

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**May 17, 2022 (6:30 p.m.)**

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**ROLL CALL**

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Meagan L. Alderton (arrived during the Closed Meeting)  
Willie F. Bailey Sr.  
Kelly Carmichael Booz  
Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi  
Jacinta Greene  
Christopher Harris (absent)  
Tammy Ignacio  
Michelle Rief (joined via Zoom)  
Ashley Simpson Baird (joined via Zoom)

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

**Call to Order**

**1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton**

Vice Chair Greene called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Christopher Harris, who was absent. Dr. Rief and Dr. Simpson Baird joined the meeting electronically after approval. Chair Alderton arrived during the closed 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 May 17, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting**

Ms. Ignacio moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the May 17, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting.

Ms. Booz seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 5-0. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call. Mr. Bailey, Ms. Booz, Mr. Elnoubi, Vice Chair Greene, and Ms. Ignacio were present for the vote.

**9. Allow Participation of Board Member Michelle Rief by Electronic Means**

Ms. Ignacio made the following motion:

“Whereas Board Member Michelle Rief has notified the Board that she is unavailable to be physically present for today’s Special Called School Board Meeting due to a personal matter, specifically illness, and whereas she has not participated in more than two or 25% of School Board Meetings by electronic means during 2022; and whereas Board Member Michelle Rief requests the opportunity to participate in the Special Called Meeting by video conference call from Alexandria, Virginia, where the video conference call shall be heard by all participants

in this Board Room; and whereas a quorum of the School Board is physically assembled in this Board room;

Therefore, I move, pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3708 that the Board approve the participation of Board Member Michelle Rief in this meeting by video conference call.”

Mr. Elnoubi seconded the motion.

The vote to approve Dr. Rief participating in the meeting by electronic means was unanimous, 5-0. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

#### **10. Allow Participation of Board Member Ashley Simpson Baird by Electronic Means**

Ms. Ignacio made the following motion:

“Whereas Board Member Ashley Simpson Baird has notified the Board that she is unavailable to be physically present for today’s Special Called School Board Meeting due to a personal matter, specifically a child care issue, and whereas she has not participated in more than two or 25% of School Board Meetings by electronic means during 2022; and whereas Board Member Ashley Simpson Baird requests the opportunity to participate in the Special Called Meeting by video conference call from Alexandria, Virginia, where the video conference call shall be heard by all participants in this Board Room; and whereas a quorum of the School Board is physically assembled in this Board room;

Therefore, I move, pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3708 that the Board approve the participation of Board Member Ashley Simpson Baird in this meeting by video conference call.”

Mr. Elnoubi seconded the motion.

The vote to approve Dr. Simpson Baird participating in the meeting by electronic means was unanimous, 5-0. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

Dr. Rief and Dr. Simpson Baird joined the meeting via Zoom.

#### **Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting**

##### **4. Closed Meeting**

Ms. Ignacio 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. She further 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.

Ms. Booz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. The vote was taken by roll call. The motion carried.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 6:44 p.m.

##### **5. Certification of Closed Meeting**

Vice Chair 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 17, 2022.

Ms. Booz seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The vote was taken by roll call. The motion carried. Chair Alderton had joined the meeting during the closed session.

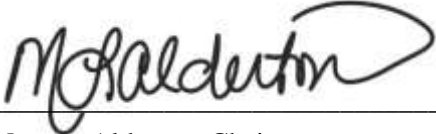
The board returned to open session at 7:53 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**6. Adjourn**

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

The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the May 19, 2022 School Board Meeting.