

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
September 16, 2021 (5:30 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Meagan L. Alderton
Cindy Anderson (absent)
Ramee A. Gentry
Jacinta Greene (joined electronically)
Margaret Lorber (joined electronically)
Veronica R. Nolan
Michelle Rief
Christopher A. Suarez (arrived 5:47 p.m.)
Heather Thornton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Susan Neilson, Dr. Julie Crawford, Dr. Stephen Wilkins, Andrea Lennon, Dominic Turner

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Chair Alderton, Vice Chair Nolan, Ms. Gentry, Dr. Rief and Ms. Thornton were present at the call to order. Board Member Anderson was absent from the meeting and Mr. Suarez arrived after the adoption of the agenda. Board Members Lorber and Greene had notified Chair Alderton that they would join the meeting electronically.

Moment of Silence

2. Observe a Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

3. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the September 16, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting

Ms. Gentry moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the September 16, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting. Ms. Thornton seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 5-0. The motion carried.

4. Allow Participation of Board member Margaret Lorber by Electronic Means

Vice Chair Nolan made the following motion:

“Whereas Margaret Lorber has notified the Chair that she is unavailable to be physically present for tonight’s Special Called School Board Meeting due to a religious reason, specifically a family celebration; and whereas she has not participated in more than two or 25% of Board Meetings by electronic means during 2021, and whereas Margaret Lorber requests the opportunity to participate in the meeting via video or telephone conference call from Alexandria, Virginia, 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 Margaret Lorber in this meeting by video conference call.”

Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

The vote to allow participation of Margaret Lorber by electronic means was unanimous, 6-0. The motion carried. Ms. Lorber joined the meeting via Zoom.

5. Allow Participation of Board member Jacinta Greene by Electronic Means

Vice Chair Nolan made the following motion:

“Whereas Jacinta Greene has notified the Chair that she is unavailable to be physically present for tonight’s Special Called School Board Meeting due to a business obligation, specifically attendance at a two-day conference, and whereas she has not participated in more than two or 25% of Board Meetings by electronic means during 2021, and whereas Jacinta Greene requests the opportunity to participate in the meeting via video or telephone conference call from Washington, D.C., 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 Jacinta Greene in this meeting by video conference call.”

Dr. Rief seconded the motion.

The vote to allow participation of Jacinta Greene by electronic means was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried. Ms. Lorber gave a voice vote.

Ms. Greene joined the meeting via Zoom.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

6. Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Nolan 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.

Mr. Suarez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. Ms. Greene and Mr. Lorber gave their vote orally. The motion carried.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 5:51 p.m.

7. 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 September 16, 2021.

Ms. Gentry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0 to certify the Closed Meeting. Ms. Greene and Ms. Lorber indicated their vote orally. The motion carried.

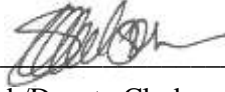
Adjournment

8. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Lorber and seconded by Dr. Rief, the Board voted unanimously, 8-0, to adjourn. The meeting ended at 6:23 p.m.



Meagan L. Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the September 23, 2021 School Board Meeting.