

# EDUCATION & INNOVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 23, 2022

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## **In Attendance**

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Councilwoman, Marvene Noel, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Council Chairman Darrin Ledford, Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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The Enterprise Center: Geoff Millener, Chief Operating Officer; Hamilton County Schools: Rachel Emond, Family Resource Center Community Engagement Specialist; EPB: Evan Freeman, Director of Government Relations

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## **HCS EdConnect Presentation**

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Mr. Millener, Ms. Emond, and Mr. Freeman gave a presentation on the HCS EdConnect program that covered the following:

- Students Connected
- Connection Rate by Eligibility
- Opt-Outs are Statically Low
- EdConnect Heroes & Exemplars
- How We did it
- Partnership with Boston College
- More than an Emergency Response
- Long-Term Focus
- Next Steps

A discussion ensued wherein presenters addressed the following questions and concerns:

- Initial Investment (Councilman Ledford)
- New Connections (Councilman Ledford)
- What's Next (Councilman Ledford)
- Equipment Use (Councilwoman Dotley)
- Elderly Population (Councilwoman Noel)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilwoman Noel adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.