



## Blueprint Schools Program Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

Start Time - 6:00 pm

### Attendance

<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Affiliation</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Affiliation</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Affiliation</b></i>
Thomas Dernoga	PG County Council Chair	Jason Washington	Associate Superintendent of Supporting Services, PGCPSS	Brandey McDonald	Fengate Asset Management
Dr. Charoscar Coleman	Chief Operating Officer, PGCPSS	Brittney Bennett	Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc.	Michael Ricketts	Gilbane Building Company
Erica Berry-Wilson	Chief of Staff, DCAO for Health, Human Services and Education				

### Call to Order:

Called to order by Brittney Bennett: "Welcome to the 2023, Quarter Two Blueprint Schools Steering Committee Meeting. I would like to begin this meeting by going over a few meeting logistics."

### Meeting Logistics:

- Spanish interpretation access
- ASL interpretation – occurs simultaneously.
- Q&A function – disabled
- Questions can be submitted on the program website: [www.pgcpssblueprintschools.com](http://www.pgcpssblueprintschools.com)
- Public comments - will be called on in the order in which you signed up

"I will now turn it over to Ms. Berry-Wilson to call to order."

Erica Berry-Wilson calls the public meeting to order.

Roll call for all attendees takes place.

- Council Chairman Dernoga was marked Present
- Dr. Charoscar Coleman (representing CEO Dr. Monica Goldson) was marked Present
- Ms. Berry-Wilson (representing County Executive Angela Alsobrooks) was marked Present





### **Steering Committee moves to:**

- Ms. Erica Berry-Wilson moves to approve the quarter one (3/8/2023) steering committee meeting minutes. Motion made by Chair Dernoga and second by Dr. Coleman. All Steering Committee members in attendance voted in favor with no opposition or abstention.
- Ms. Erica Berry-Wilson moves to approve the 5/17/2023 steering committee meeting agenda. Motion made by Chair Dernoga and second by Dr. Coleman. All Steering Committee members voted in favor with no opposition or abstention.

### **Director Report**

[See Attached](#)

#### **Q&A:**

Committee:

Ms. Erica Berry Wilson asks: “Can you provide us an update on the construction progress on the sites? I know you talked in general of where things are and I know we have one school that's being delivered in January. So can you just remind us again the date of delivery for the other five schools?”

Mr. Jason Washington responds: “Colin Powell will be delivered November 8th. Scheduled operations to begin November 27th for Colin Powell. Walker Mill will be delivered August 4th. And then the balance of schools: Kenmoor, Drew Freeman, Hyattsville Middle School, and Sonia Sotomayor Middle School at Adelphi will be delivered July 15th. Those are the dates of delivery. I will let someone a lot more knowledgeable about this speak to where we are relative to schedule and work on the sites. Mr. Ricketts?”

Mr. Mike Ricketts responds: “We're right on target. A couple of weeks ago, we started to have our first FF&E deliveries into the school. So that's very exciting to start to see furniture. If you go to any of the schools, you can see all the classrooms, academic wings and administrative spaces are finished. So we're really in the process of buttoning up the main connecting elements, which would be the dining commons and the media commons in most of the buildings. Getting those wrapped up and then wrapping up the site work. So it's kind of like cleaning up the inside of the buildings and working our way out and to be done. We've got temporary occupancy permits on a number of the schools, and that's what allows us to install furniture. And we're in the middle of commissioning activities on those schools now. Obviously, Colin Powell, with this November delivery, is behind on that schedule, but we do see FF&E installations and inspections starting at the end of August, which is right on schedule as well. Overall, we think we're doing really well and making great progress.”

Mrs. Erica Berry-Wilson asks: “So now, as you're moving things into the schools, obviously we're getting close to occupation for the school system. Are there any tools that have been put in place to ensure security as we're





moving things into the school and just making sure that we are able to deliver the school as a whole without any possible security threats?”

Mr. Ricketts responds: “It always gets to be a bit of a challenge during construction of the potential for people getting onto the site. We have full perimeter security measures. We have cameras and notifications in case there's a break in. But all the exterior doors on all the buildings are all locked. So as part of our program, we make sure that every day they're checked and double checked. Weekends are tough, and as we go into the summer, once school gets out, there is always the potential for increased vandalism around the sites. But with lots of lights and lots of attention, we typically are able to avoid any major concerns. So far, we haven't had any break ins into the buildings. We have had break ins on construction trailers over the course of construction, but no situations that have gotten inside the buildings.”

Mr. Ricketts adds: “I will say one other thing, at this time of the project. We have increased communication with the local police so that they understand what's going on on our sites and that they know that the schools are finished. So quite often what they're doing is they are coming, particularly when we take down the construction fence, they start to come in and drive around the property in the evenings when there's no construction activity going on.”

**Non-Agenda Items:**

- Mr. Jason Washington discusses the following amendments to the project agreement as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding between the county and the schools: Escrow agreement, Power purchase agreement, Exhibit X1 & X2.
- Ms. Erica Berry-Wilson moves to accept the amendment to the Escrow agreement. Motion made by Chair Dernoga and second by Dr. Coleman. All Steering Committee members in attendance voted in favor with no opposition or abstention.
- Chair Dernoga makes a motion to provide Blueprint Schools Program the ability to enter negotiations discussions with Standard Solar and enter for a power purchase agreement. Dr. Coleman seconded. All Steering Committee members in attendance voted in favor with no opposition or abstention.
- Mr. Washington discusses the 3rd Amendment; Exhibit X1 & X2 but was voted to further discuss at the next quarterly meeting upon receipt of final changes.

**Public Comments:**

There were two public comments, the commenters were not present at the meeting

**Next Steering Committee Meeting:**

10/11/2023





**Meeting Adjourns:**

Ms. Erica Berry-Wilson motions to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned

