**MINUTES**
**Fairfax County School Board**
**Luther Jackson Middle School**

Regular Meeting September 24, 2026

**1.** ***Public Meeting***

**Item 1.01 Motion to Convene a Closed Meeting** (Exhibit A)

Chair R. Lady convened the Public Meeting at 4:37 p.m. with the following Board Members present:

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

**Leadership Team Present:**
Division Superintendent, **Dr. Michelle Reid;** Chief of Staff, **Frances Ivey**; and Division Counsel, **John Foster**

**School Board Office Staff Present:**
**Christina Setlow,** Clerk to the School Board**; Janet Brown,** Deputy Clerk to the School Board**; Tiffany Sheppard,** Deputy Clerk to the School Board**.**

**Student Representative: Newt Shosteck** does not attend these meetings of the Board.

**Motion**:The Board will now make a motion on September 24, 2026 to go into a closed meeting to 1) discuss personnel matters pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)); 2) disciplinary and other matters concerning one or more students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) and (A)(4); 3) consult with legal counsel regarding specific matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7) and (A)(8), specifically a) personnel, b) student discipline, c) compulsory student attendance, d) First Amendment rights and obligations, and e) contract matters; and 4) to dispense with the attendance of the Superintendent or her designee pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-69, during a portion of the meeting.

Motion by Karl V Frisch, second by Sandy B Anderson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ilryong Moon, Ryan McElveen, Robyn Lady - Chair, Ricardy J Anderson

Chair R. Lady adjourned the public meeting at 4:38 p.m.

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## 2. *Closed Meeting*

**Item 2.01 Closed Meeting** (Exhibit B)

Chair Lady convened the Closed Meeting at 4:38 p.m., with the following Board Members present:

**Robyn Lady** (Chair and Dranesville)
**Kyle McDaniel** (Vice Chair and At-Large, **arr. 5:14 p.m.**)
**Ricardy Anderson** (Mason)
**Sandy Anderson** (Springfield)
**Tom Dannan** (Braddock, **arr. 4:41 p.m.**)
**Seema Dixit** (Sully, **Absent**)
**Mateo Dunne** (Mount Vernon, **arr. 4:52 p.m.**)
**Karl Frisch** (Providence)
**Ryan McElveen** (At-Large)
**Melanie Meren** (Hunter Mill)
**Ilryong Moon** (At-Large)
**Marcia St. John-Cunning** (Franconia, **arr. 4:40 p.m.**)

**Leadership Team Present:**
**Dr. Michelle Reid,** Division Superintendent; **Frances Ivey**, Interim Chief of Staff; and **John Foster**, Division Counsel.

**School Board Office Staff Present:**
**Christina Setlow,** Clerk to the School Board**; Janet Brown,** Deputy Clerk to the School Board**; Tiffany Sheppard,** Deputy Clerk to the School Board**.**

**Student Representative: Newt Shosteck** does not attend closed meetings of the Board.

**Motion**: Mr. Dunne has submitted a request to attend this evening due to business meetings, and is located in Alexandria, VA. I have performed an initial review of Mr. Dunne's request and, having found it to be in compliance with the School Board's Remote Participation Resolution, I have approved the request.

**Final Resolution**: Motion Carries
**Yes:** Mr. Dannan, Ms. St. John-Cunning, Karl Frisch, Ms. S. Anderson, Robyn Lady - Chair, Ms. Meren, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon
**No:** Dr. R. Anderson

The Closed Session adjourned at 6:37 p.m. The Board then took a brief break between the Closed Meeting and the Regular Meeting from 6:37 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

## 3. *Regular Meeting*

**Category #3: Meeting Opening**

**Item 3.01: Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem** (Exhibit C)

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Chair R. Lady called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following Board Members present:

**Robyn Lady** (Chair and Dranesville)
**Kyle McDaniel** (Vice Chair and At-Large)
**Ricardy Anderson** (Mason)
**Sandy Anderson** (Springfield)
**Tom Dannan** (Braddock)
**Seema Dixit** (Sully, **left at 11:15 p.m.**)
**Mateo Dunne** (Mount Vernon)
**Karl Frisch** (Providence)
**Ryan McElveen** (At-Large)
**Melanie Meren** (Hunter Mill)
**Ilryong Moon** (At-Large)
**Marcia St. John-Cunning** (Franconia)

**Leadership Team present:** Division Superintendent, **Dr. Michelle Reid**; Interim Chief of Staff, **Dr. Frances Ivey**; Chief Academic Officer, **Dr. Sloan Presidio**; Chief Information and Technology Officer, **Gautam Sethi**; Chief Equity Officer, **Dr. Nardos King**; Chief of Facilities Services, **Erik Gordon**; Chief Operating Officer, **Andy Mueck**; Chief Financial Officer, **Leigh Burden**; Chief Safety & Security Officer, **Brian Lambert**; Chief Experience & Engagement Officer, **Lisa Y. Hall**; Chief Human Resources Officer, **William Solomon**; Chief of Schools, **Megan Vroman**; Division Counsel, **John Foster**; and Assistant Superintendent, Strategy, Planning, and Learning, **Marcy Kneale**

**School Board Staff present:** Clerk to the School Board, **Christina Setlow**; Deputy Clerk to the School Board, **Tiffany Sheppard**; and Deputy Clerk to the School Board, **Janet Brown**

**Student Representative: Newt Shosteck** is also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Student Representative Newt Shosteck. The Board observed a moment of silence, followed by a performance of the National Anthem by the Annandale High School Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Annie Ray.

**Item 3.02: Announcements** (Exhibit D)

**Motion**: Ms. Dixit has submitted a request to attend tonight's meeting remotely due to personal reasons, she is located in Bogota, Colombia. I have performed an initial review of Ms. Dixit's request and, having found it to be in compliance with the School Board's Remote Participation Resolution, I have approved the request.

I now ask Board Members who are physically present to vote on the following:

All those in favor of confirming the Chair's approval of Ms. Dixit's request?

**Final Resolution**: Motion Carries
**Yes:** Sandy B Anderson, Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ilryong Moon, Ryan McElveen, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Mateo Dunne, Robyn Lady - Chair, Tom Dannan, and Marcia St John-Cunning
**No:** Ricardy J Anderson

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Dr. Reid provided brief comments about Fairfax County Public Schools..

**Item 3.03: Proclamation Honoring National Literacy Month** (Exhibit E)

**WHEREAS,** International Literacy Day was established as September 8th by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1967 in Tehran, Iran as a reminder of the importance of literacy as a human right, and in 2024 the US Senate passed a resolution designating September as National Literacy Month, noting that literacy is the "cornerstone for personal growth, economic opportunity, and a strong society"; and

**WHEREAS,** on September 28, 2023, the Fairfax County Public School's (FCPS) Division Superintendent presented on the Equitable Access to Literacy (EAL) Plan which commits to: using data to identify systemic barriers, providing a solid foundation in literacy, and deepening educators' knowledge of evidence-based literacy and culturally responsive teaching—which has resulted in training 2,500 educators in literacy intervention programs in SY 25-26 and providing additional literacy training to over 1,250 teachers at the 2026 FCPS Summer Literacy Symposium; and

**WHEREAS,** Fairfax County Public School's Equitable Access to Literacy Plan aligns with the Virginia Literacy Act of 2022 to ensure that FCPS aligns with the commitment to evidence-based and high quality foundational literacy programs, yielding significant progress since the implementation, including a 3-percentage-point increase in the overall Grade 3 SOL Reading pass rate, an 8-percentage-point increase in Grade 3 pass rates for both economically disadvantaged and Hispanic student groups, and a rise in the Division combined SOL Reading pass rate from 77% to 80%; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the 2024 FCPS Division Literacy Plan, the district is committed to ensuring that students "receive explicit instruction in reading and writing to achieve proficiency in literacy and eliminate disproportionate outcomes based on race, gender, zip code, ability, socioeconomic status, or languages spoken at home"; and

