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Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One - Administrative, Article IX - Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Chapter 178 - Community Advisory Boards, by adding Section 178D, entitled, Pittsburgh Education Commission.

The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1 The Pittsburgh Code, Title One - Administrative, Article IX - Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Chapter 178 - Community Advisory Boards, is hereby supplemented by adding Section 178D Pittsburgh Education Commission, as follows.

**TITLE ONE: ADMINISTRATIVE
ARTICLE IX: BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES
CHAPTER 178: COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS**

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§ 178D.01 PITTSBURGH EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Pittsburgh Education Commission shall be created to carry on the duties of Mayor William Peduto's Education Task Force, including overseeing the implementation of recommendations published by the Task Force in its report in five key areas relevant to education in the City of Pittsburgh - public safety, out-of-school time programing, community schools, school funding, and marketing the City schools - and the formation and implementation of new recommendations made by the Commission in the five specified areas and others as determined by a majority of the Commission.

§ 178D.02 RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS

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The responsibilities and powers of the Pittsburgh Education Commission shall be to:

- (a) Oversee the implementation of policy recommendations made by the Education Task Force.
- (b) Continue to find areas of collaboration between the City of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh School District, and other relevant organizations and institutions on the five areas identified by the Task Force and others decided upon by a majority of the Commission.
- (c) Create sub-committees based off of the five areas identified by the Education Task Force - public safety, out-of-school time programming, community schools, school funding, and the marketing of the City schools - and others at the suggestion of the Mayor, City Council, or the Board of Education and are agreed upon by a majority of the Commission.
- (d) Inform the Mayor, City Council, the Board of Education, and other relevant organizations and institutions on recommendations formed by the Commission in an annual report.

§ 178D.03 MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall consist of twenty-two (22) members appointed by the Mayor. The positions shall be filled as follows:

- (a) Three (3) members from the Pittsburgh School Board: one (1) member being the Government Relations Sub-Committee Chairperson, and at least one (1) member shall be a minority.
- (b) Three (3) members from the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers: one (1) shall be a current teacher, and one (1) shall be a current guidance counselor or social worker, both being from geographically diverse schools and are employed by the Pittsburgh Board of Education.
- (c) One (1) member from the Pittsburgh School District.
- (d) One (1) member representing charter schools in the City.
- (e) One (1) member representing private schools in the City.
- (f) One (1) member from the Mayor's Office.
- (g) Four (4) members from City Council: at least one (1) member shall be a minority.
- (h) Three (3) members from public education advocacy groups: one (1) member shall be from a special education advocacy group, and at least one (1) member shall be a minority.
- (i) Four (4) members from the community-at-large: at least one (1) member shall be from a minority community, one (1) member shall be a current parent, and at least one (1) member shall be from the Faith Based community.
- (j) One (1) student of Pittsburgh Public Schools and shall be from a geographically diverse school.

§ 178D.04 TERMS

- (a) All members shall serve a term of four (4) years and are eligible for re-appointment.

§ 178D.05 VACANCIES

- (a) If a vacancy should arise, a replacement will be found according to the membership requirements and will be appointed by the Mayor to serve out the remainder of the predecessor's term.

§ 178D.06 OFFICERS

- (a) Within thirty (30) days of the appointments of all members of the Commission, the Commission shall convene to elect a Chairperson by a roll call vote of the majority of the members of the Commission in attendance.
 - (1) The Chairperson shall be responsible for calling meetings to order, according to Robert's Rules of Order, the facilitation of the meeting, and the scheduling of the meetings.
- (b) The Commission may also elect a Vice-Chairperson and other board officers as needed by a roll call vote of the majority of the members of the Commission in attendance.
 - (1) In the event that the Chairperson is unavailable, the Vice Chairperson or the highest ranked officer in attendance will be responsible for calling the meeting to order and facilitating the meeting.
- (c) Sub-committees may elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and other officers as needed by a roll call vote of the majority of the members of the respective sub-committee.
- (d) The Chairperson and other elected officers shall serve in their elected positions for the remainder of their appointed terms.
 - (1) A vacancy in the position of Chairperson or any officer shall be filled by a roll call vote of the majority of members of the Commission in attendance of the first meeting after the vacancy occurs.

§ 178D.07 MEETINGS

An official meeting of the Pittsburgh Education Commission cannot be called to order without the establishment of a quorum of twelve (12) members.

- (a) There shall be at least one (1) meeting of the Commission every quarter of the year.
- (b) Sub-Committees will meet on a basis decided upon by a majority of members on each respective Sub-Committee.
- (c) Additional Meetings
 - (1) The Chairperson shall decide if an additional meeting is necessary.
 - (2) Forty-eight (48) hours' notice must be given before an additional meeting takes place.