

By Laws of the
Charlotte County School District
Independent Referendum Oversight Committee

Article I Name of Organization and Purpose and Function

Name of Organization:

The name of the organization shall be: Independent Referendum Oversight Committee (IROC).

Purpose and Function:

The IROC was formed as an independent oversight committee consisting of community representatives, to create accountability and transparency of the referendum dollars approved by Charlotte County voters during the 2018 general election and renewed in the 2022 general election.

The language that appeared on the voter ballot is as follows:

_____ ***“Shall the Charlotte County School District ad valorem millage increase by one mill, beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2023, for operating expenses to maintain the quality of the public school system, to enhance school security, to recruit and retain highly effective teachers and employees with competitive salaries, to enhance student achievement, to provide workforce development and to increase instructional time with oversight by an independent citizens’ committee?”***

CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION

“Shall the Charlotte County School District continue the current one mill ad valorem millage beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2027, to maintain the quality of the public school system, to enhance school security, to recruit and retain highly effective teachers and employees with competitive salaries, to enhance student achievement, to provide workforce and development and maintain current increase in instructional time with oversight by an independent citizens’ committee?”

_____ YES, for continuing current millage
_____ NO, against continuing current millage

School Board Referendum

WHEREAS, the Board plans to use the additional revenue generated by the increased Millage to enhance school security, maintain and expand academic programs including Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs, recruit and retain additional instructional personnel including teachers, school support staff, and certified school counselors, implement and maintain career and technical programs, fund music and art programs in our schools, enhance school choice, and fund costs associated with increased instructional time.

Article II Representation and Membership

Composition of the Independent Referendum Oversight Committee.

The membership shall consist of the following:

- 1) A representative from the Charlotte County, Punta Gorda and Englewood Chamber of Commerce, shall rotate by chamber each term;
- 2) A representative from the League of Women Voters;
- 3) A representative from the Charlotte County Support Personnel Association (CCSPA);
- 4) A representative from the Charlotte Florida Education Association (CFEA);
- 5) A representative from a High School - School Advisory Council, to rotate school each year;
- 6) A representative from a Middle School School Advisory Council, to rotate school each year;

reappointed by their respective organization.

No later than November 15, 2020, and each July 1st thereafter, the Superintendent shall receive an updated list of names from the organizations represented in Section 1. The Superintendent shall be responsible for notifying each member of their appointment and provide each committee member with a copy of the IROC Bylaws, and all reports provided by the finance department to previous committee members.

Article III Voting Procedure and Term of Office

Voting Procedure:

Decisions will be made by consensus. A quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of members, which shall be present before formal action may be taken.

Effective January 1, 2021, the term of office for membership shall be two years.

Members must receive five (5) days advance notice in writing, which may be done via electronic means on any matter that is scheduled to come before the committee for a vote which requires backup information (i.e. financial documents).

All committee votes shall require the member to vote either in the affirmative or negative. No committee member may abstain from voting.

Appointment shall automatically terminate if a member has two consecutive absences from regularly scheduled meetings during any consecutive 12-month period.

Recording of meeting minutes shall be the responsibility of school district staff.

Any committee member may resign by filing a written resignation with the superintendent.

Article IV Officers

The officers of the Council shall be a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. In the event of a vacancy of the

