

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

BOARD OF EDUCATION

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

March 26, 2026

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a business meeting on March 26, 2026, at the Library of Virginia, E Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Mashea Ashton, President

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President

Dr. Amber Northern

Dr. Kimberly Bridges

Mr. William Robinson

Mrs. Jenna Conway, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mrs. Debbie Kilgore

President Ashton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed Board members, staff, and visitors to the meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Vice President Hansen asked for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Ashton welcomed Jenna Conway as the new Superintendent of Public Instruction and introduced Mr. William Robinson and Dr. Kimberly Bridges as new board members.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Hansen motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Robinson motioned to approve the January 2026 meeting minutes of the Board as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously. Dr. Bridges abstained from the vote.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The Board enjoyed a student performance from the Mataoka High School Jazz Band.

MARCH AS YOUTH ARTS MONTH, MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH, AND THEATRE IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

Mrs. Kilgore read the Recognition for March as Youth Arts Month, Music in Our Schools Month, and Theatre in Our Schools Month

RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR

Dr. Bridges read the Recognition of Principals of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lawanda Travis, a Citizen from King William County, spoke concerning King William County Public Schools.
- Sarah Katuziensi, a Parent from Isle of Wight County, spoke concerning staffing of special education classrooms.
- Raykita Hall, a Parent from Southampton County, spoke concerning disciplinary issues.
- Wendy Little, a Parent from Chesterfield County, expressed concern regarding special education funding.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Final Review to Certify a List of Qualified Persons for the Office of Division Superintendent of Schools

B. Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund and Updates to the First Priority Waiting List

The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

C. First and Final Review of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) Revised State Plan

Dr. J. Anthony Williams, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the item as presented to the Board. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

D. First and Final Review of Petition for Rulemaking

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the item as presented to the Board. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

E. First and Final Review of Fast-Track Regulatory Action to Amend 8VAC20-23-440 to Align with Chapter 552 of the 2025 Acts of the Assembly

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mrs. Kilgore made a motion to approve the item as presented to the Board. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

F. First and Final Review of a Notice for Intended Regulatory Action to Amend 8VAC20-23 to Add a Geometry Add-On Endorsement to Align with Chapter 552 of the 2025 Acts of the Assembly

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the item as presented to the Board. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

G. First Review of Regulatory Action to Align with Item 130.H of Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Assembly 2022 Special Session I (Final Stage)

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board.

The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The Board accepted this item for first review.

H. First Review of Regulatory Action to Amend 8VAC20-543-20 to Align with Chapter 186 of the 2025 Acts of the Assembly

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board.

The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The Board accepted this item for first review.

I. First Review of Guidelines for Notification and Reporting of Communicable Diseases in Licensed Child Day Centers (8VAC20-780-490)

Jeffrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Child Care Health and Safety, presented this item to the Board.

The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The Board accepted this item for first review.

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

Mr. Hansen congratulated Superintendent Conway and expressed gratitude for her support and dedication to public education in the Commonwealth as well as thanking former members of the board for their service.

Mr. Robinson thanked former Board Members and Superintendent Conway and Secretary Smith for their listening tour.

Mrs. Kilgore expressed her excitement for working with the new board members, thanked outgoing board members for their service, and stated that she is looking forward to working with Superintendent Conway.

Superintendent Conway highlighted the next two stops on the listening tour and directed the public to the VDOE website to get more information.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ashton adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mashea M. Ashton".

Mrs. Mashea Ashton

President, Virginia Board of Education