ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Work Session on the Grace Hopper Center Programming Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025

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The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 1:03 p.m. at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

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

Also present were:
Dr. Durán, Superintendent
Celia Fischer, Interim Assistant Superintendent, School & Community Relations
Dr. Julie Crawford, Chief of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Student Support
Kimberley Graves, Chief of School Support
Dr. Gerald Mann Jr., Chief Academic Officer
Christine Smith, Legal Counsel
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff
Andy Hawkins, Business Officer
Kris Martini, Director, Career, Technical and Adult Education

Presentation

Dr. Mann provided an update on programming at the Grace Hopper Center, outlining new spaces, program offerings, and opportunities available to all high school students. He reviewed career clusters and pathways, including the Pathways and Progress Academy and the Arlington Tech Governor's STEM Academy, and discussed program goals, marketing strategies, implementation plans, and feedback to date. Mr. Martini followed with an overview of the career clusters currently offered, highlighting new clusters and pathways, as well as those that will be paused or shifted back to students' home high schools.

School Board Discussion

The School Board discussed the need for outreach for the community to better understand the Pathway and Progress Academy and Arlington Tech Governor's STEM Academy. They also expressed desire to see the outcomes and metrics related to the academies tracked and reported, and discussed specific career pathways offerings they believe should be added in the future. They also discussed partnership recommendations for both academies.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

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Bethany Zecher Sutton, Chair
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