

Half-Cent Sales Surtax Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025

Opening

The regular meeting of the Half-Cent Sales Surtax Citizen Advisory Committee was called to order at 4:15p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, St. Johns County School District, Picolata Crossing Elementary School, 2675 Pacetti Road, St. Augustine, FL 32092 by Mr. Lewis, Chairman.

Attendance

CAC Members--Present: Damian Cook, Jason Lewis, Alice Flores, Elena Laguardia and Alternates: Virginia Morgan. Absent: Ed Albanesi, Javelyn Arvay Kate Dowdie, Richa Jeetah, , Amy Lasswell, John Lasswell Barbara Little, Terence Mahoney, Kim McManus Jen Stevenson, Norvie Veracruz, Heather Barnes, Jeralyn Forcier and Dr. William McCormick.

School District staff--Present: Nicole Cubbedge, Steve Cade and Brian Morgan.

Public Attendees—Charlena Retkowski and Martin Westall.

Tour of Picolata Crossing Elementary School

A tour of Picolata Crossing Elementary School was conducted by Principal Brian Morgan. This tour was requested by the committee since the school's construction was funded by Half-Cent Sales Tax.

Approval of Minutes

In the absence of a quorum, the minutes from March 10, 2025 could not be approved.

Financial Reporting

Mrs. Cubbedge presented the financial report.

Project Reporting

Mrs. Cubbedge presented the project report. She discussed the project status of the South Woods Elementary School Classroom Expansion. In addition, Mrs. Cubbedge provided information on the roofing projects underway at the following schools: Allen D. Nease High

School, Ocean Palms Elementary School, Bartram Trail High School, Pedro Menendez High School, Sebastian Middle School and Landrum Middle School.

Committee Comments

The committee discussed the following additional topics:

- Elementary School N
- Enrollment status of Treaty Oaks Preparatory Academy Charter School
- Testing concerns expressed by parents regarding High School AP/IB/AICE test and the need for newer computers
- Future Technology Priorities for the Half-Cent Sales Tax

Public Comment

None.

Next Meeting Date/Time

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 4:00pm, St. Johns County School District, The Fullerwood Training Center, 10 Hildreth Drive, St. Augustine, Florida.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm with a motion by Ms. Laguardia and seconded by Ms. Morgan.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Cubbedge. These minutes are brief and contain highlights only as I was presenting the topics, as well as taking notes for the minutes due to staff member absences.