ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Work Session with Advisory Committees Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026

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The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:33 p.m. at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

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

Also present were:
Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Dr. Julie Crawford, Chief of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Student Support Officer
Kimberley Graves, Chief of School Support
Dr. Gerald Mann, Chief Academic Officer
Dr. Tyrone Byrd, Executive Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Cristin Schulman, Specialist of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Anu Tulgaa, Chair, Student Advisory Board
Amna Abdelbagi, Vice Chair, Student Advisory Board
Maddy Ayalew, Secretary, Student Advisory Board
Jill Abbot, Chair of the Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning (ACTL)
Tony Warver, Chair of the Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)

Presentation

Dr. Durán thanked the students and staff for attending the meeting and for sharing their perspectives.

The School Board received end-of-year reports from three advisory committees:

- Student Advisory Committee
- Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs
- Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning

Each committee presented an overview of the topics discussed throughout the school year and shared its recommendations. The reports highlighted the committees' ongoing efforts to support student success, enhance school facilities and capital planning, and strengthen teaching and learning across the district.

School Board Discussion

Following each presentation, the School Board engaged with the advisory committees by asking clarifying questions and discussing key takeaways from their work over the past year. Board members also acknowledged the transition to the new School Board Advisory Council structure for the upcoming school year, noting that the current committees will be replaced by new councils. They thanked members for their service and encouraged them to apply to continue their involvement under the new advisory council model.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Bethany Zecher Sutton, Chair
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