

VBCPS Gifted Community Advisory Committee Meeting

May 4, 2026

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Plaza Annex – 641 Carriage Hill Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Attendance:

Voting Members Present (P), Virtual (V), or Absent (A):

Hiral Patel – At Large (Bayside), A
Ross Kremers – At Large (Cox), P
Holly Edwards – Bayside, P
Melinda Krakow – Cox, P
Holly Bennett – First Colonial, P
Brittany Horn, Chairperson – Green Run, P
Cathy Smith – Kellam, P
Chanel Minter – Kempsville, A
Frances Thompson – Landstown, P
Dr. Fouad Moussa – Ocean Lakes, P
Amanda Ash – Princess Anne, A
Judonne Baxter – Salem, P
Sam Levin, Vice Chairperson – Tallwood, P

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT = 10 voting members, ABSENT = 3 voting members at 6 pm.
Quorum = YES

Non-Voting Members/Ex Officio Members Present (P) or Absent(A):

Barbara Kimpan – Ex Officio, Elementary Gifted Resource Teacher, A
Lori Wilson - Ex Officio, Middle School Gifted Resource Teacher, P
Kelly Lepkowski - Ex Officio, High School Gifted Resource Teacher, P
Kelsey Seibert – Ex Officio, School Counseling, P
Kimbra Cowan, Gifted Visual Arts Rotating Representative, P
Tamika Steeley, Gifted Visual Arts Rotating Representative, P
Kelsie Manugo - Student Representative, P
Tyson Dunn - Student Representative, P

Office of K-12 and Gifted Programs Staff:

Dr. Crystal Lewis-Wilkerson, Meghann Scott, Angela Boubouheropoulos, Jessica Bradford, and Marie Rousseau

Guests: Carolyn Weems - VBCPS School Board Member (GCAC Representative)

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome - Brittany Horn, *Chairperson*, and Dr. Crystal Lewis-Wilkerson, *Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs* welcomed visitors and members
 - a. Introduction of Rotating Gifted Arts members – Kimbra Cowan and Tamika Steele, Gifted Arts Representatives, ODS Dance Teachers
2. Business Meeting
 - a. Call to Order at 6:03 p.m.
 - b. Words of appreciation and certificates for Committee members cycling off the GCAC
 - c. March 2, 2026, Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve as written: Levin, Smith 2nd: Vote: Aye – Kremers, Edwards, Krakow, Bennett, Horn, Smith, Minter, Thompson, Ash, Baxter, Levin, Abstain (Absent from 5/2 meeting) - Moussa. Motion Passed.
 - d. Bylaw Amendment Vote
 - i. Motion to pass Bylaw Amendment regarding public comment at meeting as written: Smith, Thompson 2nd. Vote: Aye – unanimous. Motion Passed.
 - e. 2026-2027 GCAC Officer Nominations and Elections – Facilitated by Mrs. Scott
 - i. Nomination(s) for Chairperson: Brittany Horn
 - Vote to approve Mrs. Horn as Chairperson – Aye – unanimous.
 - ii. Nomination(s) for Vice Chairperson: Samuel Levin
 - Vote to approve Mr. Levin as Vice Chairperson – Aye – unanimous.
 - f. 2026-2027 GCAC Membership Openings Application Review and Recommendations
 - i. Applications reviewed: Salem zone (1 opening) - 3 applicants; Ocean Lake zone (1 opening) - 1 applicant; Areas without openings – 11 applicants
 - ii. Motion to Vote to Approve Candidate for Ocean Lakes zone: Smith, Bennett 2nd: Aye: Kremers, Edwards, Krakow, Bennett, Horn, Smith, Baxter, Nay: Levin, Moussa, Thompson. Motion Passed.
 - iii. Motion to Vote to Approve Candidate 13 for Salem zone: Smith; Edwards 2nd. Vote: Aye – unanimous. Motion passed.
 - g. 2025-2026 SY Data from the Local Plan introduced by Dr. Lewis-Wilkerson and reviewed by Committee

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 - i. Introduction of Protocol – Tasked collective groups to evaluate if the recommendations need to be deleted, modified, kept, or new recommendations are needed.
 - ii. Small group review and large group discussion
 - iii. Recommendations:
 - Keep the first recommendation.
 - Second Recommendation: possibly remove.
 - Third Recommendation: edit wording.
 - Fourth and Fifth Recommendations to be combined.
 - New Recommendation Endorsement
 - iv. Draft recommendations to be sent to members for review and feedback by the Office of Gifted Programs
 - i. Motion to Extend the Meeting by 10 minutes: Smith, Levin 2nd. Vote: Aye – unanimous. Motion passed.
3. Motion to adjourn the GCAC meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion: Levin, Ross 2nd. Vote: Aye unanimous.

Next Meeting October 5, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

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