



Resolution to Explore School Board Election, Term, and Composition Adjustments

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City School Board serves concurrent, three-year terms and may therefore potentially incur the loss of its knowledge base and experience gained every three years; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City School Board, as a continuing body, seeks to better maintain its institutional knowledge and increase its effectiveness; and

WHEREAS the Alexandria City School Board currently seats nine Members, three each of which are elected to represent one of three voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City School Board seeks to improve its overall efficiency, collaboration and ability to reach consensus; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City School Board supports transparency and encourages community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia mandates that the Alexandria City School Board's elections must coincide with those of its governing body, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia mandates that the Alexandria City School Board's term of office must coincide with that of its governing body, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia mandates that the Alexandria City Council's and the Alexandria City School Board's terms of office are determined by the City Charter of Alexandria, Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City School Board requests that the Alexandria City Council consider exploring one or more potential amendments to its City Charter during 2018-2019 as proposed below. The School Board further encourages the next School Board, to be elected in November 2018, to develop and present specific recommendations to City Council on the matter during 2019, and for both elected bodies to actively seek community input on the following:

- Transitioning Alexandria City School Board Member and Alexandria City Council Member terms of office from concurrent to staggered, and therefore;
- The possibility of shifting the election cycle from concurrent elections held every three years to holding staggered elections more frequently;
- **Transitioning from serving three-year terms of office to serving four-year terms;**
- Supporting the School Board's interest in exploring a reduction from its nine-Member Board to a lesser number; and
- **Supporting the School Board's interest in exploring the addition of one at-large Member to an overall smaller Board, the remainder of which would serve through voting district-based representation.**

Adopted at the _____, 2018 School Board Meeting

* **Board Member consensus is undetermined.**

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-50, 22.1-57.3, 24.2-222, 24.2-223.
City Charter of Alexandria, Virginia, §§ 3.01, 3.05, 10.01, 15.10.

Cross Refs.: BB School Board Legal Status
BBBA Qualifications of School Board Members