

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
Board Retreat
April 23, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a business meeting on April 23, 2024, at Old City Hall, 1001 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President
Mrs. Mashea Ashton
Mr. Andy Rotherham
Mr. Dale Sturdifan
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President (remote)
Ms. Anne Holton
Dr. Amber Northern
Dr. H. Alan Seibert
Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction

President Creasey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed Board members, staff, and visitors to the meeting. President Creasey approved the remote participation of Mr. Hansen under the Board Bylaws and § 2.2-3708.3(B)(3) of the Code of Virginia because their principal residences are more than 60 miles from the meeting location.

The session was open to the public. No public comment was accepted. No votes were taken.

The agenda and retreat materials can be found on [the Board’s page on the VDOE website](#).

Item A: Presentation and Discussion on Accreditation and Accountability

Katie Carroll, Deputy Superintendent of School Performance and Support, along with Anne Hyslop and Chad Aldeman, provided an overview of the Guiding Principles, a timeline and decisions/actions to date, an overview of Regulatory/ESSA Outcomes, a summary of feedback, and an overview of what comes next. The material for this item can be found on [the Board’s page on the VDOE website](#).

Item B: Virginia Support Framework

Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented this item to the Board. The Virginia Support Framework (VSF) is deeply grounded in evidence and research that demonstrates a “best in class” model for supporting school divisions. VDOE will ensure

coherence across teams to provide tiered support for school divisions based on demonstrated need. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Item C: Update on the Implementation of Memorandums of Understanding Between the Board of Education and Identified Divisions

Dr. Quentin Ballard, Director of School Quality, presented this item to the Board. Dr. Ballard has been working with Petersburg City Public Schools and gave an update on their progress, including maintaining weekly touchpoints and support calls and meeting with division level leadership to identify what supports are needed. They are also working collaboratively with school leadership to provide support with teacher licensure and staffing. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Item D: Board Work Plan

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board. This presentation was at the request of the Board in order to discuss further the Board's Work Plan, which was developed by staff at the Virginia Department of Education ("VDOE") as a planning resource. On December 12, 2023, the Board of Education approved its Comprehensive Plan 2024–2029. The plan describes the Board's priorities and goals to achieve the objectives of public education in Virginia and to accomplish the Board's mission. During discussion on the Comprehensive Plan, members of the Board indicated that it would be helpful for VDOE staff to develop a Work Plan for the coming year. A draft of the Work Plan was circulated to the members of the Board in early March 2024. The Board discussed the Board's Work Plan in greater detail.

Closed Session

Dr. Northern made a motion to enter into a Closed Session in accordance with Sections § 2.2-3711 and/or 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and specifically under the following enumerated subsection, the following item: Subsection 8a:

8a. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

And that Deb Love, legal counsel to the Virginia Board of Education, as well as staff members whose presence would aid in this matter, participate in the closed meeting. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously. The Board went into closed session at 3:28 pm. Dr. Northern made a motion that the Board reconvened in open session at 4:27 p.m.

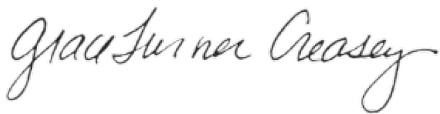
President Creasey made a motion that the Board certify by roll-call vote that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under Chapter 32 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered.

Board roll call:

- Ms. Creasey-aye
- Mr. Rotherham-aye
- Ms. Kilgore-aye
- Mr. Hansen-absent
- Dr. Seibert-aye
- Dr. Northern-aye
- Ms. Holton-aye
- Ms. Ashton-aye
- Mr. Sturdifen-aye

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BOARD RETREAT

There being no further business of the Board, President Creasey adjourned the business meeting at 4:30 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grace Turner Creasey".

Mrs. Grace Turner Creasey, M.Ed.
President of the Board of Education