ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Budget Work Session with the Budget Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026

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The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:34 p.m. at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:
Bethany Zecher Sutton, Chair
Miranda Turner, Vice-Chair
Monique Bryant, Member
Kathleen Clark, Member
Zuraya Tapia-Hadley, Member
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk of the School Board

Also present were:
Dr. Durán, Superintendent
Andy Hawkins, Business Officer
Sianni J. Cabello, Chair of the Budget Advisory Council
Chen Ling, Vice-Chair of the Budget Advisory Council
Martha "Marty" Swaim, Member of the Budget Advisory Council
Theresa Flynn, Member of the Budget Advisory Council
Peter Strack, Member of the Budget Advisory Council

Presentation

Ms. Cabello spoke about the work of the Budget Advisory Council (BAC) for the school year and highlighted that the council's top concerns related to sustainability and the use of reserves. She then shared the recommendations for student outcomes, resource alignment and community engagement. Mr. Strack spoke about aligning the budget to the comprehensive plan. Ms. Flynn shared growing concerns about the management of the school budget. Mr. Ling requested a list of positions, their descriptions, and the reasoning for each position.

School Board Discussion

The School Board discussed the Meg Tilly report and clarified that while certain positions are identified as central office positions, many are school-based staff who report through central office departments. Board members also discussed planning factors, enrollment declines, and the importance of aligning budget decisions with the Strategic Plan to ensure resources continue to support teaching and learning in the classroom.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Bethany Zecher Sutton, Chair
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