

MINUTES
VIRTUAL SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
April 13, 2021 (7:15 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. As a result, this meeting is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), for the purpose of providing for the continuity of operations of the School Board for the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties and responsibilities. All members of the School Board are participating via Zoom. Public participation remains virtual and may be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on Comcast channel 71 in Alexandria, through the livestream on the ACPS website, or via Zoom by following the link posted at the top of the published agenda.

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 (joined during the Closed Meeting)
Heather Thornton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Susan Neilson, Laurie Cromwell, Jennifer Abbruzzese

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Mr. Suarez who joined during the Closed Meeting.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

1. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the April 13, 2021 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting

Ms. Lorber moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the April 13, 2021 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting.

Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 8-0. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

2. Closed Meeting

Ms. Gentry moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(3) for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. The motion carried.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 7:05 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 April 13, 2021.

Mr. Suarez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 9-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

The Board returned to open session at 7:39 p.m.

Adjournment

4. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Gentry and seconded by Ms. Lorber, the Board voted unanimously, 8-0, to adjourn. The vote was taken by roll call. Ms. Anderson did not vote due to a technical difficulty with Zoom.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the April 22, 2021 School Board Meeting.