



# VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHARTING THE COURSE

## School Board Services

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District 1 – Centerville

**Carolyn D. Weems**  
District 4 - Bayside

**Aaron C. Spence, Ed.D., Superintendent**

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## SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Electronic Meeting via Zoom and VBT Channel 47

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- 1. Call to Order and Attendance:** Chairwoman Rye stated in accordance with Bylaw 1-46, and Virginia Code § 2.2-3707, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has called for a special meeting to be held on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor’s Executive Orders, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as amended by the Virginia General Assembly and the School Board’s April 7, 2020 Emergency Resolution and the need to hold a special meeting on June 4, 2021, the School Board will meet electronically via Zoom. Members of the public will be able to observe the meeting through live streaming on vbschools.com, broadcast on VBT channel 47 and on Zoom. The purpose of this special meeting is for the School Board to vote on a motion to cancel any School Board meeting on June 8 or June 9, 2021 due to pending litigation and any potential public confusion regarding the date of the School Board meeting. Chairwoman Rye called the meeting to order and asked the School Board Clerk to take attendance.

The School Board Clerk took a verbal role call. The following School Board members were in attendance via Zoom: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Chairwoman Rye.
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda:** Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the Adoption of the Agenda; Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk took a verbal vote from each School Board member present on Zoom. There were eight (8) ayes with the following School Board members voting in favor of the motion: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Chairwoman Rye. There was one (1) abstention to the motion: Ms. Hughes abstained due to the fact her firm represents Ms. Manning. The agenda was approved with 8 ayes and 1 abstention.
- 3. Vote on Motion:** Chairwoman Rye asked for a motion for the following in response to the call for the meeting; to vote on a motion to cancel any School Board meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> or June 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 due to pending litigation and any potential public confusion regarding the date of the School Board Meeting. Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve; Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs.

A discussion followed regarding being public servants; date change of meeting; transparency; uncertainty around the upcoming meeting; explanation of motion; overview of timeline of the court process for pending law suit; options for meeting next week; concerns about having meeting next week; overview of timeline preparations for June 4 meeting; overview of timeline preparations for June 1 meeting; and moving of agenda items from next week’s meeting if cancelled.

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Without further discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote and reread the motion: to cancel any School Board meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> or June 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 due to pending litigation and any potential public confusion regarding the date of the School Board meeting. As a reminder, the School Board Clerk noted Ms. Anderson made the motion and was seconded by Ms. Riggs. The School Board Clerk took a verbal vote from each School Board member present on Zoom. There were eight (8) ayes with the following School Board members voting in favor of the motion: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Chairwoman Rye. There was one (1) abstention to the motion: Ms. Hughes abstained due a conflict. The motion passed with 8 ayes and 1 abstention.

4. **Adjournment:** Chairwoman Rye adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

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Carolyn T. Rye, School Board Chair