**WHEREAS,** this commitment has been made with the understanding that literacy is essential to human potential and economic success, as a 2020 Gallup study found that the United States stands to lose up to $2.2 trillion annually due to low adult literacy rates and low literacy creates a major skills gap in our workforce.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Fairfax County School Board proclaims September 2026 as

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and reaffirms their commitment to promoting reading and literacy as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy

**Motion**: That the Board approve the Proclamation Honoring National Literacy Month.

Motion by Mateo Dunne, second by Tom Dannan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ilryong Moon, Ryan McElveen, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Robyn Lady - Chair, Seema Dixit, Mateo Dunne, Tom Dannan, Ricardy J Anderson, Marcia St John-Cunning

**Category #4: Community Participation (Item 4.01):** (Exhibit F)

13 individuals addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

**In-Person/Virtual Testimony**

| No. | Name | Representing | Topic |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kelly Henderson | FASD Virginia | Recognition of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness month |
| 2 | Caitlin Hill Talley | Individual | Devices and screentime in classrooms |
| 3 | Student #1 | Student | 9/11 curriculum |
| 4 | Nitin Pandit | Individual | Intentional technology |
| 5 | Jennifer Cheng | FCPS Parents for Intentional Tech | Intentional tech |
| 6 | Jolyn Cikanek | Individual | Lexia requirement & education technology |
| 7 | Chris French | Northern Virginia Families for Safe Streets | Safety of students walking and biking to/from school |
| 8 | Molly Sullivan | Individual | Accessibility issues in school buildings |
| 9 | Hannah Boyer | Parents for Intentional Tech | Need for novels in middle school English curriculum |
| 10 | Kristin Rohrer | Poplar Tree Elementary School PTA President | Poplar Tree Elementary School elevator and accessibility concerns |

**Pre-Recorded Video Testimony**

| No. | Name | Representing | Topic |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Stephanie Lundquist-Arora | Independent Women's Network | Education |
| 2 | Jacolyn Bastasch | Individual | Devices in grades 1 and 2 |
| 3 | Alexis Monahan | Individual | School technology use |

**Category #5: Student Representative Matters (Item 5.01)** (Exhibit G)

Student Representative Newt Shosteck made remarks.

**Category #6: Presentations to the School Board**

**Item 6.01: Superintendent's Recommendation for Pre-K/K Tech Device Use Presentation** (Exhibit H)

Dr. Reid presented the Superintendent's Recommendation for Pre-K/K Tech Device Use. In addition to support from the Leadership Team, Principal-in-Residence, Equitable Access to Literacy, Instructional Services, Diane Leipzig joined Dr. Reid to answer questions.

**Item 6.02: Academic Matters** (Exhibit H)

Dr. Reid presented Academic Matters: Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Professional Development and was joined by Senior Manager III, PreK-12 Curriculum Integration Management, Special Services, Kristin Koelsch

**Item 6.03: Strategic Plan Update** (Exhibit H)

Dr. Reid presented the Strategic Plan Update on the work of custodial staff across the school division.

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**Category #7: Action Items**

**Item 7.01: Certification of a Closed Meeting Compliance** (Exhibit I).

**Summary:** Certification of the September 24, 2026 Closed Meeting in accordance with Code of Virginia § 2.2-3712 (D).

**Board Action**:

**Chair**: In order to comply with Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia, it is necessary for the Board to certify that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on September 24, 2026, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board during the closed meeting.

Motion by Tom Dannan, second by Karl V Frisch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ilryong Moon, Ryan McElveen, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Robyn Lady - Chair, Mateo Dunne, Tom Dannan, Ricardy J Anderson, Marcia St John-Cunning
Abstain: Seema Dixit

**Item 7.02: Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed** (Exhibit J)

**Summary**: The Board may take action in the Closed Meeting that requires a public vote. Any such actions are recorded during this portion of the Regular Meeting.

**Board Action**:The Board took no action in the closed meeting.

**Item 7.03: Motion to Prohibit Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) Systems** (Exhibit K)

**Board Action:** At the beginning of agenda item, Mr. McDaniel moved, and Ms. S. Anderson seconded, the following original main motion: I move to direct the Superintendent to prohibit the installation, procurement, or leasing of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) systems on property owned by the Fairfax County School Board; provided that, nothing in this motion shall prohibit or restrict the installation, operation, or continued use of speed cameras, or school bus stop-arm cameras.

During the discussion on the agenda item, Mr. Dunne moved the following amendment: I move to amend the motion by inserting the phrase "including but not limited to Flock cameras," after the phrase "Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) systems." Upon the movement of this amendment, Chair Lady asked for unanimous consent for its inclusion into the motion. Since there were no objections, this language was added to the main motion. Following additional discussion, the Board took the following vote on the amended main motion:

**Amended Main Motion:** I move to direct the Superintendent to prohibit the installation, procurement, or leasing of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) systems including, but not limited to Flock cameras, on property owned by the Fairfax County School Board; provided that, nothing in this motion shall prohibit or restrict the installation, operation, or continued use of speed cameras, or school bus stop-arm cameras.

Motion by Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, second by Sandy B Anderson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ilryong Moon, Ryan McElveen, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Robyn Lady - Chair, Seema Dixit, Mateo Dunne, Tom Dannan, Ricardy J Anderson, Marcia St John-Cunning

**Item 7.04: Award of Contract – Synthetic Turf Field Replacements at South County Middle School** (Exhibit L)

**Summary**: For safety and performance reasons, the existing synthetic turf field is maintained on a 10-year replacement cycle. The soccer and baseball field at South County Middle School have reached the end of their expected service life and are due for replacement. As part of this project, the existing infill will be replaced with crumb rubber infill. Funding for the project will be provided through the Fairfax County Park Authority Fund.

The Office of Facilities Management (OFM) recommends utilizing FieldTurf USA, Inc. to perform this project under AEPA Contract No. 4400012354. As an awarded contractor under the competitively procured AEPA cooperative contract, FieldTurf USA, Inc. has demonstrated the qualifications and capabilities necessary to provide synthetic turf replacement services in accordance with the contract requirements.

**Board Action**: For this agenda item, Chair Lady noted that since this item needed to be postponed again, she asked for unanimous consent to postpone this item until the October 8,

2026 Regular Meeting. Given that there was no objection, this item was postponed until October 8, 2026.

**Item 7.05: Contract for Purchase of Specialized Computer Hardware and Related Support Services** (Exhibit M)

**Summary**: That the School Board (i) approve award of the sole source contract in the amount of $684,000 for the purchase of Specialized Computer Hardware and Related Support Services to XeedQ Inc. in financial partnership with Connected DMV and the Fairfax County Development Authority, and (ii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or the director of the office of procurement services to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

**Board Action**:

**Main Motion**: That the School Board (i) approve award of the sole source contract in the amount of $684,000 for the purchase of Specialized Computer Hardware and Related Support Services to XeedQ Inc. in financial partnership with Connected DMV and the Fairfax County Development Authority, and (ii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or the director of the office of procurement services to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

Motion by Seema Dixit, second by Mateo Dunne.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Karl V Frisch, Ilryong Moon, Ryan McElveen, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Robyn Lady - Chair, Seema Dixit, Mateo Dunne, Tom Dannan, Marcia St John-Cunning
No: Melanie K Meren, Ricardy J Anderson

After the Board voted on the Amendment to the Main Motion, the Board considered the Follow-on Motion:

**Follow-on Motion**: I move that the School Board direct the Division Superintendent, when expansion of the Specialized Computer Hardware and Related Support Services program to additional schools is deemed viable and consistent with potential program assignments, to utilize Lewis High School as the first school for expansion.

Motion by Marcia St John-Cunning, second by Sandy B Anderson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Robyn Lady - Chair, Seema Dixit, Mateo Dunne, Tom Dannan, Ricardy J Anderson, Marcia St John-Cunning
No: Melanie K Meren, Ilryong Moon, Ryan McElveen

The Board took a brief recess at 11:15 pm between Action items and Performance Review, the Board returned at 11:23 pm

**Category #8: Performance Review**

**Item 8.01: Instructional Program (EL-9) Monitoring Report** (Exhibit Q)

**Summary:** The Superintendent will provide an annual report to the Board on each of the 13 Executive Limitations at a regular Board meeting. The Board will vote on each of the monitoring reports presented by the Superintendent. If the Board finds the Superintendent is not in compliance with the Executive Limitations, the Superintendent will present a corrective action plan to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

**Presentation:** Dr. Reid presented the Board (EL-9) Monitoring Report.

**Board Action:** Following the presentation, the Board considered the following motion:

**Motion**: I move that the School Board finds that the Superintendent is in compliance with Executive Limitation # 9, Instructional Program. I further move that the School Board approve the monitoring report based on the Superintendent's reasonable interpretation of Executive Limitation # 9, Instructional Program, as outlined in the Strategic Governance Manual.

Motion by Ilryong Moon, second by Tom Dannan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ilryong Moon, Ryan McElveen, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Robyn Lady - Chair, Mateo Dunne, Tom Dannan, Ricardy J Anderson, Marcia St John-Cunning
Not Present at Vote: Seema Dixit

**Category #9: Consent Agenda**

Our Adopted rules of parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. As such, the following measures on the Consent Agenda were approved by the School Board in a 12-0 vote. (Dr. Anderson, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Dannan, Ms. Dixit, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Frisch, Ms. Lady, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. McElveen, Ms. Meren, Mr. Moon, and Ms. St John-Cunning were present.)

**Item 9.01: Approval of Minutes** (Exhibit R)

**Summary:** The Board approves meeting minutes from previous School Board meetings.

**School Board Action**: That the School Board approve the minutes for the following meetings: the December 1, 2025 Public Hearing; December 2, 2025 Joint Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board Budget Committee Meeting; June 11, 2026 Regular Meeting; September 8, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting of the Whole and Work Session; and September 10, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes with leave for the Clerk to make grammatical and formatting edits.

**Item 9.02: Policy Review: EL-9: Instructional Program** (Exhibit U)

**Summary:** The School Board reviews Executive Limitations (ELs) annually, at the time a monitoring report is presented, for any revisions. Additionally, the School Board may also revise any EL at any time to update the limitations for the Superintendent moving forward. The Board will vote to either maintain Policy Review: EL 9 (Instructional Program) as is or refer this EL to the Board's Governance Committee for review. For further information, see the School Board's Governance Manual.

**School Board Action**: If no language suggestions are submitted by Board Members at least 48 hours prior to the meeting - that the Board approve the current language in Policy Review: EL 9: Instructional Program, which is detailed in the Board's Strategic Governance Manual. If any language changes are submitted, then the language will be reviewed by the Board during a policy review of the Executive Limitation.

**Item 9.03: Monthly Employee Separation Report, August, 2026** (Exhibit V)

**Summary:**

**School Board Action**: School Board Action: That the School Board approve the Monthly Employee Separation Report - August 2026

**Item 9.04: Award of Contract – Roof Replacement Project at Orange Hunt Elementary School** (Exhibit W)

**Summary**: Funding for the project will be provided from the Roofing Infrastructure Replacement Fund. Plans and specifications were prepared, and the project has been advertised. Bids were received on September 9, 2026. The bid tabulation is furnished below. The low bidder R.D. Bean, Inc. has performed satisfactorily on previous projects with the School Board.

| Bidder | Amount |
|---|---|
| R.D. Bean, Inc. | $1,545,705.00 |
| Orndorff & Spaid, Inc. | $1,914,181.00 |
| Simpson Unlimited, LLC | $1,917,720.00 |

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|---|---|
| Autumn Contracting, Inc. | $2,571,000.00 |

**School Board Action**: That the School Board award a contract for the Roof Replacement Project at Orange Hunt Elementary School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, R.D. Bean, Inc. in the amount of $1,545,705.00, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to execute, deliver and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

**Item 9.05: Award of Contract – Automatic Temperature Control System Replacement at Cunningham Park Elementary School** (Exhibit W)

**Summary**: Funding for this project will be provided from the HVAC Infrastructure & Upgrade Fund. Plans and specifications have been prepared, and the project has been advertised. Bids were received on September 10, 2026. The bid tabulation is furnished below. The low-bidder Engineered Services, Inc., has performed satisfactorily on previous projects with the School Board.

| **Bidder** | **Amount** |
|---|---|
| Engineered Services, Inc. | $694,865.00 |
| Boland Trane Services, Inc. | $777,340.00 |
| Siemens Industry, Inc. | $851,720.00 |
| Albireo Energy | $852,000.00 |

**School Board Action**: That the School Board award a contract for the Automatic Temperature Control System Replacement at Cunningham Park Elementary School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Engineered Services, Inc., in the amount of $694,865.00 and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to execute, deliver and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

**Item 9.06: Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution** (Exhibit W)

**Summary**: The Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution (the "Purchasing Resolution") sets forth the procedures and requirements that govern Fairfax County's procurement activities. In view of our combined system of purchasing with Fairfax County, the Purchasing Resolution, subject to exceptions noted below, also governs the School Board's procurements of goods, services (other than construction and facilities-related services), and insurance.

In accordance with past practice, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted an updated version of the Purchasing Resolution on July 14, 2026 (the "2026 Purchasing Resolution") to reflect legislative changes made during the preceding session of the Virginia General Assembly and to amend and clarify certain provisions. Historically, the Fairfax County School Board also has

annually adopted the newly revised Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution, following its adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

Relevant changes to the 2026 Purchasing Resolution are summarized below, together with recommended conditions (or exceptions) to the School Board's adoption of the 2026 Purchasing Resolution. Consistent with past practice and as outlined below, the recommended conditions consist of (i) a restatement of the so-called "Construction Exception" to correct an inaccurate description of the Superintendent's procurement authority; and (ii) a reservation of the School Board's right to conduct procurements for goods, services, and insurance in accordance with school division policies and regulations and Virginia law whenever such action is in the best interests of the school division.

2026 Changes to Purchasing Resolution Relevant to FCPS:

1. Corrections to section headings and pagination due to changes in the document text (Table of Contents).
2. Reorganization of Professional Service categories to maintain alignment with the sequencing of the Code of Virginia (Page 13).
4. Clarification of specific restrictions and exemptions pertaining to cooperative procurement (add roofing maintenance, repair, restoration, and component replacement of existing facilities that do not involve modification to the structure) as detailed in Code of Virginia § 2.2-4304 (Pages 24-25).
5. Implementation of digital accessibility standards for local government procurement in accordance with the Information Technology Access Act requires the addition of a mandatory statute with delayed implementation from the 2025 General Assembly session (delayed effective date of April 26, 2026). While the US Department of Justice extended the deadline to April 26, 2027, for local governments to meet accessibility standards, the procurement requirements stated in Code of Virginia § 2.2-3503 remain effective as of April 26, 2026 (Pages 41-42).

Proposed modifications to the Purchasing Resolution are provided in a "track changes" format with accompanying legislative citations. These revisions have been developed in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Department of Transportation, Fairfax County Public Schools, and the Office of the County Attorney.

FCPS Conditions to the Purchasing Resolution:

As was done in connection with the School Board's annual adoption of the 2009 through 2025 Purchasing Resolutions, school system staff recommends that the School Board adopt the 2026 Purchasing Resolution, subject to the following two conditions:

- The "FCPS Construction Exception," which is set forth in Article 1, Section 3(A)(2) of the Purchasing Resolution and which is by definition an exception to the Purchasing Resolution, shall be revised to read as follows:

"The Fairfax County School Board is responsible for construction, related architectural and engineering services, related consulting services, maintenance, repair, and related services in connection with building, furnishing, equipping, renovating, maintaining, and operating the buildings and property of the school division in accordance with Virginia Code §22.1-79. The school division's Superintendent or their designee has the same authority as the County Purchasing Agent to execute and administer contracts. Execution of contracts under this section shall be conducted under the rules and regulations established by the School Board in accordance with the mandatory sections of the Code of Virginia."

[Note: The following text is presently contained in the above-referenced Articles of the Purchasing Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors, but this text would be excluded from the School Board's adoption because it inaccurately describes the Superintendent's authority: "The school division's Superintendent or their designee shall have the same authority as the County Purchasing Agent to execute and administer contracts. Execution of contracts under this section shall be conducted under the rules and regulations established by the Fairfax County School Board in accordance with the mandatory sections in the Code of Virginia."]

- The Fairfax County School Board reserves the right to procure and award contracts for goods, services, and insurance pursuant to its own policies and regulations and pursuant to the Code of Virginia, including the VPPA, where such is in the best interest of the school division.

**School Board Action**: That the School Board adopt the newly-revised 2026 Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution, previously adopted by the Board of Supervisors, subject to the conditions detailed in the agenda item.

**Item 9.07: Amendment to Sole Source Contract - President and Fellows of Harvard College dba Harvard University - Strategic Data Project ("SDP") Fellowship** (Exhibit W)

**Summary**: Pursuant to P5011.5, the School Board shall approve any contract or contract amendment relating to a sole source contract where the total contract value exceeds $200,000.

Contract details are provided in the attachment.

**School Board Action**: That the School Board (i) approve the amendment for Strategic Data Project ("SDP") Fellowship, and (ii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or the director of the Office of Procurement Services to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

**Item 9.08: Amendment to Consultant Services Contract - Claire Weisz Architects LLP dba WXY architecture and urban design - Attendance Zone Redistricting** (Exhibit W)

**Summary**: Pursuant to P5011.5, the School Board shall approve any contract or contract amendment relating to a contract for consultant services where the total contract value exceeds $200,000.

Contract details are provided in the attachment.

**School Board Action**: That the School Board (i) approve the amendment for Attendance Zone Redistricting, and (ii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or the director of the Office of Procurement Services to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

**Item 9.09: Amendment to Consultant Services Contract - Trivir, LLC - Identity Access Management** (Exhibit X)

**Summary**: Pursuant to P5011.5, the School Board shall approve any contract or contract amendment relating to a contract for consultant services where the total contract value exceeds $200,000.

Contract details are provided in the attachment.

**School Board Action**: That the School Board (i) approve the amendment for Identity Access Management, and (ii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or the director of the Office of Procurement Services to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

**Item 9.10: Additional Appointees to Community Advisory Committees** (Exhibit Y)

**Summary**: The current version of Policy 1710 establishes eight standing community advisory committees to the School Board, setting forth their authority, responsibility, and representation. By policy, committee members "shall be residents of Fairfax County or employees of Fairfax County Public Schools," and "to the maximum extent possible, appointments made by School Board members should reflect the religious, cultural, and ethnic diversity of the areas they represent." Additional committee members are selected as provided for in the current version of Regulation 1710. All appointments shall be approved by the School Board.
Members of the community advisory committees serve one-year terms, as do the student representative's appointees. All terms begin in August and end in July.
Nominees to be appointed or reappointed by this action are listed below:

**School Board Action**: That the School Board appoint individuals to serve on Community Advisory Committees for a term expiring July 31, 2027, as detailed in the BoardDocs agenda item.

**Category #10: New Business**

The following are new business agenda items; there will not be a vote tonight on these items, but action is scheduled for a future meeting.

