

**MINUTES**  
**SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**May 15, 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 (absent)  
Christopher Harris  
Tammy Ignacio (absent)  
Michelle Rief (via Zoom)  
Ashley Simpson Baird

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Canek Aguirre  
Sarah Bagley (via Zoom)  
John Taylor Chapman  
Alyia Gaskins (absent)  
R. Kirk McPike  
Amy Jackson  
Justin Wilson

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Dr. Alicia Hart, Jim Parajon, Courtney Ballantine, Yon Lambert,

**Call the Work Session to Order**

Mayor Wilson called the Work Session to order at 7:01 p.m. Members of the two bodies approved the participation of Dr. Michelle Rief and Sarah Bagley via Zoom.

**Discussion Topics**

**1. Share Services**

Board Members, City Council, and staff members from City and ACPS met to define goals and criteria for shared operations, reviewed a short list of priority areas to focus on, and discussed budget synchronization beginning in FY 2025.

**2. ACPS/APD School Law Enforcement Partnership MOU**

Dr. Hart reviewed proposed revisions to the ACPS/APD School Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU was last adopted in October 2020, and a signed MOU would need to be signed no later than June 30, 2023.

**3. Staggered Terms for School Board Members**

Board Members Ashley Simpson Baird and Kelly Carmichael Booz presented options for changing School Board Member elections to staggered terms. It was noted that a change in school board elections does not affect City Council elections, however, the City would need to change the City's charter to allow the School Board to hold staggered terms. It also requires that the City

hold a public hearing on the change to the Charter, and then send the proposed change to the General Assembly for approval. The discussion of changes to School Board elections will continue at the School Board level to determine the exact structure of the staggered terms before presenting to City Council for changes.

### **Adjournment**

The Work Session ended at 9:46 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.