

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**July 7, 2022 (6:30 p.m.)**

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**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, Dr. Alicia Hart, Erika Gulick, Sophie Huemer

**Call to Order**

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

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Ms. Ignacio who joined the meeting electronically during the adoption of the agenda.

**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 July 7, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting**

Dr. Rief moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the July 7, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting.

Vice Chair Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda for the Special Called School Board Meeting was unanimous, 8-0. The motion carried.

**4. Allow Participation of Board Member Tammy Ignacio by Electronic Means**

Vice Chair Green made the following motion:

“Whereas Board Member Tammy Ignacio 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 Tammy Ignacio requests the opportunity to participate in the Special Called School Board Meeting by video conference call from Garden City, SC, 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 Tammy Ignacio in this meeting by video conference call.”

Dr. Rief seconded the motion.

The vote to allow participation by Board Member Tammy Ignacio by electronic means was unanimous, 8-0. The motion carried.

Ms. Ignacio joined the meeting via Zoom

### **Consent Calendar**

- 5. Appoint Designee of the Division Superintendent**
- 6. Personnel Actions from June 11, 2022 through June 27, 2022**
- 7. Minutes from the June 23, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting**

Mr. Elnoubi moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Dr. Rief seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the Consent Calendar was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. Ms. Ignacio voted orally in the affirmative.

### **Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar**

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar

### **New Business and Reports to the Board**

#### **11. Notification of Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Interim Superintendent Interviews**

Vice Chair Greene moved that pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3712 (b) that the Board hereby notifies the public that closed meetings will be held in the next 15 days at undisclosed locations for the purpose of interviewing candidates for Interim Superintendent.

Mr. Elnoubi seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the notification to the public of the closed session to be held within 15 calendar days, was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. Ms. Ignacio voted orally in the affirmative.

### **Old Business & Action Items**

#### **9. Simpson Field**

The Simpson Field site is currently used by the City of Alexandria’s Recreation Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) as soccer and baseball fields. As part of CDD2007-0001 and Concept Plan Amendment for Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens, a portion of this site was designated for ACPS use, if jointly agreed with the City, to be developed into a school. Given that APCS has not scheduled a new school at this site in the current 10-year CIP Budget, ACPS staff can negotiate the use of the fields by RPCA. Dr. Alicia Hart, Chief of Facilities and Operations, indicated that there was no new information on this agenda item, regarding the use of Simpson Field by the City but her team was here to answer questions.

Board Members asked questions regarding clarity of the size of the site that was being discussed, what terms will be discussed in the negotiations with City staff, the availability of additional acreage if needed for a school site and where the final agreement language will be available for future reference.

Ms. Erika Gulick, Director of Capital Programs, Planning and Design, clarified the size of the area being discussed. She indicated that the soccer field is approximately four acres of land and the baseball field approximately two acres. Ms. Sophie Huemer, Planner II, further clarified that the space is approximately 120,000 sq. ft. of land.

Mr. Elnoubi moved to allow the City of Alexandria use of the identified site at Simpson Fields for a minimum of ten years and permit staff to negotiate the final details of field use by RPCA.

Ms. Booz seconded the motion.

The vote to allow use of Simpson Field for a minimum of 10 years by RPCA was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. Ms. Ignacio voted orally in the affirmative.

**Chair's Report**

**8. Report from Meagan Alderton**

Chair Alderton did not give a report.

**Superintendent's Report**

**9. Report from Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr.**

Superintendent Hutchings reported on visiting Alexandria City High School where summer school is underway and operating smoothly. He will be visiting the middle and elementary schools along with Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, Chief of Teaching, Learning and Leadership, where they will be checking in on the CTE and other summer learning programs at those schools.

**Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting**

**10. Closed Meeting**

**11. Certification of Closed Meeting**

No Closed Meeting was held.

**Adjournment**

**12. Adjourn**

On a motion by Vice Chair Greene and seconded by Dr. Rief, the Board voted unanimously, 9-0, to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the July 28, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting.