

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 1, 2025 - 9:00 AM
The American Physical Therapy Association, 3030 Potomac Ave., Alexandria, VA
City Council Retreat**

Present: Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Vice Mayor Sarah R. Bagley, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike.

School Board

Members Present: Michelle Rief, Chair, Kelly Carmichael Booz, Vice Chair, Abdulahi Abdalla, Tim Beaty, Alexander Crider Scioscia, Christopher Harris, Donna Kenley, Ryan Reyna, and Ashley Simpson Baird.

Key Staff: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Wedeles, Strategic Initiatives Officer; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); and Mr. Forbes, Information Technology Services (ITS).


Recorded by: Keia Waters, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

City Council met for Day 2 of the retreat to continue the discussions of set priorities. City Council worked in small groups to share ideas on each priority and then participated in a round robin. The priorities were as follow: Eliminate Community Disparities, Economic Strengths, Housing Opportunities, Community Connection, and Employee Retention.

City Council is joined by School Board Members at 12:30 p.m.

City Council and School Board participated in an interactive presentation with Mentimeter polls aimed to identify ways of working and common goals. The bodies' common goals were to communicate and connect utilizing one-on-one engagement, joint town hall meetings, and create opportunities to give feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



ALYIA GASKINS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Keia Waters, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted: March 11, 2025