

# City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2400  
Alexandria, VA 22314*



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Thursday, January 2, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Rachel M. Schlesinger  
Concert Hall & Arts Center  
4915 E. Campus Drive  
Alexandria, Virginia 22311**

**City Council Special Meeting**

The Special Installation Meeting of the Alexandria City Council will be held in-person and virtually on Thursday, January 2, 2025. The in-person meeting will be held at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, 22311. The meeting can be accessed by the public via Zoom by the following link:

**Webinar ID: 923 2567 9333**

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**Registration link:**

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**Links:**

**Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast**

The meeting will be broadcast on Zoom and video and audio recordings will be available a few days after the meeting.

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Individuals requiring translation services should contact the City Clerk and Clerk of Council at [gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov](mailto:gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov) or at 703.746.4550. We request that you provide 48-hour notice so that proper arrangements may be made. Please specify the language for translation when you make the request.

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- I. **Processional with the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums.**
- II. **Introduction of the City Council by the Town Crier.**

*Benjamin Fiore-Walker, Alexandria Town Crier, introduced the City Council.*

- III. **Call to Order of the Meeting by the City Clerk and Clerk of Council.**

*The meeting was called to order by Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.*

**IV. Presentation of the Colors by the Combined Alexandria Police, Fire, and Sheriff Joint Honor Guard.**

*The Combined Alexandria Police, Fire, and Sheriff Joint Honor Guard presented the colors.*

**V. National Anthem Song by Marchelle Toliver**

*City Employee Marchelle Toliver led the audience in singing the Star Spangled Banner.*

**VI. Invocation by Community Faith Leaders**

*The invocation for the occasion was given by the following community faith leaders: Rev. Dr. Taft Quincey Heatley, Senior Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church; Rabbi Steven L. Rein, Agudas Achim Congregation; and Imam Zia Makhdoom, Makespace.*

**VII. Musical Selection by the Samuel Tucker Elementary School Students.**

*A musical selection was offered by the Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School Students.*

**VIII. Remarks by Outgoing Members of City Council.**

*Remarks of appreciation were offered by outgoing Mayor Justin Wilson and outgoing Vice Mayor Amy Jackson.*

**IX. Poems by the Jr. Poet Bryan Torres and Poet Laureate Zeina Azzam**

*Poetry readings were offered by Jr. Poet Bryan Torres and Poet Laureate Zeina Azzam.*

**X. Reading of the State of Results of the November 5, 2024 Election by The Secretary of the Electoral Board Bruce Brown.**

*Bruce Brow, Secretary of the Alexandria Electoral Board, read the Statement of Results of the November 5, 2024 Election declaring Alyia Gaskins as Mayor and Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike as members of City Council.*

**XI. Oath of Office for Mayor Alyia Gaskins to be given by the Clerk of Court Greg Parks.**

*Greg Parks, Clerk of the Circuit Court, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Alyia Gaskins.*

**XII. Oath of Office Given to Members of City Council: Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike by the Clerk of the Court Greg Parks.**

*Greg Parks, Clerk of Circuit Court, administered the Oaths of Office to members of City Council: Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Rahman-Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike.*

**XIII. Ethics Pledge to be Taken by the Mayor and Members of City Council.**

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Ethics Pledges 2025

*Greg Parks, Clerk of Circuit Court, administered the Ethics Pledge to the Mayor and members of City Council.*

**XIV. Consideration of the Election of the Vice Mayor.**

*City Council elected Sarah R. Bagley as the Vice Mayor.*

**XV. Appointments of Members of City Council to City and Regional Boards, Commissions, and Committees.**

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Appointments of Members of City Council to City and Regional Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

*City Council approved the appointments of member of City Council to City and Regional Boards, Commissions, and Committees.*

**XVI. Remarks by Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of Council.**

*Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Vice Mayor Sarah Bagley, and members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Elnoubi, Jacinta Greene, and Kirk McPike offered remarks thanking their supporters and outlining their visions for the upcoming legislative term.*

**XVII Remarks by Rev. Dr. Taft Quincey Heatley, Lead Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church.**

*Rev. Dr. Taft Quincey Heatley, Senior Paster, Shiloh Baptist Church offered a closing for the occasion.*

**XVIII. Adjournment of Meeting.**

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*The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.*

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**XIX. Announcement of a Reception with Music by Yellow Door Concert Series and Live Painting by Khalid Thompson.**

*Mayor Gaskins thanked everyone who attended the installation and thanked the many people who were instrumental in planning the event. Mayor Gaskins invited those in attendance to join the Council at reception in the Forum following adjournment.*

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*NOTE: The action docket is a summary of Council's meeting deliberations prepared largely for staff follow up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council*

*become the official record of the meeting of Council decisions made at the meeting.*