

Student Advisory Board Meeting #2

February 21, 2024

Patrick Henry Building, Secretary of the Commonwealth Conference Room

1111 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219

Advisory Board Members in Person: Abubakkar Rahim, Rafael Ibanez, Lane Toapanta, Arrow Brooks, Preston Riddle

Advisory Board Members Online: Yordanose Moges, Sarah Byman, Elizabeth Cobb

Non-Board Members in Person: In person non-member: Mr. Andy Armstrong, Dr. Kim McKnight, Assistant Secretary Justine Taylor-Raymond, Special Assistant Aly Buckner

Non-Board Members Online: President Grace Creasey, Mr. Kenneth Bouwens, Mr. Mark Tanner

Meeting Minutes:

5:06 Meeting Called to Order
Introductions

5:10 President Grace Creasey
Description of process of Board meetings
Virginia Board of Education Priority Areas

5:18 Discussion topics – areas of interest

5:19 Private and Homeschool Options

- President Creasey explained her role as executive director of the Virginia Council for Private Education and the different degrees of school choice in Virginia
- Dr. Armstrong explained his work with lab schools and the opportunities they present

5:32 Teacher Preparation and Pathways

- Dr. Kim McKnight explained the importance of good teachers and how we can expand our definition of teacher
- Mr. Kenneth Bouwens described his work with CTE and how we can adapt teacher education to incentivize student participation and greater teacher training

6:09 College and Career Accelerator Pathways

- Mr. Mark Tanner explained his work at the Port of Virginia and the different opportunities for career experience and involvement
- Mr. Andy Armstrong further detailed lab schools and the different pathways that they open up

6:45 Meeting adjourned