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Fairfax County School Board
Joint Fairfax County Budget Committee Meeting with the Board of Supervisors
December 02, 2025
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Joint Budget Committee Meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the School Board

Item 1.01: Call to Order (Exhibit A)

Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. with the following Supervisors present:

Jeff McKay (At-Large -Chair)
Walter Alcorn (Hunter Mill)
Pat Herrity (Springfield)
Rodney Lusk (Franconia)
Rachna Sizemore Heizer (Braddock)
Kathy Smith (Sully – Vice Chair)
James Bierman (Dranesville)
Andres Jimenez (Mason)
Dalia Palchik (Providence, **Absent**)
Dan Storck (Mount Vernon)

County Staff Present:
County Executive **Bryan Hill**; Chief Financial Officer **Christina Jackson**

The following School Board Members were present:

Sandy Anderson (Chair and Springfield)
Robyn Lady (Vice Chair and Dranesville)
Ricardy Anderson (Mason)
Seema Dixit (Sully)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon, **Absent**)
Karl Frisch (Providence - Absent)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large, **arr. 3:09 p.m.**)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill, **arr. 3:25 p.m,**)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)
VACANT (Braddock)

Mr. Dunne was absent from the meeting.

FCPS Leadership Team Present:
Division Superintendent **Dr. Michelle C. Reid**; Chief of Staff **Marty Smith**; Chief Financial Officer **Leigh Burden**, and Chief Safety and Security Officer **Brian Lambert**.

School Board Staff Present:
Clerk to the School Board **Christina Setlow;** Deputy Clerk to the School Board **Kevin Jackon;**

The Joint Budget Committee Meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the School Board was held to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 advertised budgets. Supervisors and School Board Members discussed the challenges of budget shortfalls, efficiencies, and a request for increased support from the state. Members of both boards emphasized the need for collaboration, with the understanding that both represented the same constituents.

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Item 1.02: Announcements (Exhibit B)

No announcements were made during the meeting.

Item 1.03: Opening Remarks by the County Chair and School Board Chair (Exhibit C)

- The School Board Chair Emphasized that education is the county's largest and most consequential investment, thanking the county for stepping in where state funding falls short. She framed the FCPS budget as bare-bones to maintain educational quality and called for joint advocacy with the state where interests align.

- The County Board Chairman Stressed that the early budget figures represent conservative, worst-case projections. He highlighted the need for a joint advocacy strategy with the state, pointing out major state funding disparities where Fairfax receives back only 50% compared to neighboring jurisdictions getting 110%.

Item 1.04: Presentation of the Joint County and Schools FY 2027 Fiscal Forecast (Exhibit D)

Presented jointly by the County CFO and FCPS CFO, the FY 2027 Fiscal Forecast outlined a financial outlook for K-12 and federal policy uncertainties. Fairfax County directed agencies to model General Fund reduction, FCPS presented a forecast constrained by fixed employee compensation costs and an enrollment decline. The Board Chairman emphasized that the early projected revenue growth represented a planning scenario.

Item 1.05 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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Christina Setlow, Clerk of the Board Robyn Lady, Chair of the Board

Approved: September 24, 2026