

2025-26 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Syphax Center, 2nd Floor
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Meeting started at 7pm.

Attendees present: Sianni Cabello (Chair), Melanie Bowen (Vice Chair), Jonathan Hui, Marty Swaim, Peter Strack, Chen Ling, Jen Cannon, Theresa Flynn, Nellie Carr
County Board liaison: Miranda Turner
APS Superintendent's Cabinet, Business Officer: Andy Hawkins

Comment from County Board liaison:

- focus areas for the school year include workforce and community partnerships
- last year's guidance included more sustainable plan for use of reserves; following budget direction, reserves are only to be used for one-time expenses
- Board will apply rigor throughout the budget process

Comment from Business Officer:

- Size of deficit depends on decisions about compensation. Every 1% change in compensation is 6mm dollars.

General discussion

- possibility of associating cost buckets to the Board's priorities
- ideas for key BAC deliverables
- inquiry about Baker Tilly report
 - some recommendations will be discarded and some will be adopted, and some potentially shelved.
- Weighing broad cuts across everyone vs cutting things that have a greater impact on smaller groups
- connection between the work of the central office and student impact
- Superintendent's proposed budget will be available on February 26