

MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
January 4, 2022 (6:30 p.m.)

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) and the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the Alexandria City Council on June 20, 2020, the School Board is able to undertake essential business, with members of the public bodies and staff participating from remote locations through a Zoom Webinar.

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Meagan L. Alderton
Willie F. Bailey, Sr.
Kelly Carmichael Booz
Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi
Jacinta Greene
Christopher Harris
Tammy Ignacio
Michelle Rief
Ashley Simpson Baird

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

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting.

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 January 4, 2022 Organizational School Board Meeting

Ms. Greene moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the January 4, 2022 Organizational School Board Meeting. Dr. Rief seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda for the January 4, 2022 Organizational School Board Meeting was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Nominations for Chair

Chair Alderton turned over the gavel to Dr. Hutchings to oversee the Election of the Chair of the Alexandria City School Board.

4. Nominations for School Board Chair

Dr. Hutchings opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Alexandria City School Board for 2022.

Mr. Harris nominated Meagan Alderton for Chair.

There were no further nominations.

Dr. Hutchings asked if Board Members wished to make any comments about the candidate.

Mr. Harris indicated that he nominated Ms. Alderton as Chair due to her experience as a life-long educator, her strong advocacy for ACPS students, and her sound leadership and guidance through a difficult year.

Ms. Booz commented that she also supported Ms. Alderton as Chair and cited the need for continued guidance during this transition to a new School Board.

There were no further comments.

Election of Chair

5. Election of School Board Chair

Dr. Hutchings indicated Susan Neilson, Clerk of the Board, will call the vote by roll call.

Ms. Neilson asked Board Members to indicate “Yes” in support of Ms. Alderton as Chair, or to indicate “Pass” if they do not wish to support the candidate.

Board Members voted unanimously in favor of Ms. Alderton as Chair. There were no abstentions.

Dr. Hutchings congratulated Ms. Alderton as Chair of the Alexandria City School Board for 2022. Chair Alderton presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Nominations for School Board Vice Chair

6. Nominations for School Board Vice Chair

Chair Alderton opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the Alexandria City School Board.

Ms. Ignacio nominated Jacinta Greene for School Board Vice Chair. There were no further nominations.

Chair Alderton asked if Board Members wished to make any comments about the candidate.

Ms. Ignacio noted Ms. Greene’s extensive list of service to the City and ACPS as a dedicated School Board Member who will fight for all of Alexandria’s children.

There were no further comments.

Election of Vice Chair

7. Election of School Board Vice Chair

Chair Alderton indicated that the Clerk will call for the vote by roll call.

Ms. Neilson indicated that those in favor of Ms. Greene for Vice Chair should indicate “Yes,” or indicate “Pass” if they do not wish to support this candidate.

Board Members voted unanimously in support of Ms. Greene as Vice Chair. There were no abstentions.

Chair Alderton congratulated Ms. Greene as Vice Chair of the Alexandria City School Board for 2022.

Designees of the Division Superintendent

8. Appoint Designees of the Division Superintendent

Ms. Booz moved to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Dr. Terri Mozingo, Chief of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership, to serve as the Superintendent’s Designee in his absence. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

The vote to approve Dr. Mozingo as the Designee of the Division Superintendent was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Superintendent’s Recommendation for Clerk of the Board

9. Superintendent’s Recommendation for Clerk of the Board and Deputy Clerk of the Board

Dr. Rief moved to approve Ms. Susan Neilson as Clerk of the Board and Ms. Shanel Hill as Deputy Clerk of the Board. Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to approve Ms. Neilson as Clerk of the Board and Ms. Hill as Deputy Clerk of the Board was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Communications & Addresses to the Board

Each year at the Organizational Meeting, the Board reaffirms its Code of Ethics, Standards of Conduct, Rules of Order and Bylaws.

10. Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct

Board Members took turns reading aloud the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct as required in the Code of Ethics.

Ms. Booz moved to affirm the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

The vote to affirm the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

11. Rules of Order and Bylaws

Mr. Bailey moved to affirm the Rules of Order and Bylaws. Dr. Simpson Baird seconded the motion.

The vote to affirm the Rules of Order and Bylaws was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Old Business and Action Items

12. Delegation of Authority for Financial Functions

Dr. Simpson Baird made the following motion:

“Madam Chair, I move that the Alexandria City School Board approve the following organizational arrangements:

1. Authorize the Superintendent to appoint the Chief Financial Officer as Agent, and the Accounting Office Director and the Director of Budget, Financial Systems and Reporting as Deputy Agents of the School Board to examine, approve, and order payment of financial obligations of the Board.
2. Authorize the Superintendent to appoint the Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Procurement, and the Assistant Director of Procurement as Purchasing Agents of the School Board to enter into contracts for the purchase or lease of goods or services (professional and nonprofessional) and construction in accordance with the requirements and limits set forth in School Board Policy DJA-Purchasing Authority and FEG-Planning, Design and Construction.
3. Authorize the Superintendent to appoint the Chief of Facilities and Operations and the Director of Transportation as Agents of the School Board for the limited purpose of signing titles and registration documents for the sale or purchase of School Board vehicles.
4. In cases where any of the agent positions are vacant, the acting or interim holder of that position may be substituted.

The Superintendent is also granted the authority to appoint the Superintendent’s designee, as approved by the School Board, to act as an Agent of the School Board for any of these functions in the absence of the Superintendent or persons named above.”

Dr. Rief seconded the motion. The vote to approve the Delegation of Authority for Financial Functions was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

13. SY 2022-2023 School Board Meeting Calendar

Mr. Bailey moved to approve the SY 2022-2023 School Board Meeting Calendar. Vice Chair Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the SY 2022-2023 School Board Meeting Calendar was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

Adjournment

14. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Booz and seconded by Vice Chair Greene, the Board voted unanimously, 9-0, to adjourn. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

The meeting ended at 7:26 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the January 6, 2022 School Board Meeting.