

MINUTES

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

Thursday, June 17, 2025

9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Heather Donbrosky, vice-chair of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board, called the meeting to order.

II. Moment of Silence

The vice-chair called for a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Regional School Board and visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Introductions

Each member is listed in alphabetical order by locality.

Present:

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
Ms. Meredith Moses, ***School Board***, Goochland County Public Schools
Mr. Bob May, ***School Board***, Hanover County Public Schools
Ms. Linda Hyslop, ***School Board***, Hopewell 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
Ms. Kathryn Ricard, ***School Board***, Richmond Public Schools
Dr. Carol Carter, ***Superintendent***, King & Queen Public Schools
Dr. Brian Nichols, ***Superintendent***, New Kent Public Schools
Dr. Beth Teigen, ***Superintendent***, Powhatan County Public Schools

Ms. Barbara Marshall, ***Clerk***, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mr. Lucas Veale, ***Deputy Clerk***, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Not in attendance;

Ms. Marchelle Hampton, ***School Board***, Charles City Public Schools
Ms. Alicia Atkins, ***School Board***, Henrico County Public

Dr. James Taylor, ***School Board***, Powhatan County Public Schools
Ms. Jill Andrews, ***School Board***, Prince George 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. Andrew Armstrong, **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
Ms. Yolanda Brown, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools
Dr. Wayne Lyle, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Mr. Jason Kamras, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools

V. Approval of Agenda

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

VI. Closed Meeting

The Vice-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.”

Meredith Moses made a motion to enter into a closed meeting at 9:36 am, seconded by Bob May. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

The vice-chair stated the motion had carried, and the board was now in closed session. The clerks left the meeting.

Return to Open Session

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

Bob May made a motion to enter into an open meeting at 9:51 am that was seconded by Lisa Hudgins. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

The vice-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.”

The vice-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.

After this reading, Bob May made a motion to certify the closed session, seconded by Harwood Hall, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Marchelle Hampton	Absent
Lisa Hudgins	Aye
Debbie Walwer	Aye
Mary Benjamin	Aye
Meredith Moses	Aye
Robert May	Aye
Alicia Atkins	Absent
Linda Hyslop	Aye
Harwood Hall	Aye
Heather Donbrosky	Aye
Kenneth Pritchett	Aye
James Taylor	Absent
Jill Andrews	Absent
Kathryn Ricard	Aye

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

VIII. Closed Session Action

The Regional School Board recommends Kristin K. Janssen for the position of Executive Director of the Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School beginning in July 2025.

The vice-chair called for the clerk to record a roll call vote for the personnel action to hire Kristin K. Janssen as the Executive Director of Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School, starting July (any day between 1 and 7, depending on the candidate's availability), 2025.

Marchelle Hampton	Absent
Lisa Hudgins	Aye

Debbie Walwer	Aye
Mary Benjamin	Aye
Meredith Moses	Aye
Robert May	Aye
Alicia Atkins	Absent
Linda Hyslop	Aye
Harwood Hall	Aye
Heather Donbrosky	Aye
Kenneth Pritchett	Aye
James Taylor	Absent
Jill Andrews	Absent
Kathryn Ricard	Aye

IX. Adjournment of Special Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.

The next meeting of the Executive School Board is August 21, 2025, at 9:00 am. MLWGS, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 153, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x2190.

Ms. Heather Donbrosky, Vice-Chair

Minutes Recorded by:
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk