ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Work Session on FY 2027-36 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Direction Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2025

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The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 2:49 PM 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
Catherine Ashby, 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
Renee Harber, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Cathy Lin, Director, Facilities and Operations
Jeff Chambers, Director of Design & Construction
Matt Williams, Project Manager

Presentation

Dr. Durán explained the significant preparatory work required for the FY 2027-36 CIP and outlined the multiple steps involved in the process. He also stressed that facilities are a major component of the overall budget and that a holistic planning approach was necessary to ensure buildings remain in good condition for students and staff. He noted that the CIP would not be finalized until June.

Ms. Harber provided an overview of the CIP budget functions, and walked through the currently planned FY 2025–34 CIP projects, including those recommended for continuation in the proposed FY 2027–36 cycle. She also discussed the new projections under consideration and reviewed the overall timeline for CIP planning, decision-making, and implementation. Mr. Hawkins presented the financial considerations and reviewed the debt service fund schedule included in the adopted FY 2025–34 CIP for the proposed projects.

School Board Discussion

The School Board's discussion focused on current and projected funding available for projects. Board members asked clarifying financial questions, including what is included in the existing bond funding and how future funding may be structured. The Board also discussed projected costs associated with the Montessori Public School of Arlington (MPSA) project and the related considerations to inform upcoming CIP priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Bethany Zecher Sutton, Chair
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