MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
Monday, January 7, 2019 (7:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Jennifer Abbruzzese, Susan Neilson, Ewan Thompson, Bridget Williams

Call to Order

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

   Chair Gentry called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. All members of the Alexandria City School Board were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a cadet from the T.C. Williams JROTC program.

Moment of Silence

3. **Observe a Moment of Silence**

   A moment of silence was observed.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

4. **Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the January 7, 2019 Organizational Board Meeting**

   Ms. Lorber moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the January 7, 2019 Organizational Board Meeting. Vice Chair Anderson seconded the motion.

   The vote to adopt the meeting agenda for January 7, 2019 was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

   Chair Gentry ceded the gavel to Dr. Hutchings for nominations and elections of the Chair for the Alexandria City School Board.

Nominations for Chair

5. **Nominations for School Board Chair**

   Dr. Hutchings opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Alexandria City School Board.

   Ms. Gentry nominated Cindy Anderson for Chair.

Dr. Hutchings closed the nominations as no further nominations were offered. Board Members offered statements of support for the nomination of Ms. Anderson as Chair.

Election of Chair

6. Election of School Board Chair

The result of the vote to appoint Ms. Cindy M. Anderson as Chair of the Alexandria City School Board was unanimous, with all nine members voting in support of the nomination. The motion carried.

Dr. Hutchings relinquished the gavel to Ms. Anderson, who assumed the position of Chair.

Nomination of Vice Chair

7. Nominations for School Board Vice Chair

Chair Anderson opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the Alexandria City School Board. Ms. Alderton nominated Veronica Nolan for Vice Chair.

Chair Anderson closed the nominations as no further nominations were offered. Board Members offered statements of support for the nomination of Ms. Nolan as Vice Chair.

Election of Vice Chair

8. Election of School Board Vice Chair

The result of the vote to appoint Ms. Veronica R. Nolan as Vice Chair of the Alexandria City School Board was eight (8) members voting in support of the nomination. Dr. Rief did not support the nomination.

Ms. Nolan assumed the position of Vice Chair.

Note: Elections for School Board leadership are majority votes that are typically done by voice vote when there is a single nominee. Members who do not support the nominee or abstain have effectively voted against the nominee.

Designee of the Division Superintendent

9. Appoint Designee of the Division Superintendent

Ms. Thornton moved to appoint Dr. Terri Mozingo, Chief Academic Officer, as Designee in the absence of the Division Superintendent. Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

The vote to appoint Dr. Mozingo as Designee of the Division Superintendent was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Recommendation for Clerk of the Board

10. Superintendent's Recommendation for Clerk of the Board

Ms. Lorber moved to appoint Susan Neilson as Clerk of the Board. Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

The vote to appoint Susan Neilson as Clerk of the Board was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

Communications and Addresses to the Board

11. Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct

Board Members read the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, which are adopted annually.

12. Rules of Order and Bylaws

Chair Anderson read the Rules of Order and Bylaws, which are affirmed annually.

Ms. Gentry moved to affirm the Code of Ethics, Standards of Conduct, and Rules of Order and Bylaws. Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote to affirm the Alexandria City School Board Code of Ethics, Standards of Conduct and Rules of Order and Bylaws was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

Old Business and Action Items

13. 2019-2020 School Board Meeting Calendar

The 2019-2020 School Board Meeting Calendar was reviewed at the December 20, 2018 School Board Meeting and returns for adoption at the Organizational Meeting.

Mr. Suarez moved to adopt the 2019-2020 School Board Meeting Calendar. Ms. Gentry seconded the motion. The vote to adopt the 2019-2020 School Board Meeting Calendar was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

Adjournment

14. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Gentry and seconded by Ms. Alderton, the Board voted unanimously, 9-0, to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:28 p.m.

Cindy M. Anderson, Chair

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the January 24, 2019 School Board Meeting.