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Naming Committee Meeting – The Forrest Hill Academy Virtual Meeting

Minutes

	CALL TO ORDER	ITEM NO.
I.	Call to Order	1.01
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Member Eshè Collins called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.Pierre Gaither called roll. A quorum was present.	

	COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
	Eshè Collins, District 6 Representative, Atlanta Board of Education (Chair) Dr. Zawadaski Robinson, Principal, The Forrest Hill Academy Michael Hopkins, NPU-X Anne Phillips, NPU-Z Rasheda Cain Parent, The Forrest Hill Academy Members Absent: Joyce Sheperd, Kendra Latimore

	AGENDA	ITEM NO.
II.	Approval of Agenda	2.01
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was moved by Michael Hopkins and seconded by Dr. Zawadaski Robinson to approve the agenda. <p style="text-align: right;">Voting Result: Motion Carried (Unanimous)</p>	

	MINUTES	ITEM NO.
III.	Approval of Minutes	3.01
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was moved by Dr. Zawadaski Robinson and seconded by Michael Hopkins to approve the minutes. <p style="text-align: right;">Voting Result: Motion Carried (Unanimous)</p>	

	PUBLIC COMMENTS	ITEM NO.
I.	Public Comments	4.01
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2 members of the public provided comments.	



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	DISCUSSION ITEMS	ITEM NO.
IV.	Discussion and Deliberation	3.01
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pierre Gaither shared names submitted through the Google Form:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Barbara Whitaker Center for Excellence▪ New Beginnings Academy Center of Learning, Hope and Growth• The Committee was informed that the Barbara Whitaker was a former Assistant Superintendent for Atlanta Public Schools.• Dr. Robinson informed the Committee that staff and students submitted the name New Beginnings Academy Center of Learning, Hope and Growth. In addition, he provide three additional recommendations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Renaissance of Hope Academy▪ Bright Futures Academy▪ Hammond Academy• Michael Hopkins supported the idea of Hammond Academy. The community may support the name:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hammond New Beginnings Academy• Anne Phillips would like more information regarding the name Hammond. Board Member Collins will work with the Board Office and Councilmember Sheperd to receive more information.• Pierre Gaither will work to submit a comprehensive list to the committee for review to include the following names:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ John Lewis Academy▪ John Birdine Academy▪ Harriett Tubman Academy▪ Hammond Park Academy• Mr. Hopkins recommended removing the following names from the list:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ John Lewis – naming conflict▪ John Birdine – The City of Atlanta has named a building in his honor.• Ms. Phillips agreed with removing John Birdine from the list.• Dr. Robinson recommended removing Harriet Tubman Academy. The Committee was in agreement.• Board Member Collins spoke to the conflict of naming the building after John Lewis. The District named a middle school after John Lewis two years ago.	

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V.	Next Steps	5.01
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Committee will meet on January 27, 2021 at 5:30 PM.• Conduct some research on Barbara Whitaker and Hammond Park.	

	ADJOURNMENT	ITEM NO.
VI.	ADJOURNMENT	6.01



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- *It was moved by Michael Hopkins and seconded by Anne Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 6:25PM.*

Voting Result: Motion Carried (Unanimous)