

Item # 53

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2021

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

COMMISSIONER
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Dear Mayor Geller & Commissioners,

I am writing this letter to express my deepest concern in regard to Agenda Item 61 and the misrepresentation of this item within the Broward and Palm Beach Communities by Commissioner Dale Holness.

On December 8, 2020, Commissioner Holness brought forth Agenda item 54 which was a motion to direct the Office of the County Attorney to prepare a Resolution amending Section 14.227 of the Broward County Administrative Code to designate June 19, as an official paid holiday for Broward County Employees. Item 54 was approved unanimously. In addition, as the Board was discussing this item, I stated that making June 19th a holiday was long overdue.

On January 12, 2021, Commissioner Holness brought Agenda Item 46 which was a Motion to adopt June 19 as an official holiday for County Employees. A substitute motion was proposed by Commissioner Ryan that passed with a roll call vote of 5 – 3. Commissioner Sharief, Vice-Mayor Udine and Commissioner Holness were the 3 no-votes. Commissioner Bogen was absent and therefore did not vote. Since Commissioner Ryan's substitute motion passed 5-3, the original motion brought forward by Commissioner Holness was never heard.

On January 26, 2021, Item 32 which was presented by Commissioner Ryan was a Motion to adopt a resolution to establish Juneteenth as a day of celebration and education. This passed with a vote of 8-1. Commissioner Bogen and Senator Rich voted in the affirmative via telephone. Commissioner Holness voted against the item. Commissioner Sharief objected and said she wanted to second the unstated amendment; however, Mayor Geller appealed to County Attorney who said can amend but amending to make it a paid holiday would take it outside of title so cannot be done at this Public Hearing Meeting.

Commissioner Sharief presented Agenda Item #44 which was a resolution urging the School Board of Broward County to further emphasize the significance of Juneteenth as part of its educational mission. It had an 8-0 VOTE with Commissioner Holness voting yes and asking to be a co-sponsor of the item. Commissioner Bogen was on the phone, but his voice was not audible during the vote.

On February 23, 2021, Commissioner Holness proposed Agenda Item 57 which was a MOTION TO RENEW consideration of Item #46, Motion A, from the Board's meeting on 1/12/2021. Agenda Item #57 failed again with a 2-6 VOTE. Commissioners Bogen, Fisher, Furr, Rich, Ryan and Mayor Geller dissented. Commissioner Holness and Vice-Mayor Udine voted for the item. Commissioner Sharief was out of the room during the vote.

Although I was out of the room on 2/23/21 preparing for the 16 County Coalition Water Resource Board meeting with Marti Cassini and Dr. Jennifer Jurado, does not mean that I did not support Item 57. I just did not have the opportunity to vote. In past meetings when there was opposition against Commissioner Holness' item for Juneteenth, I continuously voted against the opposition, and supported his item. In addition, Commissioner Holness supported my items that I had brought forward regarding Juneteenth to the extent that he asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

The misrepresentation of this item was so egregious that the Caribbean Voice newspaper recognized this and published a front-page story about it. At this time, I want to express to everyone the importance of not misrepresenting votes just to gain an advantage in the African American Communities. I was met by an angry mob of three yelling and screaming outside the Pompano Beach CRA meeting, holding these signs, and had them attached to their vehicles and telling me that I do not support Black people. (See photos and article attached)

This type of incitement creates an environment of danger for me and my family. I am attaching this item to the Agenda item 61 in perpetuity because I want the truth to be known about my vote(s) to ensure not only my safety but that of my children. In addition, I also want this item included to clarify my vote because I seconded Commissioner Holness' motion, however that motion was never heard, therefore there was no vote taken on his item.

Further, Juneteenth while significant in African American history represents the last hold out in Texas while the rest of the country had abolished slavery. Here in the South, we had already gained our freedom and the celebration of Juneteenth is the achievement of recognition of abolishment of slavery in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Barbara Sharief
Commissioner

**Barbara Sharief - Mark Bogan
Steve Geller - Lamar Fisher
Tim Ryan**

**DID NOT VOTE FOR JUNETEENTH
TO BE A PAID PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN BROWARD COUNTY**

DALE HOLNESS VOTED YES
SEND DEMOCRAT DALE V.C. HOLNESS TO CONGRESS

Vote held
Feb. 23, 2021

Vote Early, By Mail or on NOVEMBER 2, 2021

PAID FOR BY HOLNESS FOR CONGRESS



Barbara Sharief - Mark Bogan
Steve Geller - Lamar Fisher
Tim Ryan

DID NOT VOTE FOR JUNETEENTH
TO BE A PLEDGED MEMBER IN BRONWOOD COUNTY
DALE HOLNESS VOTED YES
SEND PERSONAL DALE'S CARD TO CONGRESS

Vote Early By Mail or on NOVEMBER 2, 2021

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LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE PROJECT



Barbara Sharief - Mark Bogan
Steve Geller - Lamar Fisher
Tim Ryan

DID NOT VOTE FOR JUNETEENTH
TO BE A PAID PUBLIC INCIDENT IN BROWARD COUNTY
DALE HOLNESS VOTED YES
SEND SENATOR DALE VZC. HO. MEET TO CONGRESS

Vote Early: By Mail or on NOVEMBER 2, 2021

DALE HOLNESS VOTED YES



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Jamaican Women Take It, One-Two-Three



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Dale Holness... you're busted!



