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REPORT OF ACTIONS OF THE
FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TUESDAY
September 16, 2025

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SPECIAL MEETING **18-25**

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At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, held in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center at Fairfax, Virginia, on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 9:01 a.m., there were present:

- Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, presiding
- Supervisor James N. Bierman, Jr., Dranesville District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Andres F. Jimenez, Mason District
- Supervisor Rodney Lusk, Franconia District
- Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
- Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District

Supervisor Walter Alcorn, Hunter Mill District, and Supervisor Dalia Palchik, Providence District, were absent from the entire meeting.

The Braddock District Supervisor's seat is vacant.

Others present during the meeting were Bryan J. Hill, County Executive; Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney; Jill G. Cooper, Clerk for the Board of Supervisors; Dottie Steele, Chief Deputy Clerk for the Board of Supervisors; and Ekua Brew-Ewool, Deputy Clerk, Department of Clerk Services.

BOARD MATTER

1. **ABSENCE OF HUNTER MILL DISTRICT SUPERVISOR ALCORN AND PROVIDENCE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR PALCHIK** (9:03 a.m.)

Chairman McKay announced that:

- Supervisor Alcorn was not present due to travel
- Supervisor Palchik was not present due to car difficulties and may be arriving late

2. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** (9:03 a.m.)

The Board asked everyone to keep in thoughts the family, friends, and/or colleagues of:

- Shooting victim Charlie Kirk
- The victims of the Colorado school shooting

AGENDA ITEM

3. **MOTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PETITION THE CIRCUIT COURT TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE VACANT BRADDOCK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR SEAT** (9:04 a.m.)

Chairman McKay stated that following his election to the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's 11th Congressional District, James Walkinshaw resigned from his seat on the Board as Braddock District Supervisor effective at 9 a.m. on September 10, 2025. Shortly thereafter, Chairman McKay stated that he called a Special Meeting of the Board for September 16, 2025, and the Board, the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Clerk, and the public were properly noticed.

Chairman McKay stated that the only topic on the agenda, as the Board can see, is a motion directing the County Attorney's Office to file a petition requesting the Circuit Court to schedule a Special Election for the now vacant Braddock District Supervisor seat. Of course, until that seat is filled, Chairman McKay stated that he would continue to represent Braddock District residents in his capacity as their elected Chairman.

To that end, Chairman McKay congratulated Congressman Walkinshaw on his election and shared that that the Board would welcome him back to the Board Room at a date to be determined to thank him for his service to the County. Channel 16 is also working on a video to commemorate his time on the Board.

That said, and after careful study and consideration, Chairman McKay noted that a Special Election date of December 9, 2025, makes the most sense. It is too late, practically speaking, to have the Special Election on the same day as the General Election. Ballots have already been printed for the General Election, among other things, and preparations are well underway with early voting set to begin this Friday, September 19, 2025. In addition, the Thanksgiving holiday complicates the scheduling. In short, having the Special Election on December 9, 2025, is the best option in light of all of these factors.

Therefore, Chairman McKay relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Smith and moved that the Board:

- Direct the County Attorney's Office to file a petition requesting the Fairfax County Circuit Court to issue an Order and Writ of Special Election to conduct a Special Election to fill the vacancy for Braddock District Supervisor

- Authorize the County Attorney to recommend a Special Election date of December 9, 2025, to the Court as part of such petition

Vice-Chairman Smith and Supervisor Lusk jointly seconded the motion. Following discussion regarding the motion and the need for clear communication due to the complexity with the timing of the upcoming election, the question was called on the motion and it carried by a vote of seven, Supervisor Alcorn and Supervisor Palchik being absent, and the Braddock District Supervisor seat being vacant.

Vice-Chairman Smith returned the gavel to Chairman McKay.

4. **BOARD ADJOURNMENT** (9:09 a.m.)

At 9:09 a.m. the Board adjourned.