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January 16, 2015

9:15 a.m.

**SUNCOAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
CONFERENCE CENTER  
4748 BENEVA ROAD  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

**CONVOCATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

Sarasota County: Chair Carolyn J. Mason, Vice Chair Alan Maio, Commissioners Christine Robinson, Paul Caragiulo, and Charles D. Hines; County Administrator Thomas A. Harmer; and Deputy Clerks Cheryl Dexter and Charlie Maloney

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

City of North Port: Mayor Rhonda Y. DiFranco, Vice Mayor Jacqueline Moore, Commissioners Cheryl Cook and Linda Yates; City Manager Jonathan Lewis; and Deputy City Clerk Patsy Adkins

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

Town of Longboat Key: Town Manager Dave Bullock, Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor Jack Duncan, Commissioners Lynn Larson and Irwin Pastor; and Town Clerk Trish Granger

City of Venice: Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Jeanette Gates, Council Members Emilio Carlesimo, Bob Daniels, Jim Bennett and Kit McKeon; Assistant City Manager Len Bramble; and City Clerk Lori Stelzer

(09:15 a.m.)

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Sarasota County School Board Chair Mr. Frank Kovach welcomed the County, City, and Town Commissioners/Council Members, School Board Members, and Representatives present.

(09:21 a.m.)

**2. CONVOCATION GOALS AND AGENDA**

The Board/Commissioners/Council/School Board Members reviewed the Convocation goals and objectives.

(09:23 a.m.)

**3. UPDATES ON SUNCOAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND JOINT-USE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT, SARASOTA COUNTY MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY-WIDE PLAN, AND CAREER EDGE SCHOOL-TO-WORK INITIATIVE**

Staff Presenter: Libraries and Historical Resources Director Sarabeth Kalajian

Public Presenters: Sarasota County Schools Deputy Superintendent Scott Lempe; Sarasota County School Board Career, Technical, and Adult Education Executive Director Dr. Todd Bowden; and CareerEdge Executive Director Mireya Eavey

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Item submitted: a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Suncoast Technical College

(10:16 a.m.)

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. CITY OF NORTH PORT**

City of North Port City Manager Jonathan Lewis commented on joint-use opportunities and off-site improvements.

Public Presenters: North Port City Manager Jonathan Lewis, Sarasota County School Board Superintendent Lori White, and Sarasota County School Board Member Jane Goodwin

(10:21 a.m.)

**B. CITY OF VENICE**

City of Venice Assistant Manager Len Bramble provided an update on public safety, school internships, school properties, and comprehensive planning.

Public Presenters: Sarasota County School Board Superintendent Lori White and City of Venice Commissioner Bob Daniels

(10:29 a.m.)

**C. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

City of Venice Vice Mayor Gates commented on street lighting on the east side of Bahama Street and signage on the Venice Performing Arts Center building.

Sarasota County School Board Member Shirley Brown commented on handouts being available at the exit containing the PowerPoint of the Suncoast Technical College (STC) North Port Joint Use Library.

Sarasota County School Board Career, Technical, and Adult Education Executive Director Dr. Todd Bowden commented on the STC Community Picnic to be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015.

Sarasota County School Board Chair Frank Kovach thanked Dr. Bowden and the Culinary Arts Staff for the use of the Convention Center and for the food preparation.

Sarasota Board of County Commissioners Chair Carolyn Mason commented on the power of working together and how the STC North Port Campus development is benefitting from this synergy.

(10:35 a.m.)

**5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** - Opened and closed without comment.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:35 a.m.

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