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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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January 17, 2014

9:15 a.m.

**SARASOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE  
4748 BENEVA ROAD  
CONFERENCE CENTER  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

**CONVOCATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

Sarasota County: Chairman Charles D. Hines, Vice Chair Christine Robinson, Commissioners Carolyn J. Mason, Joseph A. Barbetta, and Nora Patterson; Interim County Administrator Thomas A. Harmer; and Deputy Clerks Claudia Goodson and Debi Diakatos

Sarasota County School Board: Chair Jane Goodwin, Vice Chair Frank Kovach, Board Members Shirley Brown and Caroline Zucker; Superintendent Lori White; and Administrative Assistant Zoe Marshall

City of North Port: Mayor Jim Blucher, Vice Mayor Rhonda Y. DiFranco, Commissioners Cheryl Cook and Linda Yates; City Manager Jonathan Lewis; and City Clerk Helen Raimbeau

City of Sarasota: Vice Mayor Willie Shaw, Commissioners Suzanne Atwell, Paul Caraguilo, and Susan Chapman; City Manager Thomas Barwin; and Deputy City Auditor and Clerk Karen McGowan

Town of Longboat Key: Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor David Brenner, Commissioners Lynn Larson and Terry Gans; Town Manager David Bullock; and Deputy Town Clerk Jo Ann Mixon

City of Venice: Mayor John Holic, Council Members Jim Bennett, Emilio Carlesimo, Jeanette Gates, Kit McKeon, and David Sherman; City Manager Edward Lavallee; and City Clerk Lori Stelzer

(09:18 a.m.)

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

School Board Chair Jane Goodwin welcomed the County, City, and Town Commissioners/Council Members, School Board Members, and Representatives present.

(09:19 a.m.)

**2. CONVOCATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Board/Commissioners/Council/School Board Members reviewed the Convocation Goals and Objectives.

(09:20 a.m.)

**3. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

The Board/Commissioners/Council/School Board Members considered a presentation on Workforce Development.

Public Presenters: School Board Career, Technical, and Adult Education Executive Director Dr. Todd Bowden and CareerEdge Funders Collaborative Manatee Sarasota Executive Director Mireya Eavey

Item submitted: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation

(See Item 5 later this meeting.)

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(09:50 a.m.)

**4. SHARED USE**

The Board/Commissioners/Council/School Board Members considered a presentation on a Technical Institute for the City of North Port with a possible Joint-Use Public Library.

Staff Presenters: Libraries and Historical Resources Director Sarabeth Kalajian and Interim County Administrator Thomas Harmer

Public Presenters: School Board Long Range Planning Director Ken Marsh and School Board Career, Technical, and Adult Education Executive Director Dr. Todd Bowden

Item submitted: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation

10:19 a.m. Board Action: Requested that the Interim County Administrator review and provide the Site Selection Committee a list of County-owned parcels located within the City of North Port as potential sites for the Technical Institute for the City of North Port with a possible Joint-Use Public Library. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

(See Item 5 later this meeting.)

(10:39 a.m.)

**5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mireya Eavey commented on the proposed Technical Institute for the City of North Port. (See Item 4 earlier this meeting.)

Sarasota Manatee Manufacturing Association Executive Director Peter Straw acknowledged the accomplishments relating to the establishment of the Workforce Development Machinist Program. (See Item 3 earlier this meeting.)

(10:52 a.m.)

**6. OTHER BUSINESS** - No Items were presented.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:52 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair