

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Appointment of three residents to the Education Advisory Board.

ISSUE: The two-year terms of Neisha Mitchell, Paula Wilson and Sergio Herrera expired in March 2025. The openings were properly advertised.

Paula Wilson and Sergio Herrera wishes to be reappointed to a regular seat. Neisha Mitchell does not wish to be reappointed.

New Applicants:

Yanet Rios, 121 Raven Court who is a Realtor.

Tanya R. Small, 108 Valencia Street who is the Executive Director at a Stronger Foundation.

It will be necessary to appoint three applicants to fill the term ending seats.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Make appointment(s) as necessary.

Initiator	Village Manager Approval	Agenda Date	Village Council Action
Council Liaison		04/17/25	



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Diane DiSanto, MMC
Village Clerk

TO: Neisha Mitchell, 1416 Donwoods Lane
Paula Wilson, 147 Cypress Trace
Sergio Herrera, 133 Dove Circle

FROM: Diane DiSanto, MMC, Village Clerk *DD*

DATE: January 29, 2025

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- I wish to be reappointed.
 I do not wish to be reappointed.

Neisha Mitchell 02.03.25

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Date: 03/19/2025
Name: Yanet Rios
Address: 121 Raven Ct
City: Royal Palm Beach
State: FL
Zip Code: 33411
Phone: 561-305-0700
Email Address: info@yanet-rios.com

Occupation Realtor®

If Retired, Past Occupation

Commission/Board You Are Interested In: Education Advisory Board

1. Briefly state the reasons why you feel your appointment to this commission/board will benefit the Village of Royal Palm Beach.

I have a strong background in retail, corporate, and operational management, besides real estate, where training and development have always been a top priority. I believe education is one of the most important foundations for a strong community, and I'm passionate about being part of something that helps improve it. Serving on the Education Advisory Commission would allow me to use my experience and dedication to help support local schools, students, and families in Royal Palm Beach. I want to give back to my community and be a positive influence in making education better for everyone.

2. What experience do you have with organizations, civic groups, or clubs that would be beneficial to this commission/board?

While I may not have extensive experience with organizations, civic groups, or clubs, I am a proud member of the Central Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Being part of these organizations has strengthened my connection to the community and fueled my desire to get more involved. I am eager to learn, contribute, and give back to this great community in any way I can. Serving on this board would be an opportunity for me to support and make a positive impact in Royal Palm Beach.

3. Are you willing and able to attend monthly meetings on a regular basis?

Yes

If not, what are your limitations?

4. Please include any additional information regarding your desire to become a positive influence in improving the quality of life in Royal Palm Beach.

I have a deep desire to give back and be part of something that truly makes a difference in Royal Palm Beach. As a professional, I have always focused on people—their needs, their priorities—because I believe it’s all about the people. As a local resident, a professional, and a mother of five, I care deeply about this community and want to contribute to its growth and success. Serving on this board would allow me to use my skills, experience, and passion to help improve the quality of life for everyone. I am eager to listen, learn, and work alongside others to make a positive impact.

5. Consecutive years of residence within the Village of Royal Palm Beach.

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6. Have you ever held an elected or appointed position with the Village of Royal Palm Beach? No

If so, explain

7. Have you ever held an elected or appointed position with any other local, county, state, or federal agency? No

If so, explain

8. Are you currently a member of a Village commission or board? No

If so, what is the name of the commission/board? I applied to the Planning & Zoning Commission Board, if I am allowed and selected, can I please be on both?

And are you willing to resign from the commission/board to which you are now a member if you are appointed in accordance with this application? No

Race Hispanic American

Gender Female

Physically Disabled No

Date: 02/19/2025
Name: Tanya R. Small
Address: 108 Valencia Street
City: Royal Palm Beach
State: FL
Zip Code: 33411
Phone: 561-567-2147
Email Address: contactdrsmall@gmail.com
Occupation: Executive Director at A Stronger Foundation

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Commission/Board You Are Interested In: Education Advisory Board

1. Briefly state the reasons why you feel your appointment to this commission/board will benefit the Village of Royal Palm Beach.

According to School Report Card data, more than 70 percent of Palm Beach County students are failing to demonstrate proficiency above 80% in all core subjects. The school district celebrated a recent increase in graduation rate; however, a great majority of the graduates lack the academic foundation and success mindset leaving them disoriented. In fact, by grade three most students have already developed a low learning aptitude and poor work ethic that becomes future hindrances to their secondary education. Once appointed to the RPB Education Advisory Council, I will pursue opportunities for early learning for every child in our community. I believe that the first step to becoming a thriving community member is instilling a success mindset and appreciation for learning through embracing self-efficacy. My mission is to align every child with their life purpose and that begins with rigorous balance in early education and mindset enrichment. My enthusiasm for growth and success will surely benefit the Village of Royal Palm Beach. Under my leadership, more children will understand they were born to fulfill a purpose that contributes to their community and brings them closer to becoming their best version.

2. What experience do you have with organizations, civic groups, or clubs that would be beneficial to this commission/board?

I currently operate A Stronger Foundation located at the Commons Park Sporting Complex, where I train children to become their best One Moment At a Time. I supervise a team to guide children to pursue greatness and to interject academic integrity in every assignment. Furthermore, I operate the Academic Restoration Plan (503c) public charity with the mission to align children with their life purpose through mindset and education enrichment.

3. Are you willing and able to attend monthly meetings on a regular basis?

Yes

If not, what are your limitations?

4. Please include any additional information regarding your desire to become a positive influence in improving the quality of life in Royal Palm Beach.

I am confident that world changes happen one community at a time. Royal Palm Beach is my community. If every member do their part to bring forth the collective betterment, we will shine across the world like a beacon of hope.

5. Consecutive years of residence within the Village of Royal Palm Beach I have resided in Royal Palm Beach. since 2018.

6. Have you ever held an elected or appointed position with the Village of Royal Palm Beach? No

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And are you willing to resign from the commission/board to which you are now a member if you are appointed in accordance with this application? Yes

Race African American

Gender Female

Physically Disabled No