# MINUTES SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD June 10, 2022 (9:00 a.m.)

# 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 (joined electronically) Tammy Ignacio Michelle Rief Ashley Simpson Baird

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 9:11 a.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Mr. Harris who joined the meeting electronically through Zoom after the first 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 June 10, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting

Vice Chair Greene moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the June 10, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting.

Ms. Ignacio seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 8-0. A hand vote was taken. The motion carried.

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

#### 4. Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Greene 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 one specific public employee. 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. Lastly, Vice Chair Greene 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.

Dr. Rief seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. A hand vote was taken. The motion carried.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 9:14 a.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 June 10, 2022.

Mr. Elnoubi seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. A hand vote was taken. The motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:40 a.m.

# 6. Amend the Agenda to Add "Allow Participation of Board Member Christopher Harris by Electronic Means"

Dr. Rief moved to amend the agenda to add the item "Allow Participation of Board Member Christopher Harris by Electronic Means."

Ms. Booz seconded the motion.

The vote to amend the agenda was unanimous, 8-0. A hand vote was taken. The motion carried.

#### 7. Allow Participation of Board Member Christopher Harris by Electronic Means"

Vice Chair Greene made the following motion:

"Whereas Christopher Harris has notified the Chair that he is unavailable to be physically present for today's Special Called School Board Meeting due to a personal matter, specifically illness; and whereas he has not participated in more than two or 25% of Board Meetings by electronic means during 2022; and whereas Christopher Harris requests the opportunity to participate in the meeting via video conference call from Alexandria, Virginia, where the 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 Harris in this meeting by video conference call."

Dr. Reif seconded the motion.

The vote to allow participation of Board Member Christopher Harris by video conference call, was unanimous, 8-0. A hand vote was taken. The motion carried.

Mr. Harris joined the meeting through Zoom.

#### 8. Superintendent Separation Agreement

Vice Chair Greene moved that the Board accept the resignation of Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr. as Division Superintendent, effective August 31, 2022, and authorize the Board to enter into an agreement regarding his separation, in a form approved by the Board, and to be executed by the Chair on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

The vote to accept the resignation of Dr. Hutchings and to enter into a separation agreement, was unanimous, 9-0. A hand vote was taken, with the exception of Mr. Harris, who voted orally. The motion carried.

# 9. Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Greene moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(19) for the discussion of plans to protect public safety as it related to briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety, discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 4 or 14 of Virginia Code 2.2-3705.2 where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, building, structure; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure.

Ms. Booz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 9-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. A hand vote was taken, with the exception of Mr. Harris who voted orally. The motion carried. The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 9:46 a.m.

# 10. 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 June 10, 2022.

Dr. Rief seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. A hand vote was taken. The motion carried. Mr. Harris left the meeting during the Closed Meeting and did not return.

The Board returned to open session at 10:44 a.m.

# Adjournment

# 11. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Booz and seconded by Mr. Elnoubi, the Board voted unanimously, 8-0, to adjourn. A hand vote was taken. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.

Meagan Alderton, Chair

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the June 16, 2022 School Board Meeting.