

MINUTES
VIRTUAL SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
December 9 (4:30 p.m.)

Meeting Held via Zoom

On March 12, 2020, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) and Acts of Assembly Chap. 1283 § 4-0.01(g), virtual School Board meetings held during the State of Emergency are limited to:

- addressing the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 (Va. Code § 44-146.17); and
- business that is necessary to continue school division operations and to discharge the School Board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

Notice of any virtual School Board Meetings will be posted on the ACPS Calendar and on the School Board Meeting web page, where the public may link to join or watch live meetings. Virtual Special Called School Board Meetings may also be watched live in Alexandria on Comcast Channel 71. Video recordings and minutes for these meetings are posted online as soon as available after the meeting.

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS: Cindy Anderson
Veronica R. Nolan
Meagan L. Alderton
Ramee A. Gentry
Jacinta Greene
Margaret Lorber
Michelle Rief
Christopher A. Suarez
Heather Thornton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Susan Neilson, Shanel Hill

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Anderson

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

1. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the December 9, 2020 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting

Ms. Lorber moved to adopt the agenda for the December 9, 2020 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

2. Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Nolan moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(6) for discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved and, where, if made public, would adversely affect the financial interest of the Board; and moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(29) for the discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the term or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board.

Ms. Alderton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 9-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 5:12 p.m.

3. Certification of Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Nolan moved that pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3712, that the Board certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened, and which are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act, were heard, discussed or considered by the Board in the Closed Meeting held on December 9, 2020.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call. Mr. Suarez did not return from the Closed Meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 5:40 p.m.

Adjournment

4. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Lorber and seconded by Ms. Greene, the Board voted unanimously, 8-0, to adjourn. The vote was taken by roll call.

The meeting ended at 5:43 p.m.



Cindy Anderson, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the December 17, 2020 School Board Meeting.