought. • The need for a traffic and street light at North Port High and Heron Creek Middle was discussed

Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Before adjournment Caroline Zucker thanked Lori White for her 36 years of service to our community and wished her luck in her retirement.• The Convocation of Governments meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.
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We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Convocation of Governments meeting held on January 20, 2017 and approved at the regular Board meeting on February 7, 2017.

Secretary
Lori White

Chair
Caroline Zucker