Dr. Barbara Sharief



Dale Holness

No doubt, if you have been driving around Broward or Palm Beach County lately you've seen one of the large, oversized campaign signs from Broward County Commissioner Dale Holness attacking his fellow County Commissioner Barbara Sharief.

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Dale Holness... you're busted!

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The signs falsely accuse Barbara Sharief of having voted against making Juneteenth a paid public holiday in Broward County. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Juneteenth, short for June Nineteenth, is the day federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take control of the State and put an end to the last holdout of slavery in the United States.

On January 12th of this year, Commissioner Dale Holness proposed a Resolution to make Juneteenth a paid holiday for county employees. Barbara Sharief seconded that motion, and the issue was opened for discussion.

Unfortunately, before the commission could vote on the motion, fellow Commissioner Tim Ryan made a substitute motion to make Juneteenth a non-paid holiday this year. Ryan's motion passed 5 to 3 with Commissioners Dale Holness, Barbara Sharief and Michael Udine voting against it.

Because the substitute motion passed, the Commission never voted on the original motion.



Signs erected in Ft. Lauderdale & Miramar

That same day, Barbara Sharief proposed a second Resolution asking the Broward County School Board to incorporate the significance of the Juneteenth holiday into their curriculum. Her motion passed unanimously.

On February 23rd, Dale Holness requested the issue be brought back to the County Commission for reconsideration. However, Broward County has a prohibition on bringing items back up for reconsideration within six months. In response to Holness' request, the Commission took the item up on a procedural vote and voted 6-2, with

Barbara Sharief absent, not to bring the item back for reconsideration. They did not vote on whether to make Juneteenth a paid holiday.

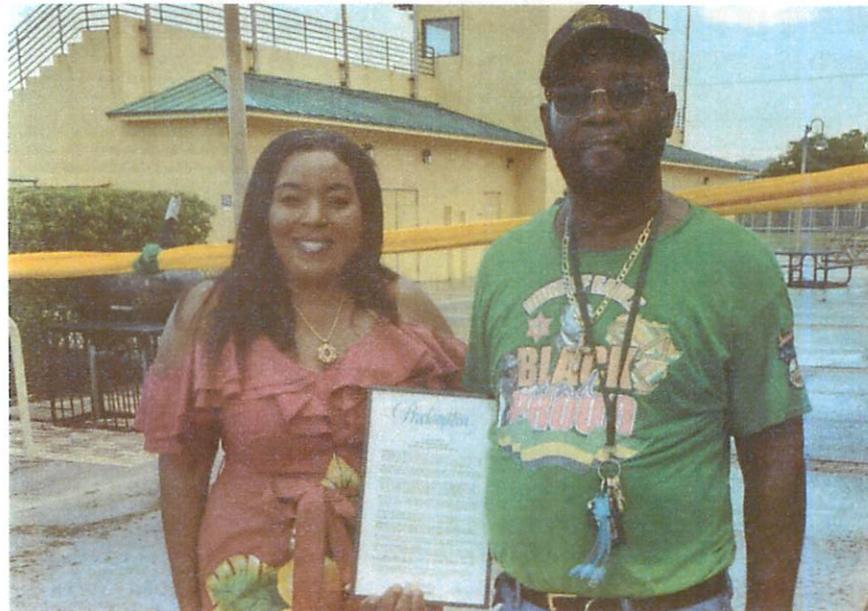
At the time of the vote, Barbara Sharief was attending a different meeting, preparing for an upcoming meeting as Broward County's representative on the 16-County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okechobee. Broward County was asking the Committee to help it secure federal funding for a water resource study.

Not only did Barbara Sharief support making Juneteenth a paid holiday for county employees, but she also continues to support doing so. There is no truth to the Holness signs whatsoever.

As we look down the road to which candidate is best suited to replace former Congressman Alcee Hastings who died earlier this year, we realize how important it is to elect an individual whose values include honesty and integrity. Dale Holness appears to be seriously lacking in both.

Fake news and lies were the cause of the insurrection in The Capitol DC on January 6th, 2021 as such one should not stand aghast by and allow fake news and lies to become truth.

Butch Stewart honored at Flag & Independence Day celebration



The Duke Of Earle accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Stewart family.

Former two time Mayor of Broward County and Broward County Commissioner Barbara Sharief Presented a Proclamation on behalf of Broward County Florida Board Of County Commissioner

in recognition to the late Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart for his sterling contributions towards Tourism around the world.