

**MINUTES**  
**SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**May 4, 2023 (7:00 p.m.)**

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**ROLL CALL**

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE WORK SESSION:

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Susan Neilson, Dominic Turner, Dr. Alicia Hart, Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, Carmen Sanders, Dr. Pierrette Finney, Rene Paschal, Matt Smith,

**Call the Work Session to Order**

Chair Alderton called the Work Session to order at 9:51 p.m.

**Discussion Topics**

**1. Superintendent's Adjusted Combined Funds (CF) and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets**

Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt submitted her adjustments to the FY 2024 Combined Funds and CIP Budgets which factored in any changes since the School Board approved the budget on February 16, 2023. Mr. Dominic Turner reviewed the revenue and expenditure adjustments to the FY 2024 Combined Funds Budget that included Operating, Grants & Special Projects, and School Nutrition Services. Based on changes to the City of Alexandria's Approved Budget, there are a few adjustments to the CIP, which result in a \$7.5 million reduction from the School Board approved FY 2024-2033 CIP Budget. The total adjusted FY 2024 CIP budget is now \$51,255,900 which matches the City Council Approved CIP Budget.

**2. The High School Project**

The High School Project Team (THSPT) (formerly known as the Educational Design Team) continues to plan for the educational experience of students in the Alexandria City High School (ACHS) Connected Network, focused on the goal of instructional excellence and multiple pathways that prepare students for college, career, and civic life.

Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, Carmen Sanders, and Dr. Pierrette Finney reviewed completed work and reviewed work that is needed for the work of the new Minnie Howard Campus and other campuses in the connected high school network.

**3. Calendar Policy**

The ACPS Board directed staff to develop a proposed regulation providing governance over the division's academic calendar. The ACPS Calendar Committee has develop recommendations around the makeup of the committee, ACPS staff have collaborated with surrounding divisions to identify common standard practices for school boards to consider. The governance around the

makeup of the committee, the committee process, and standard practices would be combined into the requested calendar regulation. ACPS staff have collaborated with staff from Arlington, Falls Church, Fairfax, and Loudoun to document standard practices for 60 calendar decision points such as the first day of school and holidays. The team identified points of commonality and policies are being developed in several school divisions.

### **Adjournment**

The Work Session ended at 11:08 p.m.

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Meagan Alderton, Chair

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Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the **DATE** School Board Meeting.