

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Annual Legislative Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 8:37 AM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

**Present were:**

Reid Goldstein, Chair  
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Vice Chair  
Mary Kadera, Member  
Barbara Kanninen, Member  
David Priddy, Member  
Claudia Mercado, Clerk  
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
Catherine Ashby, Assistant Superintendent, School & Community Relations  
Dr. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer  
Stephen Linkous, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Gerald Mann, Chief Academic Officer  
Christine Smith, Division Legal Counsel  
Steven Marku, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs  
Lilla Wise, APS Legislative Representative

In consideration of the guests' busy schedules, the format for this meeting allowed for in-person and virtual participation. Some of the guests attended by electronic communications using Microsoft Teams. The meeting was also attended by Virginia Delegates, Senators, and legislative aides, as well as School Board members and staff from Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) and Falls Church City Public Schools (FCCPS).

Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Diaz-Torres welcomed attendees and began by extending their deep appreciation for everyone's focus and advocacy for public education. Ms. Wise then presented the School Board's proposed 2023 Legislative Positions, sharing highlights and thanking legislators for their support. Some School Board members shared highlights of their division's legislative package, noting specific issues for their school system. Moreover, some of the conversations centered around Governor Youngkin's proposal to change the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) history and social science curriculum and standards in Virginia schools. They also discussed concerns about the divisive political climate and its impact on public education. Lastly, the group spoke about initiatives and issues being addressed in the upcoming General Assembly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM.

**ATTEST:**

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Claudia Mercado, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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