

## MINUTES

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government & International Studies  
Executive School Board Special Meeting  
1000 N. Lombardy Street, Richmond, VA

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

**9:00 a.m.**

### **I. Call to Order**

James Taylor, Chair of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board, called the meeting to order.

### **II. Moment of Silence**

The Chair called for a moment of silence.

### **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Executive School Board and visitors recited the pledge of allegiance.

### **IV. Introductions**

Each member is listed in alphabetical order by locality.

#### **Present:**

Ms. Meredith Moses, *School Board*, Goochland County Public Schools  
Ms. Harwood Hall, *School Board*, King & Queen Public Schools  
Ms. Heather Donbrosky, *School Board*, New Kent Public Schools  
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, *School Board*, Petersburg Public Schools  
Dr. James Taylor, *School Board*, Powhatan County Public Schools  
Dr. Beth Teigen, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools

Ms. Barbara Marshall, **Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

#### **Not expected to be in attendance;**

Ms. Marchelle Hampton, *School Board*, Charles City Public Schools  
Ms. Debbie Walwer, *School Board*, Colonial Heights Public Schools  
Ms. Lisa Hudgins, *School Board*, Chesterfield County Public Schools  
Ms. Mary Benjamin, *School Board*, Dinwiddie Public Schools  
Mr. Bob May, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools  
Ms. Alicia Atkins, *School Board*, Henrico County Public  
Ms. Linda Hyslop, *School Board*, Hopewell Public Schools  
Ms. Jill Andrews, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools  
Ms. Kathryn Ricard, *School Board*, Richmond Public Schools

Dr. Dalphine Joppy, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools  
Dr. John Murray, **Superintendent**, Chesterfield County Public Schools  
Ms. Haidee Napier, **Superintendent**, Colonial Heights Public Schools  
Dr. Kari Weston, **Superintendent**, Dinwiddie Public Schools  
Dr. Michael Cromartie, **Superintendent**, Goochland County Public Schools  
Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, **Interim Superintendent**, Hanover County Public Schools  
Dr. Amy Cashwell, **Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools  
Dr. Melody Hackney, **Superintendent**, Hopewell Public Schools  
Dr. Carol Carter, **Superintendent**, King & Queen Public Schools  
Dr. Brian Nichols, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools  
Ms. Yolanda Brown, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools  
Dr. Wayne Lyle, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools  
Mr. Jason Kamras, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools

Dr. Michael ‘Max’ Smith, Acting Director, Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School  
Mr. Lucas Veale, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School

#### **V. Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Meredith Moses, seconded by Harwood Hall, the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

#### **VI. Closed Meeting**

**The Chair read the following statement:**

Do I have a motion to enter closed session in accordance with Section (§) 2.2-3711 and/or 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and specifically under Subsection No. 1. - Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of the School Board.

Heather Donbrosky made a motion to enter into a closed meeting, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

The chair stated the motion had carried and the board is now in closed session. The clerk left the meeting.

#### **Return to Open Session**

The chair called for a motion to return to an open meeting.

Kenneth Pritchett made a motion to enter into an open meeting at 10:07 am that was seconded by Meredith Moses. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote. The chair stated; “The board is now back in open session.”

## **VII. Certification of Closed Meeting**

**The Chair read the following statement:**

“Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Regional School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i-**one**) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and (ii-**two**) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting. Any member of the Regional School Board or committee who believes that there was a departure from these requirements shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place.” After this reading, Kenneth Pritchett made a motion to certify the closed session, seconded by Meredith Moses and the motion was unanimously approved.

The chair asked if any board members believed there was a departure from these requirements? No board members indicated they believed there was a departure from the stated requirements.

The chair called for the clerk to record a roll call vote for the closed meeting certification.

Meredith Moses	Aye
Harwood Hall	Aye
Heather Donbrosky	Aye
Kenneth Pritchett	Aye
James Taylor	Aye

The clerk stated: “The motion carries. The meeting has been certified.”

## **VIII. Closed Session Action**

Results and recommendations from this closed meeting will be announced at the Regional School Board meeting on March 20, 2025.

## **IX. Adjournment of Special Meeting**

On a motion to adjourn by Meredith Moses, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, this meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am.

The next meeting of the Regional School Board is March 20, 2025, at 9:00 am. MLWGS, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 153, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x2190.

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Dr. James Taylor, Chair

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Minutes Recorded by:  
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk