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The FOP, responds to SDPBC School Board member, Dr. Debra Robinson comment during 06/01/22 Special Meeting

Adam Myers, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, West Palm Beach released the following statement.

The Fraternal Order of Police is disheartened by the statement of School Board member, Dr. Debra Robinson (District 7), made during a special public meeting of the Board on June 1st.

In response to the recent school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, the School Board members were discussing the current state of school security within the county. Dr. Robinson took it upon herself to make the following statement, "I'd like to have a moment of silence for Roman Phelps, the young man murdered on the campus of Dreyfoos, if you would please." (5:18.00 YouTube-SDPBC)

As a sitting member of the PBC School Board, Dr. Robinson holds a position of influence within our community. Her baseless assertion that Mr. Phelps' death was murder, is both dangerous and irresponsible. The incident is still under active investigation and the facts have not been made public. Dr. Robinson's opinion has not been formed from a position of knowledge and it is clear she is not interested in facts.

The incident on the campus of Dreyfoos School of the Arts was a tragedy. If it were not for the quick actions of the responding officer, the situation could have been catastrophic.

The FOP stands firmly behind our officer and his actions. We publicly call upon Dr. Robinson to rescind her comment and make an apology.

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