

**MINUTES**  
**VIRTUAL SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**September 29, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)**

**Meeting Held via Zoom**

On March 12, 2020, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) and Acts of Assembly Chap. 1283 § 4-0.01(g), virtual School Board meetings held during the State of Emergency are limited to:

- addressing the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 (Va. Code § 44-146.17); and
- business that is necessary to continue school division operations and to discharge the School Board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

Notice of any virtual School Board Meetings will be posted on the ACPS Calendar and on the School Board Meeting web page, where the public may link to join or watch live meetings. Virtual Special Called School Board Meetings may also be watched live in Alexandria on Comcast Channel 71. Video recordings and minutes for these meetings are posted online as soon as available after the meeting.

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**ROLL CALL**

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Cindy Anderson  
Veronica R. Nolan  
Meagan L. Alderton  
Ramee A. Gentry  
Jacinta Greene  
Margaret Lorber  
Michelle Rief  
Christopher A. Suarez  
Heather Thornton

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Susan Neilson, Shanel Hill

**Call to Order**

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

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting.

**Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

**2. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the September 29, 2020 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting**

Ms. Lorber moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the September 29, 2020 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting.

Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

### **Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting**

#### **3. Closed Meeting**

Vice Chair Nolan moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Board. She further moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 5:06 p.m.

#### **4. Certification of Closed Meeting**

Mr. Suarez moved that pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3712, that 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 which are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act, were heard, discussed or considered by the Board in the Closed Meeting held on September 29, 2020.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken. Vice Chair Nolan did not return to the meeting after the Closed Meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 6:29 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

#### **5. Adjourn**

On a motion by Ms. Gentry and seconded by Ms. Greene, the Board voted unanimously, 8-0, to adjourn. The vote was taken by roll call.

The meeting ended at 6:33 p.m.



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Cindy Anderson, Chair



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Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the October 15, 2020 School Board Meeting.