

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2025 COMBINED FUNDS BUDGET
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
January 18, 2024 (6:30 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS: Meagan L. Alderton
Tim Beaty
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, Alexandra Bourdouane, Zeinab Yassin

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Rief

Chair Rief called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Mr. Harris, who was absent.

Public Hearing

2. Public Hearing on FY 2024 Combined Funds Budget

The following gave remarks at the public hearing:

Mr. William Price, ACPS student, asked the board to keep in mind demographics that affect the budget

Ms. Sara Isaac, ACPS student, asked that the Board prioritize opportunities

Ms. Ruth Kebebew, ACPS student, asked the board for more support for students in the budget.

Ms. Yahney-Marie Sanger, ACPS student, spoke on teacher retention and staff cuts in the budget.

Ms. Deborah McKeeman, community member, encouraged the School Board to advocate on behalf of the students when presenting the ACPS budget to City Council.

Ms. Sindy Carballo Garcia, community member, encouraged more resources that will support students in the FY 2025 budget.

Ms. Laura Petty, community member, encouraged the Board to reinstate services that support students such as restorative practices and counselors.

Ms. Catherine Clinger, community member, spoke on behalf of the Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) and thanked the Board for inclusion of funding for middle school athletics.

Ms. Phyllis Turner-Lawrence, community member, spoke on behalf of Grassroots Alexandria, encouraged the Board to include restorative practices and SEAL in the budget.

Mr. David Paladin-Fernandez, ACPS staff member, spoke in support of collective bargaining and for including a cost of living adjustment for staff in the budget.

Ms. Kayden Smith, ACPS student, spoke on including a sports psychologist in the budget for student athlete mental health support.

Mr. Dijibril Wone, ACPS student, spoke in including an additional medical trainer in the budget to support student athletic programs.

Ms. Caroline Legere, ACPS student, spoke on supporting mental health training program for coaches and athletic staff in the budget.

Adjournment

3. Adjourn

The public hearing ended at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Michelle Rief, Chair

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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