

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
August 26, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

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

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

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Ms. Nolan who was absent and Mr. Suarez who requested to join the meeting electronically.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

2. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the August 26, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting

Ms. Gentry moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the August 26, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting. Ms. Lorber seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried.

New Business and Reports to the Board

3. Allow Participation of Board Member Christopher Suarez by Electronic Means

Ms. Gentry made the following motion:

Whereas Christopher Suarez has notified the Chair that he is unavailable to be physically present for tonight's School Board meeting due to a personal matter, specifically out-of-state travel and whereas he has not participated in more than two or 25% of Board meetings by electronic means during 2021 and whereas Christopher Suarez requests the opportunity to participate in the meeting via video or telephone conference call from Pittsburgh, PA where the video or telephone conference call shall be heard by all participants in this Board room; and whereas a quorum of the Board is physically assembled in this Board room;

Madam Chair, I move, pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3708 that the Board approve the participation of Christopher Suarez in this meeting by video conference call.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to allow participation by Christopher Suarez by electronic means was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried.

Mr. Suarez joined the meeting through Zoom.

Adjournment

4. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Lorber, the Board voted unanimously, 8-0, to adjourn. Mr. Suarez gave a verbal vote. The meeting ended at 7:11 p.m.



Meagan L. Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the October 7, 2021 School Board Meeting.