

MINUTES
Sunshine Meeting
Between Town Council
and
Miami-Dade County School Board Members and Intergovernmental Affairs
September 23, 2025
1:30 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 1:39 PM.

The following elected officials were present: Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez, Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia (who left meeting at 2:30 p.m.), Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Alex Sanchez, Vice Mayor Bryan Morera and Mayor Josh Dieguez (who left meeting at 2:08 p.m.)

The following Town staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Deputy Town Clerk Alexis P. Martinez, Public Works Director Omar Santos, Mayor Dieguez' Assistant Joshua Villorin, Police Major Jose Gonzalez, Lieutenant Eddy Ulloa, Sergeant George Soto.

The following guests were present: Chief of Staff Office of the Superintendent Mr. Jose Bueno, Principal of Bob Graham Educational Center Ms. Yecenia Lopez, Assistant Principal Mr. Joel S. Castellanos, Chief of Staff for Roberto J. Alonso Mr. Roger F. Miret, Administrative Director North Region Office for Miami-Dade Public Schools Mr. Leonard Torres, Administrative Director Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Ms. Ailette Rodriguez-Diaz, Bob Graham Educational Center SRO (School Resource Officer) Mr. Jose Baluja.

2. Public Comments:

Ms. Irene Guitierrez, Ms. Ana Ortega, Ms. Lydia Hernandez, Ms. Isabella Diaz and other residents were present to give public comments addressing the continuous issues with traffic pertaining to Bob Graham Educational Center and the surrounding area, safety issues, access for emergency vehicles, commuting issues, demonstrated photos of prolonged traffic jams, nearby staging issues at the Winn-Dixie shopping center and gave recommendations to solutions.

3. Item Discussed:

Mayor Dieguez opened the meeting and gave the Town Manager Pidermann the floor to give opening remarks. Town Manager Pidermann asked Major Gonzalez to provide details on the recent efforts that have been made towards mitigating the traffic issues at Bob Graham Educational Center, stating how post Pandemic behaviors have added to the change in traffic. He also answered questions posed by Town Council and Town staff.

Vice Mayor Morera gave constituent feedback after public comments, addressed issues including but not limited to elderly residents concerned with access for emergency vehicles, parking on swales, grass areas and sidewalks for residents at Silvercrest, requested ideas and asked questions of the Miami-Dade County School staff including but not limited to the 10 foot fence project, creating entrance and exit lanes to loop around the P.E. field at Bob Graham Educational Center, and adding delineators to the area for traffic mitigation.

Councilmember Fernandez addressed the Miami-Dade County School staff members and provided traffic mitigation solutions including but not limited to the No Left Turn project providing solution to the problem but stating there is still more work that needs to be done, stating “school choice” adds onto the traffic issue and in favor of staging vehicles for pick-up and dismissal to help.

Councilmember Cuadra Garcia addressed the Miami-Dade County School staff members and provided traffic mitigation solutions including but not limited to added delineators and creating some sort of an express lane to help the flow of traffic, his own personal observations and on-going as a resident in the area with traffic and in-favor of car-staging.

Councilmember Garcia stated he wants the Town to work with school staff and asked how we can help.

Councilmember Sanchez addressed the creation of more staging spaces for pickup and dismissal, changes to the surrounding P.E. field loop fence height, creating additional exit lanes for traffic mitigations, funding concerns and brought up concerns over the number of officers on duty at Bob Graham Educational Center.

Lieutenant Ulloa provided feedback on officer staging surrounding Bob Graham Educational Center, what efforts are made to mitigate traffic and answered additional questions posed by Town Council and Town staff.

Chief of Staff Office of the Superintendent Mr. Bueno addressed the residents present at the meeting, answering their questions and concerns, stated traffic issues are not unique to Bob Graham Educational Center, he expressed that he deals with the same problem in other municipalities, provided past resources that have been implemented to mitigate traffic and gave feedback on some of the proposals mentioned by Town Council. Mr. Bueno also questioned who will fund these ideas or projects the Town is proposing and what the costs will be. Mr. Bueno stated Bob Graham Educational Center brings value to the Town of Miami Lakes and brought up the idea of requesting an additional School Resource Officer.

Principal Ms. Yecenia Lopez provided dismissal schedule for Bob Graham Educational Center, clarified where the dismissal areas are located, stated the school has lost many staged areas and answered additional questions posed by residents and by the Town Council.

Administrative Director, Mr. Leonard Torres stated that a continuous loop similar to the airport is not possible and answered additional questions posed by Town Council.

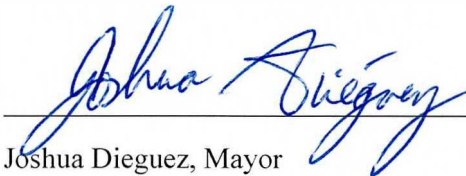
Assistant Principal Mr. Joel S. Castellanos provided further feedback on the DASH pass program and other solutions that have been implanted to mitigate school traffic and answered additional questions posed by residents and by the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Morera requested to meet again in 4 weeks, possibly via zoom, with an update to be given on where the ideas and proposed solutions at today's meeting stand with the School Board. Town Manager Pidermann asked the Town Council to send him their ideas in writing so he can consolidate them into one document to send to school staff.

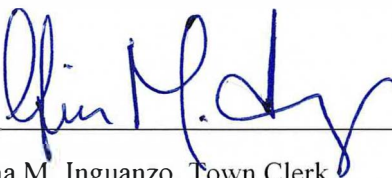
4. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved this 21st day October 2025.


Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:


Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk