

MINUTES

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

Thursday, May 21, 2026

9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Heather Donbrosky, 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 stood and 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. 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
Ms. Kathryn Ricard, **School Board**, Richmond Public Schools

Dr. Kristin Janssen, **Executive Director**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Ms. Barbara Marshall, **Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mr. Lucas Veale, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Absent:

Dr. Brian Nichols, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools

Also present:

Dr. Lisa Williams and Dr. Max Smith – MLWGS Administration
Ms. Wendy DeGroat – MLWGS Staff
Ginger O'Neil – MW Foundation
David Calvert – Assistant Volleyball Coach

Not Required to be in Attendance:

Ms. Marchelle Hampton, **School Board**, Charles City Public Schools
Ms. Lisa Hudgins, **School Board**, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Ms. Debbie Walwer, **School Board**, Colonial Heights Public Schools

Ms. Mary Benjamin, **School Board**, Dinwiddie Public Schools
Ms. Whitney Welsh, **School Board**, Hanover County Public Schools
Ms. Alicia Atkins, **School Board**, Henrico County Public Schools
Open, **School Board**, Hopewell Public Schools
Ms. Harwood Hall, **School Board**, King & Queen Public
Ms. Jill Andrews, **School Board**, Prince George Public Schools

Dr. Katina Otey, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools
Dr. John Murray, **Superintendent**, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Mr. Travis Ridley, **Superintendent**, Colonial Heights Public Schools
Dr. Kari Weston, **Superintendent**, Dinwiddie Public Schools
Dr. Andrew Armstrong, **Superintendent**, Goochland County Public Schools
Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, **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
Ms. Yolanda Brown, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools
Dr. Beth Teigen, **Superintendent**, Powhatan Public Schools
Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Mr. Jason Kamras, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools

V.a Approval for Board Member(s) to participate in this Meeting Remotely

I. Quorum Physically Assembled

- A. The Regional School Board may conduct any meeting wherein the public business is discussed or transacted through electronic communication means if 1) on or before the day of a meeting, a member of the Regional School Board notifies the chair that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance or that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter and identifies with specificity the nature of the personal matter; and **2) the Regional School Board approves the member's participation by a majority vote of the members present at the primary or central meeting location.**

No action was needed, and there were no requests for remote participation.

V.b Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Meredith Moses, seconded by James Taylor, the amended agenda was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

VI. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Kathryn Ricard, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2026, were approved on a unanimous voice vote.

VII. Recognitions

- **Congratulations to three Maggie Walker seniors for their selection as the Sports Backers and RTD ALL Stars: Anthony Bastardi – Richmond, Lillian Davies – Richmond, and Abigail ‘Abbi’ Martin – Chesterfield.** Coach Ryan Webb, Track and Field Head Coach, presented these students to the board and made remarks on their accomplishments.

The ALL Stars Award show was on Monday, May 11th, from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Hippodrome Theater. Each of our seniors were awarded a \$2,500 scholarship.

Since 1992, Sports Backers and the Richmond Times-Dispatch have partnered to recognize the accomplishments of the region’s best and brightest student-athletes. Over the last 34 years, we have awarded over \$1,400,000 to over 600 outstanding student-athletes from the Richmond region. The Active Living Leadership Program, ALL Stars for short, was created to increase the impact of the former Scholar-Athlete program.

- **VHSL Foundation Achievement Scholarship Recipients from Maggie Walker: David Lins-Chesterfield, and Desmond Unice – Richmond.** Teacher Adam Rotche and Coach David Calvert presented these students to the board and made remarks about them both.

The VHSL Foundation awards nineteen \$2,000 scholarships annually to one male scholar-athlete, one female scholar-athlete, and one academic activities participant in each VHSL classification, plus one student from any classification who has overcome significant odds. This year’s recipients were honored at a luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville.

- **National Community Service Award Winners: Vrinda Shah-’27-Henrico and Aditya Singhal-’29-Henrico.** Les Cook, Community Service Coordinator, was on hand for this student recognition.

Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School is proud to announce 2 students have been recognized by the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) and InnerView in the eighth Annual Community Service Impact Awards. The Kroger Co. is presenting the seventh annual Zero Hero Awards to students for taking action to help create communities free of hunger and waste.

The Community Service Impact Awards program connects student service to real-world outcomes, skill development, and community needs. This year, students from Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School were part of a nationwide effort of high school changemakers who collectively invested more than **2.3 million hours of service, equivalent to \$78 million in community impact**, addressing critical local and global challenges.

Through their efforts, students from Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School made meaningful contributions to Quality Education, demonstrating how local action drives global progress.

- **Walker Debate Wins the 2026 VHSL State Championship.** Sponsors Erin MacPherson and Celie Boswell were on hand for this student recognition and to make remarks about the season.

Theo Chukin, ’28-Chesterfield, placed first in Lincoln Douglas; Jackie Liang, ’28-Henrico, and Kritika Goel, ’28-Chesterfield, placed first in Policy; and Kritika won first in Speaker points in Policy! Navya Agarwal, ’27-Henrico, contributed to Student Congress.

- **Walker ‘We the People,’ #2 at National Championship.** Teacher Sam Ulmschneider, sponsor, was on hand for this recognition.

The We the People: The Citizen and Constitution Competition, sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, is a national academic competition that allows students to display the civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to effectively participate in our constitutional democratic republic through simulated congressional hearings. Students testify as constitutional experts before panels of judges acting as congressional committees, scoring the groups through a performance-based assessment. Each class is divided into six groups based on the six units of the *We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution* high school textbook.

MLWGS last won the We the People national title in 2023, bringing its total to five national titles over 28 appearances in the competition’s 35-plus-year history. The team has consistently ranked among the national top 10 in most other years.

2026 Team Members:

Isabella Arcaro-Colonial Heights	Alena Atkinson-Hanover	Diego Burgos-Feliciano-Chesterfield
Vera Chunnanond-Hanover	Helena Damer-Richmond	Lillian Davies – Richmond
Henry Erda-Charles City	Addyson Hoover-Hanover	Margaret Josefiak-Henrico
Josephine Kronenberg-Hanover	Deepanshi Kumar-Henrico	Emma Lindsey-Goochland
Hadley McHugh-Chesterfield	Jacob Nelson-Chesterfield	Raunak Kaur Rajani – Henrico
Thomas Short-Richmond	Viva Sitani-Henrico	Audrey Tang-Chesterfield
Rewa Totey-Henrico		Jacob Williamson – Chesterfield

VIII. Public Comments

The Public Information Period shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to make his/her comments. Individuals representing groups will be allotted five (5) minutes.

None.

IX. Consent Items

Dr. Janssen presented and highlighted several areas of these reports, with Ms. Moses asking if it was possible these reports [which are generated by RPS] show vendor and purchase details. Dr.

Janssen referenced a document that is used for the regular finance committee meetings that is prepared internally for them that might be helpful for the board for the board to see.

On a motion by Meredith Moses to approve the consent items as a slate, seconded by James Taylor, the following items were unanimously approved on a voice vote: personnel actions, fiscal status reports of April 27, 2026, and the donations report of April 30, 2026.

X. Action Items

A. Textbook Adoption-Social Studies (*Second Read*)

The MLWGS textbook adoption process for implementation in 2026-2027 is following proper protocol. Recommendations are pending public comment.

- The following for **Social Studies** was posted to mlwgs.com on March 24, 2026, in News:

The Social Studies Department has selected textbooks available for public viewing, review, and comment in our school's library from Monday, April 6th, through Thursday, April 16th. Evaluation forms and a labeled envelope for completed forms are located next to the books for all interested constituents to review. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dan Brown, Department Chair, at dbrown@gsgis.k12.va.us.

Social Studies Department Members:

The social studies faculty include Dan Brown (Chair), Christine Anderson, Allison Anthony, John Clark, Robinette Cross, Tyler Goldberger, NaKita Lee, Alex Purifoy, Matthew Ruskan, Jaelyn Szerokman, Sam Ulmschneider, and Hana Voight.

Textbooks:

- The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People by Alan Brinkley; 10th edition, McGraw Hill Publishers, 2023.
- The American Pageant by David M. Kennedy, 18th edition, Cengage Publishing, 2025.

On a motion from Kathryn Ricard, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, the Executive School Board approved social studies request for textbook adoption for academic year 2026-27 on a unanimous voice vote.

B. FY2026 Budget Amendment SoQ's (*Second Read*)

This amendment is necessary to comply with the General Assembly's FY2026 SoQ Position Bonus appropriation from the general fund is provided for the state share of a one-time bonus payment of \$1,500 per employee on June 1, 2026, for funded SoQ instructional and support positions, pursuant to Item 125, Paragraph C.44.b of Chapter 7, 2026 Acts of Assembly. School divisions shall have discretion to determine the amount of bonuses per employee to maximize the use of these funds to promote retention among instructional and support positions in this act.

School divisions must certify by May 1, 2026, to receive state payment for the bonus.

The original adopted FY2026 budget can be viewed [here](#).

REVENUE INCREASE:

Updated FY2026 Budget Here

4207	DOE Bonus Payment	Adopted:	\$3,582,157.00
		Amended:	<u>\$3,730,714.00</u>
		Difference:	\$ 148,557.00
4199	Miscellaneous Revenue	Adopted:	\$ 50,000.00
	VCU Dual Enrollment Fees	Amended:	<u>\$ 61,940.00</u>
		Difference:	\$ 11,940.00
4227	Salary Supplements	Adopted:	\$ 12,500.00
	National Board Cert.	Amended:	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
		Difference:	\$ -2,500.00
	Total Revenue	Adopted:	\$12,576,115.00
		Amended:	<u>\$12,740,280.00</u>
		Difference:	\$ 157,997.00

EXPENDITURE INCREASES:

Total All Expenses	Adopted:	\$12,616,679.00
	Amended:	<u>\$12,740,280.00</u>
	Difference:	\$ 123,601.00

On a motion from James Taylor, seconded by Kathryn Ricard, the Executive School Board approved the FY2026 budget amendment SoQ’s and authorized the executive director to issue employee bonuses on a unanimous voice vote.

XI. Director’s Report

A. Verbal Update

- **Student Conduct 2025-2026 from SBAR Report submitted to the VDOE:**

Student Conduct Update

Executive Summary: In the last two years we have seen student conduct incidents double. Top incident areas are (BAP 3) Scholastic Dishonesty and (BSO15) Student is not going to class as assigned. The growth trend is almost exclusively in (BAP3) Scholastic Dishonesty. AY 2025 saw outliers in (RB5) Theft w/Physical Force and (BSC5) Tobacco Use/Poss/Dist. Generally, BAP is our top category, followed by BSO, RB, and then BSC. Sophomores have the most incidents reported, while numbers have fluctuated within the other classes.

Counts (55 total):

- **Trends:**
 - Scholastic dishonesty- 30
 - Student is not going to assigned class- 5
- **Outliers:**
 - Theft without physical force- 8
 - Tobacco use/possession/distribution- 4
- **Others (1-2 incidents):**
 - Minor physical altercation- No Injury
 - Leaving without permission
 - Drugs-possession of paraphernalia
 - Vandalism/graffiti/damage to property
 - Giving false information
 - Profane/Vulgar language/gestures

Ms. Moses asked about the general consequences of an honor violation. Dr. Smith informed her that for a first-time offense, the typical repercussions include school-based community service or, in some cases, a restorative essay and/or a letter of apology. If an underclassman commits an infraction, there will be a deferment from honor societies until their senior year. However, if a junior or senior violates the code, they risk losing their membership in those societies. Ms. Moses then inquired about how instances of plagiarism are addressed. Dr. Smith replied that any plagiarized work would receive a zero grade. Dr. Williams added that school leadership would be reviewing the honor code this summer to assess its effectiveness and the teachers' autonomy regarding clear guidelines related to AI use. Dr. Janssen emphasized the significance of losing membership in an honor society and how it could affect college applications.

- **Teacher and Staff Employment Contracts for AY2027 were issued on May 14th.**
- **National Merit Scholarship Winners.** This year MLWGS had seventeen NMS finalists from the class of 2026. Of that number, three have been awarded a \$2500 scholarship. Congratulations to:

Alina Laraway (Henrico)
Ethan Roerink (Hanover)
Helen Fielding Teague (Chesterfield)

- **National French Exam Results:** Madame Paturel, teacher, had her students took on the challenge of the National French Exam in April. Their results were outstanding, with 37% of participating students earning medals and approximately 70% placing in the top half of students nationwide or higher. These accomplishments reflect the confidence, preparation, and willingness to challenge themselves at a high level.
- **National Spanish Exam Results:** The National Spanish Exam (NSE) is an online, motivational competition that recognizes, stimulates, and promotes students' linguistic competence and proficiency in Spanish. In addition to the contest, the NSE is a standardized online assessment for grades 6-12, that measures both content standards (vocabulary and grammar) and performance standards (reading and listening comprehension). This tool provides valuable feedback on the students' proficiency, monitoring and tracking their progress and development each year.

MLWGS had one student achieve a **perfect score** on the exam. Congratulations to **Sofia Krahe ('27-Richmond)** for this distinction. In addition, 15 students earned a Gold Medal (95th -99th percentile), 33 students earned a Silver Medal (85th -94th percentile), 34 students earned a Bronze Medal (75th – 84th percentile), and 83 students earned an Honorable mention.

Spanish language teachers at MLWS include Ruth Bradner, Amanda Lemco, Allison Manning, and Alicia Nichols.

- Collaboration continues to be one of MLWGS's strengths. Ed Colman and Lindsey LeCroy-Whitworth were selected to present at the **National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention**, where they will share their work on Reflective Grading. Their session focuses on moving students beyond chasing points and toward genuine ownership of their learning through reflection, feedback, and growth. Drawing from their own classrooms, they will highlight practical strategies that build student voice, engagement, and stronger connections to the writing process. It is exciting to see Dragon educators sharing thoughtful, innovative work on a national stage.

The following information was provided by Wendy DeGroat:

- **Todd Raviotta, a long-time MLWGS teacher**, is also a talented documentary filmmaker.

What you may not realize is that Todd was instrumental in the making of the documentary [Until the Well Runs Dry: Medicine and the Exploitation of Black Bodies](#) (2011), working in the role of Editor alongside VCU Professor Shawn Utsey, the film's Director. This documentary raised community awareness about the role of medical racism in the history of MCV/VCU and Richmond and sparked a long-term commitment by VCU to honor and memorialize the people who had been exploited and acknowledge the role of medical racism in their institutional history.

The memorial plans on the front page of today's [4-22-2026] RTD ([article attached as a PDF](#)) are one of the outcomes of this commitment.

Earlier components of this work have included the establishment of the East Marshall Street Well Project, an exhibit in the medical building that was built over the site where the remains were found, an additional film, the development of K12 curriculum, ceremonies, and the gathering of [oral histories](#). Mr. Raviotta was involved in a 2022-2023 [workshop for young RVA filmmakers](#) that was part of this project. This process has also included the establishment and engagement of a Family Representative Council whose input has guided this work.

For more information, see the [East Marshall Street Well Project](#) website.

- **Amanda Lemco's Spanish 3 students** walked over on April 22nd to join Carver Elementary School's second-grade "littles" in the Carver library, where they shared their newly written Spanish picture books in a bilingual story time. The authors were a little nervous, but they rose to the challenge, and both Dragons and Peanuts had a great time!



- **Spring Orchestra and Chorus Concert** performed by the students of MLWGS on **Wednesday, April 22 @ 7 pm**, in the auditorium.
- **Senior Recognition Night @ 6:30 pm, on Wednesday, April 29th (both in the auditorium)**. We honor our seniors and celebrate our students' successes while reflecting on their time here at MLWGS. The highlight of the evening for the students is always the Senior Slide Show.

Senior Night was a success. Kara Love and her team of teachers made sure students and their loved ones felt the impact of their senior year winding down in a meaningful and celebratory way. As exciting as the next chapter ahead may be, there was also a clear sense of reflection as the

MLWGS chapter begins to close, even while remaining open for future visits and continued connection. Thank you to Connie Hill, Kara Love, Andrew Maples, Adam Rotche, Jennifer Todd, and Sam Ulmschneider for helping make the evening so memorable.

- **Student Ambassador Luncheon.** Valenta Williams and Max Smith celebrated the Student Ambassadors who took their commitment to volunteering and service to our school community to the next level this year. Valenta and Max organized a heartfelt appreciation luncheon to recognize their efforts, complete with two basket raffles as a special thank you for all they have contributed throughout the year.

- **School Principal’s Appreciation Day, May 1.**

National School Principals' Day is celebrated annually on May 1st in the United States. It’s a day dedicated to recognizing the hard work, dedication, and leadership of school principals who play a vital role in shaping the educational environment for students, teachers, and communities.

- **Spring Band Concert** was performed by the students of MLWGS on **Monday, April 27 @ 7 pm**, in the auditorium.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8.** The PTSA, MLWGS Foundation, and the MLWGS Administration had several events for our teachers, including the following:

Date	Day	Timing	Theme
5/4	Monday	Lunch	Assorted Sandwiches
5/5	Tuesday (Admin Day)	Cinco De Mayo Lunch	Boxed Lunch from MOE’s
5/6	Wednesday	Afternoon snack	Dessert/Charcuterie
5/5	Thursday	Morning	Breakfast
5/8	Friday	Lunch	Southern BBQ



- **2026 Junior/Senior Prom** is Saturday, May 16 @ 7 pm at the Hippodrome Theater

This year's theme is Night at the Disco.

- **Senior Awards Assembly @ 1:30 pm on Monday, May 11th**, Traditionally, the Senior Awards Assembly is where community, foundation, and memorial awards are presented, as well as a handful of honors that are directly related to student engagement here at MLWGS.
- **NCAA Athletic Signing Day, Wednesday, May 20th.**

Students who have committed to play on a college team (whether Division I, II, or III) should contact Paige Hawkins (phawkins@gsgis.k12.va.us) no later than Thursday, May 14th, to request to be included in the ceremony.

- **Senior Showcase on Wednesday, May 20th.** Senior Showcase is the highlight of the seniors' mentorship or seminar experiences. The students have worked diligently over several months, and this is an opportunity for the entire school community to enjoy the creativity and energy of their efforts. Details of this year's showcase are still being worked out. Mark the date on your calendars now so you don't miss out on this special day for Maggie Walker seniors!
- **Graduation for the Class of 2026 on Wednesday, May 27th, 6:00 pm, Altria Theater, 6 N. Laurel Street**
- **Graduation – Streaming live this year**

Due to the limited number of tickets available for graduation, we have secured Seagram AV to stream our ceremony.

B. Coming Events May 21 – June 11, 2026

Thursday, May 21 st	Executive School Board Meeting, 9:00 am, Room 153
Friday, May 22 nd – Sunday, May 24 th	Speech and Debate teams at the CFL National Tournament in Washington, DC
Monday, May 25 th	Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday, May 26 th	SOL's and Exam Make-ups
	ALEKS Math Testing (VCU Classes)
	Class of 2026 Picnic at the Carillon, Noon-2 pm
Wednesday, May 27th	SOL's and Exam Make-ups
	Graduation for the Class of 2026, 6:00 pm, Altria Theater
Thursday, May 28 th	SOL's and Exam Make-ups
Friday, May 29 th	SOL's and Exam Make-ups – Last Day for Students
Saturday, May 30 th	Memorial Service for Alum, Noon – 3 pm, Auditorium
Monday, June 1 st	Last Day for Teachers and Exam Make-ups only
Tuesday, June 2 nd	Report Cards Issued
Thursday, June 4 th	Virtual Finance Committee Meeting, 9:00 am
Wednesday, June 4th – Tuesday, June 24th	Summer Online Economics Classes Begin
Monday, June 8 th – Thursday, July 24 th	Summer Operating Hours: Mon-Thur 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Monday, June 8 th	Last Day for Department Chairs
Tuesday, June 9 th – Thursday, June 11 th	Scholastic Art National Awards Ceremony at Carnegie Hall
Thursday, June 11 th	Executive School Board Meeting, 9 am, Room 153 (date changed to accommodate holiday)

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Strategic Plan Implementation Report

No report was presented.

XIII. Items for Board Review and/or Discussion

a. FY26 Assignment of Reserve Funds (First Read)

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 (GASB 54) establishes fund balance classifications and provides a hierarchy of spending constraints. MLWGS implemented GASB 54 beginning in FY2011.

Under GASB 54, the *Assigned fund balance* represents amounts *intended* to be used for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. The assigned fund balance also includes any portion of the fund balance that will be incorporated into the subsequent year’s budget. The governing body must take *formal action* that specifies to whom the delegation of authority to recommend fund balance assignments is given (i.e., the Executive Director).

Unassigned fund balance represents resources remaining after all other classifications have been met, and that are available for any purpose.

It is estimated that on June 30, 2026, the General Fund balance will be \$_____ and the Capital Improvement Fund balance will be \$_____. I propose that by June 30, 2026, we move \$_____ from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund, which will bring the Capital Improvement Fund to \$_____, leaving \$_____ in the General Fund, \$_____ of which will be assigned to the benefit reserve. That will leave a balance of \$_____ in unassigned reserve in the General Fund.

FY26 estimates will be provided at their June meeting (this meeting is too early for accurate projections) for the distribution of assigned funds as required by GASB 54. Approval with amounts will be requested at the June 2026 meeting of the Executive School Board.

b. Business Insurance Renewal with VACorp (First Read)

MLWGS administration proposes the Regional School Board renew all non-medical insurance coverage with VACorp as of August 1.

	FY2026 Rates		FY2027 Rates
General liability, educator’s liability, environmental liability,	\$27,141.00	General liability, educator’s liability, environmental liability,	

cyber, crime, business auto, equipment breakdown, property, increased limits, inland marine, and security risk management		cyber, crime, business auto, equipment breakdown, property, increased limits, inland marine, and security risk management	
Worker's Comp	\$14,729.00	Worker's Comp	
TOTAL	\$41,870.00	TOTAL	
Dual Program Discount and Rate Credit	-\$503.00	Rate Credit	
TOTAL DUE	\$41,367.00	TOTAL DUE	

The executive director recommends that the Executive School Board review this insurance proposal of required coverages for FY2027. Approval will be requested at the Board's June meeting.

c. *MLWGS Foundation Board of Directors 2026-27 (First Read)*

Candidates for Director of The Foundation shall be nominated by members of the Board of Directors or by the Governance and Nominations Committee. The names of the nominees shall then be submitted to the ***Regional School Board for review***. Subject to the approval of such candidates by the Regional School Board, candidates for Director shall be elected by the Board of Directors. No individual shall be named or elected as a Director without his or her prior consent.

The Board of Directors of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Foundation is pleased to recommend to the MLWGS Regional School Board the following individuals for Director of the Foundation. If approved, they will each serve a term of 3 years, beginning on July 1, 2026.

Board of Director Nominees

Michael J. McClure, Ph.D. (Parent, Richmond)

Michael McClure, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering at the Virginia Commonwealth University Institute for Engineering and Medicine, where his long-term research goal is to understand the roles and underlying mechanisms by which biophysical constraints and mechanical forces regulate muscle structure, function, and innervation. He is a member of the Society for Biomaterials, Orthopaedic Research Society, Biomedical Engineering Society, and Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Society. He and his wife Erin live in Richmond City with their four wonderful children, the oldest of whom, Audrey, is a freshman at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School.

Qi Liu (Parent, Chesterfield)

Qi Liu is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with over a decade of hands-on experience in accounting and financial management. She has served on the Foundation Finance committee for the past two years. She currently works as an Accounting Manager at Habitat for Humanity in Richmond, supporting budgeting, payroll and financial operations. With more than 12 years experience in accounting, she previously held positions as Senior Associate/Accounting Manager for Robert Half and Controller for Cornerstone Architects, among other accounting and tax preparations positions. She holds a Master's of Accountancy from VCU and is an active member of Virginia Society of CPA. Qi is the proud mother of twin Dragons in the Class of 2028 of MLWGS, Gavin and Grace.

Mary Nedell (Parent, Chesterfield)

Mary Nedell is a dedicated parent, volunteer, and former human services professional with a longstanding commitment to children, families, and schools. Over the past 15 years, she has focused on raising her four children, including her oldest son, Conor, a member of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Class of 2029, while also serving in countless volunteer roles in the communities that have shaped their lives.

At St. Michael's Episcopal School, she spent 11 years actively involved as a volunteer and served as President of the Parents Association during the final two years when all four of her children attended together. She has also served as a Girl Scout leader, Boy Scout volunteer, team parent, Bible school teacher, and Sunday school teacher.

Earlier in her career, she worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia in Human Services, contributing to foster care reform alongside Anne Holton during the Kaine Administration. Prior to this she worked for No Kid Hungry, a national organization dedicated to ending child hunger in America. She earned her B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and her M.S.W. from Virginia Commonwealth University. As a longtime admirer and now parent at MLWGS, she is excited by the opportunity to give back to a school community that has already meant so much to her family.

Kendra Wergin (Alumna, Class of 2003)

Kendra Wergin is the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Valneva, a Nasdaq-listed specialty vaccines company based in France. She joined Valneva in 2020 and became General Counsel in August 2024, and she was based in Paris before returning to Richmond in 2025. Prior to joining Valneva, Kendra worked in-house at Intuit and as an Associate in the London and Paris offices of Latham & Watkins LLP, where she practiced corporate law. She is admitted to practice law in four jurisdictions, including Virginia.

Earlier in her career, Kendra taught high school Spanish as a Teach For America corps member, supported implementation of an innovative teacher evaluation system in the Office of Human Capital of D.C. Public Schools, and worked as a strategic communications consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton.

Kendra graduated from MLWGS in 2003 and earned her B.A. in International Relations and Hispanic Studies from the College of William & Mary, a Master of Arts in Teaching from American University, a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law, and Master in Economic Law from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po).

(Fun fact: She worked in the central office of D.C. Public Schools with Jason Kamras, the current superintendent of Richmond Public Schools and a MLWGS parent.)

Board Officer Nominations

The following Directors have agreed to serve as officers of the Board in 2026-2027. They will be officially elected at the Foundation's May Annual Meeting and officially begin their duties on July 1, 2026.

Chair—Olen Crane
Vice Chair—Lindsay Horning
Treasurer— Karen Setzer '99*

Committee Chairs/Director Members

The following Directors have agreed to serve as committee chairs/Director members for Board committees in 2026-2027. They will officially begin their terms on July 1, 2026.

Alumni Steering

Current (2025-2026): Erin Ortiz '06

2026-2027: Erin Ortiz '06*

2026-2027 Directors Serving the Committee: Erin Ortiz '06, Kendra Wergin '03

Development

Current (2025-2026): Julie Seitz

2026-2027: Julie Seitz*

2026-2027 Directors Serving the Committee: Anikka Moore, Julie Seitz

Events

Current (2025-2026): Lindsay Horning

2026-2027: Co-chairs: Lindsay Horning*

2026-2027 Directors Serving the Committee: Lindsay Horning, Anne Hoffler

Finance

Current (2025-2026): Adam Powers '10

2026-2027: Qi Liu (pending appointment to the Board)

2026-2027 Directors Serving the Committee: Qi Liu (pending appointment to the Board)

Governance and Nominations

Current (2025-2026): Olen Crane

2026-2027: Olen Crane*

2026-2027 Directors Appointed to the Committee: Monique Johnson, Stinson Mundy

Directors Rolling Off the Board

Three Directors will be rolling off the Foundation Board following the close of the Foundation's May 2026 meeting, having each served two consecutive 3-year terms:

Brian Baird, parent, Richmond
Adam Powers '10, Richmond
Emily Stegaier Winbigler '00, Chesterfield

Resigning this year for personal reasons:

Tyler Gibson '10, alum, NYC

Resigned to accept position as Foundation Assistant

Veronica Chornodolksy, Chesterfield

** returning*

The executive director will bring forward the candidates named to the Executive School Board in June for their approval.

XIV. Information

- No Scheduled Meeting in May of the Finance Committee
- MLWGS Results from the Japan Bowl in April
- Officer Banjo Visits MLWGS on Earth Day, April 22
- Combined Languages Honor Societies Induction, April 23
- Blood Drive at MLWGS, April 24
- Guest Speaker for Mu Alpha Theta, Harvard Professor Dr. Finali Doshi-Velez, April 24
- BET on Jazz (Community Fundraiser) at MW, April 25
- Mech Tech team at FIRST Championship in Houston, April 29 - May 2
- TSA Students at Technosphere State Competition in Hampton, April 30 - May 3
- Scholar-Athlete of the Week, April 20 - David Roberts, '26-Chesterfield
- Scholar-Athlete of the Week, April 27 - Hadley Walder, '27-Richmond
- Scholar-Athlete of the Week, May 5 - Ella Wiatt, '26-Goochland
- Scholar-Athlete of the Week, May 11 - William Chen, '27-Henrico

XV. New Business

None.

XVI. Announcements

None.

XVII. Adjournment

On a motion by Meredith Moses, this meeting was adjourned without a vote at 10:00 am.

The next scheduled meeting for the Executive Board is on June 11, 2026.

Heather Donbrosky, Chair

Kristin Janssen, Ed.D., Executive Director

Minutes Recorded by:
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk