

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-15

RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING
THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (ABAC).

WHEREAS, The Board recognizes the importance of community input into the assignment of students to schools within the District; and

WHEREAS, The Board is desirous of establishing an Attendance Boundary Advisory Committee (ABAC) to assist District staff to develop recommendations for the establishment of student attendance boundaries for new schools and to ensure balancing of student enrollment at existing schools; and

WHEREAS, the ABAC is an advisory committee reporting to the Superintendent, who in turn makes student attendance boundary recommendations to the Board, with the Board having final authority in the establishment of student attendance boundaries.

1. Establishment: An Attendance Boundary Advisory Committee (ABAC) is hereby created.

2. Compliance: The ABAC shall be subject to the requirements of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes (the "Sunshine Law"), Florida Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and the Florida Ethics Code, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

3. Membership Makeup and Duration: The ABAC shall be comprised of thirteen (13) voting members appointed as follows:

- i. Five (5) by the School Board (one (1) by each member of the Board, after approval by a Board vote);
- ii. One (1) by the Superintendent
- iii. One (1) by the Public Education Foundation of Marion County (PEFMC)
- iv. One (1) by the Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP)
- v. One (1) by the NAACP
- vi. One (1) by the Hispanic Business Council of Ocala
- vii. One (1) by the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Director
- viii. One (1) by the Land Development Industry
- ix. One (1) by the County Commission

Members are appointed to serve for as long as the appointer wishes or until the person resigns or is removed in accordance with this policy.

4. Membership criteria:

- a. Members must be residents of Marion County, Florida, and representatives of the entire County.
- b. Members should be committed to serve throughout the entire boundary cycle.
- c. Members should have flexibility in their personal and professional lives to be able to attend the meetings.

5. Responsibilities:

The members shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and a secretary by a majority vote annually at the first regular meeting. The Chair's duty includes running the meetings, assisting in the development of an agenda for the meeting, keeping the committee on task, and speaking on their behalf. The vice-chair's responsibilities include acting in the chair's capacity when the chair is absent and such other duties that the chair may assign. The secretary will conduct roll call and take written minutes of all ABAC meetings.

6. Attendance and Service Criteria:

- a. Members of the Committee will be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance means failure to attend at least two consecutive meetings without justifiable cause.
- b. If a Board member has been replaced, the committee member may continue to serve as a voting member until a new committee member is appointed. If a vacancy exists in one of the positions, the position will be filled through the same process established in this resolution at the earliest convenience.
- c. ABAC members are considered public officials under the Florida Ethics Code and must abide by the provisions, such as avoiding conflicts of interest.
- d. A quorum will be established if five (5) members are in attendance at any meeting of the entire ABAC.

7. ABAC Procedures:

- a. Written minutes must be taken of all ABAC meetings, and the entire length of the meeting must be recorded.
- b. All meetings will be conducted in compliance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

- c. Agendas must contain a statement informing the public that the ABAC is an advisory committee, which makes recommendations to the Superintendent.

8. Notice of Meetings:

Meetings will be held regularly during the boundary cycle from September to June. The meetings require reasonable notice to the public to afford them an opportunity to provide input at ABAC meetings, community meetings, Board Work Sessions, and Hearings related to the proposed boundary change. Notifications must be consistent with Board Policy 0164 - Notice of Meetings and may not be less than seven (7) days advance notice before a meeting.

9. The Resolution is conditioned to take effect immediately upon signature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA that the School Board of Marion County Attendance Boundary Advisory Committee (ABAC) is hereby established on this day 11 of November, 2025.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Dr. Jahaly James
Board Chair

Attest:

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Danielle Brewer, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent