

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD**

May 16, 2024 (6:30 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS: Meagan L. Alderton (virtual)
Tim Beaty
Kelly Carmichael Booz
Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi
Jacinta Greene
Christopher Harris
Tammy Ignacio (virtual)
Michelle Rief
Ashley Simpson Baird

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Susan Neilson, Alexandra Bourdouane, Dr. Grace Taylor, Dominic Turner, Robert Easley, Dr. Pierrette Finney, Carmen Sanders

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Rief

Chair Rief called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Ms. Alderton and Ms. Ignacio who joined the meeting electronically.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

2. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the May 16, 2024 Special Called School Board Meeting

Mr. Elboubi moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the May 16, 2024 Special Called School Board Meeting.

Mr. Beaty seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda for May 16, 2024, was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried.

3. Participation of Board Members by Electronic Means

Vice Chair Booz made the following motion:

“Whereas Board Member Tammy Ignacio has notified the Chair that she is unavailable to be physically present for tonight’s Special Called School Board meeting for a medical reason; and whereas Board Member Ignacio requests the opportunity to participate in the meeting via video conference call from out of town; AND

Whereas Board Member Meagan Alderton has notified the Board that she is unavailable to be physically present for tonight’s Special Called School Board Meeting due to personal matter, specifically childcare, and whereas she has not participated in more than two or 25% of Board meetings by electronic means during 2024; and whereas Board Member Alderton requests the opportunity to participate via video conference call from her home;

Therefore, I move, pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3708.3 that the Board approve the participation of Board Members Tammy Ignacio and Meagan Alderton in this meeting by Video conference call.”

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to allow Ms. Alderton and Ms. Ignacio to participate in the meeting by electronic means was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried.

Ms. Alderton and Ms. Ignacio joined the meeting via Zoom.

Communications & Addresses to the Board

4. Public Hearing on Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund Plan

Ms. Deborah McKeeman, community member, spoke on the budgets.

Closed Meeting & Certification of Closed Meeting

5. Closed Meeting

Ms. Booz, moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Code of Virginia Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) and 2.2-3711(A)(2) to discuss the performance and discipline of specific public employees, which would also involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning a student within Alexandria City Public Schools; AND

that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(6) and 2.2-3711(A)(29) for discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds and the award of a public contract regarding the purchase of textbooks, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board.

Ms. Greene, seconded the motion.

The vote to go into a closed meeting was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. Ms. Alderton and Ms. Ignacio voted orally.

The Board moved into a closed session at 6:41 p.m.

6. Certification of Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Booz moved that pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3712, 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 are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act, were heard, discussed or considered by the Board in the Closed Meeting held on May 16, 2024.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to certify the Closed Meeting was unanimous, 9-0. Ms. Ignacio and Ms. Alderton voted orally. The motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 7:27 p.m.

Adjourn

7. Adjourn

Chair Rief adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Dr. Michelle Rief, Chair

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the DATE School Board Meeting.

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