**Item 10.01: Financial Planning (EL-5) Monitoring Report** (Exhibit Z)

**Recommended Action:** The Superintendent will provide an annual report to the Board on each of the 13 Executive Limitations at a regular Board meeting. The Board will vote on each of the monitoring reports presented by the Superintendent. If the Board finds the Superintendent is not in compliance with the Executive Limitations, the Superintendent will present a corrective action plan to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

**Item 10.02: 2027 Fairfax County School Board State Legislative Priority Positions** (Exhibit AA)

**School Board Recommended Action:** That the Board adopt the 2027 Fairfax County School Board State and Federal Legislative Priority positions.

**Item 10.03: 2027 Fairfax County School Board Federal Legislative Priority Positions** (Exhibit BB)

**School Board Recommended Action:** That the Board adopt the 2027 Fairfax County School Board State and Federal Legislative Priority positions.

**Item 10.04: Award of Contract – Willow Springs Elementary School Renovation Project** (Exhibit AA)

**School Board Recommended Action:** That the School Board award a contract for the Willow Springs Elementary School Renovation Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

**Item 10.05: Superintendent's Recommendation for Pre-K/K Tech Device Use** (Exhibit AA)

**School Board Recommended Action:** That the School Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

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**Item 10.06: Approval of Policy 1310 (Combination-Grade and Multiage Classes - Elementary Grades); Policy 1375 (Charity Drives); Policy 1475 (Approval Process for Research Studies and Data Collection Archives); Policy 5010 (Procurement of Goods and Services Except Construction); and Policy 5029 (Equipment Ownership and Use)** (Exhibit AA)

**School Board Recommended Action:** That the School Board adopt the following policies, as revised and detailed in the agenda item on BoardDocs with leave for the Clerk to make technical, grammatical, and formatting changes:

- Policy 1310, Combination-Grade and Multiage Classes - Elementary Grades
- Policy 1375, Charity Drives
- Policy 1475, Approval Process for Research Studies and Data Collection Archives
- Policy 5010, Procurement of Goods and Services Except Construction; and
- Policy 5029, Equipment Use and Ownership

**Item 10.07: School Board Office (SBO) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)** (Exhibit AA)

**School Board Recommended Action:** That the School Board approve the School Board Office Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), as outlined in the attachment on BoardDocs.

**Item 10.08: Nomination to the Superintendent's Educational Technology Review Committee** (Exhibit AA)

**School Board Recommended Action:** That the School Board approve the appointment of Toby Latham (McDaniel - At-Large) to the the Superintendent's Educational Technology Review Committee.

**Item 10.09: Motions Related to Instructional Digital Applications** (Exhibit AA)

**Recommended Action:**

- **Main Motion #1:** I move that the Fairfax County School Board direct the Superintendent to conduct an expedited review of the cost and instructional efficacy of Lexia reading tools currently used by Fairfax County Public Schools, to include (i) independent research, not funded by the vendor, of their instructional efficacy and (ii) a comparison with the instructional efficacy of additional staff-led tutoring services to meet EIRI requirements. The Superintendent shall identify alternate reading tools approved by the Virginia Department of Education or otherwise available for use by the school division that are supported by independent research. (MD/RM)

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- **Main Motion #2:** I move the Fairfax County School Board to direct the Superintendent to evaluate the cost and instructional efficacy of all instructional apps and software (excluding Microsoft Office, Google Suite (Google Workspace), and similar apps and software) employed in the classroom, to include, to the maximum extent practicable, (i) independent research, not funded by the vendor, of their instructional efficacy and (ii) additional staff-led instruction. (MD/RM)

**Category #11: Board Committee Reports (Item 11.01)** (Exhibit CC)

Ms. Anderson provided a brief update on the Governance Committee.

**Category #12: Superintendent Matters (Item 12.01)**: presented by Dr. Reid (Exhibit DD)

The Superintendent did not provide remarks due to the late hour.

**Category #13: Board Matters (Item 13.01)** (Exhibit EE)

Board Members did not provide remarks due to the late hour.

**Category #14: Adjournment**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 12:29 a.m.

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Robyn Lady, Chair of the Board

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Christina Setlow, Clerk of the Board

Approved: October 8, 2026

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