# Arlington School Board
# Closed Meeting Minutes
# September 29, 2026

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 4:20 p.m. at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

**Present Were:**
Miranda Turner, Chair (Left meeting at 4:35 p.m.)
Kathleen Clark, Vice Chair
Monique "Moe" Bryant, Member
Zuraya Tapia-Hadley, Member
Bethany Zecher Sutton, Member

**Also Present Were:**
Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Dr. Christina Arpante, Interim Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Dr. Julie Crawford, Chief of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Student Support
Kimberley Graves, Chief of Student Support
Andy Hawkins, Business Officer
Dr. Gerald Mann, Chief Academic Officer
Christine Smith, Division Counsel
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff
Steven Proud, Director of Safety, Security and Emergency Management (SSEM)
Claudia Mercado, Clerk
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
Jacqueline Torres, Executive Administrative Specialist

## A. MEETING OPENING

## B. CLOSED MEETING ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. Turner called the meeting to order and *moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to discuss plans to protect public safety as it relates to vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members and discuss plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(19).* The motion was seconded by Ms. Tapia-Hadley, and it was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Bryant – Yes; Ms. Clark – Yes; Ms. Tapia-Hadley – Yes; Ms. Turner – Yes; and Ms. Zecher Sutton – Yes.

The closed meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m. and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

*Ms. Clark moved to certify that pursuant to 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, to the best knowledge of each School Board member, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting just held, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening this closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.* The motion was seconded by Ms. Zecher Sutton and was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Bryant – Yes; Ms. Clark – Yes; Ms. Tapia-Hadley – Yes; and Ms. Zecher Sutton – Yes. Ms. Turner was absent at the time of the vote.

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Miranda Turner, Chair
Arlington School Board

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Claudia Mercado, Clerk
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