

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
September 17, 2021 (9:00 a.m.)

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS: Ramee A. Gentry
Michelle Rief
Christopher A. Suarez

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Neilson, John Cafferky

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Gentry called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Members of the Personnel Matter Review Panel as approved at the August 19, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting were present and included Board Members Ramee Gentry, Michelle Rief, and Christopher Suarez.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

2. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the September 17, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting

Dr. Rief moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the September 17, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting. Mr. Suarez seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 3-0. The motion carried.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

3. Closed Meeting

Dr. Rief 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 20 specific public employees; and 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. She further moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Board.

Mr. Suarez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 3-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. The motion carried.

The Grievance Panel moved into a Closed Meeting at 9:08 a.m.

4. Certification of Closed Meeting

Dr. Rief 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 Grievance Panel in the Closed Meeting held on September 17, 2021.

Mr. Suarez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 3-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The motion carried. Board members returned to open session at 9:33 a.m.

Mr. Suarez moved to amend the agenda to add Grievance Matter to the agenda.

Dr. Reif seconded the motion.

The vote was 3-0 to amend the agenda to add the item "Grievance Matter." The motion carried.

5. Grievance Matter

Dr. Reif moved that in the complaint discussed in closed session, the Committee adopt the recommendation of the independent investigator, and authorize the Clerk of the Board or other designee to issue a letter to that effect.

Mr. Suarez seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the recommendation of the independent investigator was unanimous, 3-0. The motion carried.

Adjournment

6. Adjourn

On a motion by Dr. Rief and seconded by Mr. Suarez, the Personnel Matter Review Panel voted unanimously, 3-0, to adjourn. The meeting ended at 9:35 a.m.



Meagan L. Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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