

MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
July 20, 2023 (6:30 p.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
Tammy Ignacio
Michelle Rief
Ashley Simpson Baird

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Susan Neilson

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 July 20, 2023 Organizational School Board Meeting

Vice Chair Greene moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the July 20, 2023 Organizational School Board Meeting.

Mr. Elnoubi seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda for the July 20, 2023 Organizational School Board Meeting was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

Nominations for Chair

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

4. Nominations for School Board Chair

Dr. Kay-Wyatt opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Alexandria City School Board for 2023-2024.

Mr. Elnoubi nominated Dr. Michelle Rief for Chair of the Alexandria City School Board.

There were no further nominations.

Dr. Kay-Wyatt asked if Board Members wished to make any comments about the candidate.

Mr. Elnoubi provided remarks in support of Dr. Rief and Ms. Alderton thanked her for taking on this challenging role.

There were no further comments.

Election of Chair

5. Election of School Board Chair

Dr. Kay-Wyatt 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 the nominated candidate for the Chair position, or to indicate “Pass” if they do not wish to support the candidate. A roll call vote was taken.

Board Members voted unanimously in favor of Dr. Michelle Rief as Chair. There were no abstentions.

Dr. Kay-Wyatt congratulated Dr. Rief as Chair of the Alexandria City School Board for the 2023-2024 school year.

Chair Rief 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 Kelly Carmichael Booz for School Board Vice Chair.

Mr. Bailey nominated Christopher Harris for School Board Vice Chair.

There were no further nominations.

Chair Rief asked if Board Members wished to make any comments about the candidates.

Ms. Ignacio gave remarks in support of Ms. Booz.

Mr. Bailey offered remarks in support of Mr. Harris.

There were no further comments.

Election of Vice Chair

7. Election of School Board Vice Chair

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

The Clerk asked Board Members to indicate “Yes” in support of the nominated candidate for the Vice Chair position, or to indicate “Pass” if they wish to support another candidate. Board Members may abstain if they do not wish to support either candidate.

Board Members Ms. Booz, Mr. Elnoubi, Ms. Ignacio, Dr. Rief and Dr. Simpson Baird indicated their support for Ms. Kelly Carmichael Booz as Vice Chair.

Board Members Ms. Alderton, Mr. Bailey, Ms. Green and Mr. Harris indicated their support Mr. Christopher Harris as Vice Chair.

Ms. Booz won the election 5-4 over Mr. Harris. Chair Rief congratulated Ms. Booz as Vice Chair of the Alexandria City School Board for 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Bailey expressed his thanks to both Ms. Green and Ms. Alderton for their work over the last few years.

Designee of the Division Superintendent

8. Appoint Designee of the Division Superintendent

Vice Chair Booz moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Dr. Clinton Page, Chief of Accountability and Research, to serve as the Superintendent's Designee in her absence.

Mr. Elnoubi seconded the motion.

The vote to approve Dr. Page as the Designee of the Division Superintendent was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Recommendation for Clerk of the Board

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

Ms. Alderton moved to approve Ms. Susan Neilson as Clerk of the Board and Ms. Alexandra Bourdouane as Deputy Clerk of the Board.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the Clerk of the Board and Deputy Clerk of the Board was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

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.

Mr. Elnoubi moved to affirm the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

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

11. Rules of Order and Bylaws

Ms. Greene moved to affirm the Rules of Order and Bylaws.

Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

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

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed

1. Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Booz moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(6) for discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds

where competition or bargaining is involved and, where, if made public, would adversely affect the financial interest of the Board. She further 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. Lastly, Ms. Booz moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A)(2) for the discussion and consideration of matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to go into the closed session was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

The Board moved into the Closed Session at 7:01 p.m.

2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Booz moved that Pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3712, that the Board certify 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 are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act, were heard, discussed or considered by the Board in the Closed Meeting held on July 20, 2023.

Mr. Elnoubi seconded the motion. The vote to certify the closed session was unanimous, 8-0. The motion carried. Mr. Bailey did not return from the closed session and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 7:58 p.m.

Consent Calendar

3. Delegation of Authority for Financial Functions

4. Lyles Crouch Kitchen Renovation Contract

5. Personnel Actions from June 22, 2023 to July 19, 2023

6. SY 2023-2024 School Board Meeting Calendar

7. Minutes for the June 22 and 26 Special Called School Board Meetings and the July 13, 2023 Work Session

Ms. Greene moved to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Dr. Simpson Baird seconded the motion.

Chair Rief asked if there were any items to pull from the Consent Calendar.

Ms. Alderton asked to pull the items "Appoint the 2023-2024 Student Representative to the School Board" and the "Appoint the 2023-2024 International Academy Student Representative to the School Board."

The vote to adopt the amended Consent Calendar was unanimous, 8-0. The motion carried.

Items Pulled from Consent

1. Appoint the 2023-2024 Student Representatives to the School Board

2. Appoint the 2023-2024 International Academy Student Representative to the School Board

Ms. Alderton reported that the Board will be voting on the appointment of Mr. Torenzo Ricks and Ms. Zeinab Yassin as the Student Representatives to the School Board and Ms. Zahra Rahimi as the International Academy Student Representative to the School Board.

Ms. Alderton moved to appoint the 2023-2024 Student Representatives to the School Board and the 2023-2024 International Academy Student Representative to the School Board.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the 2023-2024 Student Representatives to the School Board was 6-0-2. Chair Rief and Mr. Harris abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Board Chair's Report

3. Report from the Chair

Chair Rief reported that there will be two evenings of School Board Member retreats on July 24 and 25. She also noted that the first regular School Board meeting on August 24, 2023. Dr. Rief also noted that the full list of School Board Meetings was adopted on the Consent Calendar this evening.

Superintendent's Report

4. Report from Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt

Dr. Kay-Wyatt shared information about the summer learning programs and celebrations. She thanked staff for their hard work. She reported that Samuel Tucker Elementary School will be opening on XXX. Families may find back to school forms on the ACPS Website. She noted that the schools on the traditional calendar will return on August 21, 2023.

Dr. Kay-Wyatt announced new administrative appointments.

Announcements by Board Members

5. Announcements

Mr. Elnoubi thanked Ms. Alderton and Ms. Greene for their service as Chair and Vice Chair of the School Board.

Vice Chair Booz also thanked Ms. Alderton and Ms. Greene for their work, and thanked the Board Members for supporting her for the role of Vice Chair.

Dr. Simpson Baird gave an update on School Board Staggered Term Election discussion.

Adjournment

6. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Alderton and seconded by Ms. Greene, the Board voted unanimously, 8-0, to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 8:12 p.m.



Dr. Michelle Rief, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the August 24, 2023 School Board Meeting.