

MINUTES
VIRTUAL SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
May 27, 2021 (5:30 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. 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 with no more than four members meeting in-person in the School Board Meeting Room. Public participation remains virtual and may be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on cable channel 71 in Alexandria, through the livestream on the ACPS website, or via Zoom by following the link at the top of the posted agenda.

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

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

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

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Ms. Gentry who was absent from the meeting.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

1. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the May 27, 2021 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting

Ms. Lorber moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the May 27, 2021 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting.

Mr. Suarez seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was for May 27, 2021 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. Greene moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion and consideration of employment, performance, and contractual matters for one public employee, specifically a senior level administrator.

She further 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, specifically for consideration of an employment contract of a senior administrator.

Lastly, Ms. Greene moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Mr. Suarez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 6:39 p.m.

3. Certification of Closed Meeting

Ms. Greene 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 May 27, 2021.

Mr. Suarez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

The Board returned to open session at 7:16 p.m.

Adjournment

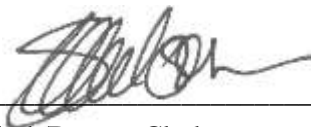
4. Adjourn

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

The meeting ended at 7:17 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the June 3, 2021 School Board Meeting.