

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**August 16, 2017 (8:00 p.m.)**

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**ROLL CALL**

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Ramee A. Gentry  
Cindy Anderson  
Ronnie Campbell  
William E. Campbell  
Henry E. Cardwell  
Karen Graf (absent)  
Christopher J. Lewis  
Margaret Lorber  
Veronica R. Nolan (participated by electronic means)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Lois Berlin, Jennifer Abbruzzese, Susan Neilson

**Call to Order**

**1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Gentry**

Chair Gentry called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Ms. Graf and Ms. Nolan. Dr. Cardwell arrived during the adoption of the meeting agenda at 8:03 p.m.

**Adoption of Meeting Agenda & Approval of Minutes**

**1. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the August 16, 2017 Special Called School Board Meeting**

Ms. Campbell moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the August 16, 2017 Special Called School Board Meeting. Ms. Lorber seconded the motion.

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

**2. Motion to Allow Board Member Veronica Nolan to Participate in Meeting via Electronic Means**

Vice Chair Anderson moved that whereas Veronica Nolan has notified the Chair that she is unavailable to be physically present for tonight's School Board meeting due to a personal matter, specifically business travel, and whereas she has not participated in more than two Board meetings by electronic means during 2017; and whereas Board Member Nolan requests the opportunity to participate in the meeting via telephone conference call from Kansas City, Missouri, which conference call will be heard by all participants in this Board room; and whereas a quorum of the Board is physically assembled in this Board room. She further moved that pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3801.1 that the Board approve the participation of Veronica Nolan in this meeting by telephone conference call. Ms. Lorber seconded the motion.

The vote to allow Ms. Nolan to participate in the meeting via electronic means was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried. Ms. Nolan will join the meeting during the closed session.

**3. Approve the Minutes for the August 14, 2017 Special Called School Board Meeting**

Vice Chair Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 Special Called School Board Meeting. Ms. Lorber seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 Special Called School Board Meeting was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried.

**Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting**

**4. Closed Meeting**

Vice Chair Anderson moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion and consideration of employment, performance and contractual matters for five (5) specific employees. She further moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A)(29) for the discussion of the award of a contract involving the expenditure of public funds, and discussion of the scope of such a contract, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position of the Board.

Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0, to convene a closed meeting.

The Board moved into a closed meeting at 8:06 p.m.

**5. Certification of Closed Meeting**

Vice Chair Anderson moved that pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3712, that the Board certify 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 August 16, 2017.

Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0, to certify the closed meeting. The motion carried.

Ms. Nolan left the meeting at the end of the closed session and therefore did not participate in the vote to certify the closed meeting.

**Consent Calendar**

**6. Contract for Relocatables**

Mr. Lewis moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous, 7-0, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried.

**7. Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar**

No items were pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**Adjournment**

**8. Adjourn**

On a motion by Dr. Cardwell and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, to adjourn. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.



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Ramee A. Gentry, Chair



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Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the August 23, 2017 Special Called School Board Meeting.