

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Retreat

Item C-1-d

The Arlington School Board convened on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 9:02 M at the Syphax Education Center, 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Present were:

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member
Reid Goldstein, Member
David Priddy, Member

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff

Ms. O’Grady called the meeting to order. After a brief icebreaker activity, the Board discussed how to work together while recognizing that there are different learning and leadership styles among the members. Additional topics discussed included how to work effectively, building trust, and developing a shared commitment.

The group then reviewed the School Board 2020-21 Action Plan, the APS strategic Plan and the Superintendent’s 100 Day Plan. They discussed what has been achieved so far this school year, what remains to be done, and challenges they will face in accomplishing this work. The group also identified top issues that need to be addressed and discussed priorities as well as realistic goals to address these priorities. The two new Board members shared their experiences and perspectives as candidates for the Board, and the full group then talked about how to complete the work ahead together.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board