

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
February 27, 2024**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

Tyrone E. Nelson, Chairman, Varina District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Vice-Chairman, Brookland District
Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Fairfield District
Misty D. Whitehead, Three Chopt District
Jody K. Rogish, Tuckahoe District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulkas, County Manager
Andrew R. Newby, County Attorney
Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
Cari M. Tretina, Deputy County Manager/Chief of Staff
Ben A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Update

Dr. Paula Pando, President of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, gave the Board an update on the Community College. She recognized several of the College's board members: Mary Studevant, Allison Feinmel, and Monica Smith-Callahan. Dr. Pando stated this year's theme was "Momentum." The current spring enrollment was up 7.4% from last spring with a 3% retention rate. The new Reynolds Toyota Center is now open and operating. Dr. Pando explained 418 Henrico County residents took a workforce training class with Reynolds last year – a 12% increase from FY22. Currently for the Advance College Academy program, J. R. Tucker High School has 226 students enrolled and Highland Springs High School has 144 students enrolled. Since the program was started, 577 Henrico County students have graduated. There have been an additional 569 students enrolled in dual enrollment with the College. In conclusion, Dr. Pando invited the Board and the Manager to several upcoming events: the STEMFEST on March 7, the Military Resource Center Grand Opening on March 27, and the Toyota Accreditation Ceremony on May 21, all at the Parham Road Campus.

Mr. Schmitt thanked Dr. Pando and her team for all the amazing work they do and mentioned the ribbon cutting of the two ACE centers at Highland Springs and Hermitage. Dr. Pando noted they have been working with HCPS on the ACE Centers and new programs they could potentially offer there. Mr. Schmitt invited Dr. Pando to visit the new Sports & Events Center to consider hosting graduation at the new center. Dr. Pando stated she has visited the Center and has spoken about hosting graduation there in the future; they are committed to the Seigel Center for this year.

Mr. Nelson thanked Dr. Pando and looks forward to the continued partnership.

Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Vaping Stores/Smoke Shops

Ben Blankinship, with the Planning Department, gave the Board an overview on a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to regulate vaping stores. Mr. Blankinship explained the County has received complaints that vaping stores are located near schools and result in adverse health impacts on children. Mr. Blankinship explained what vaping was and how vaping stores work. He shared what other localities are doing to regulate vaping in their communities. Mr. Blankinship explained the current proposed amendment would define "vaping shop" to include any store with 15% or more of its display area devoted to vaping products and would allow such stores only in B-2, B-3, and M-1 districts. In addition, the ordinance amendment would prohibit vaping stores within 1,000 feet of a school or 2,000 feet of another vaping store.

Mr. Cooper questioned the Chesterfield policy of prohibiting vaping stores within 2,000 feet of a school and what will be our message to the current vaping stores that are right near schools. Cari Tretina, Chief of Staff, explained if we are made aware of shops that are currently selling to underage children, we can make this information available to our Police Division. Eric English, Chief of Police, explained they will investigate any shops, they are currently investigating shops that are alleged to have sold products to minors. Mr. Blankinship explained the next step would be a work session with the Planning Commission where they will work through draft amendments and then hold a public hearing before bringing the amendments to the Board for consideration in April/May. There was continued discussion with the Board noting they would like greater regulation of the use. Mr. Nelson requested the Manager and staff continue to work on this item and come back to the Board with a refined proposal, including the requirement of a special use permit for vaping stores. The Manager requested staff to continue to work on this item.

Enterprise Zone Amendment Update

Eric Leabough, Director of Community Revitalization, gave the Board an update on changes to the Enterprise Zone, including boundary changes and changes in local incentives. The Board will hold a public hearing on the changes on April 23.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Whitehead, the Board approved going into a closed meeting at 5:19 p.m. for the following purpose:

Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice concerning agenda items for February 27, 2024, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(8) of the Code of Virginia.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Tyrone E. Nelson
Daniel J. Schmitt
Roscoe D. Cooper, III
Misty D. Whitehead

Nay

Jody K. Rogish

On motion of Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved going out of the closed meeting at 5:41 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Tyrone E. Nelson
Daniel J. Schmitt
Roscoe D. Cooper, III
Misty D. Whitehead
Jody K. Rogish

Nay

On motion of Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mr. Rogish, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

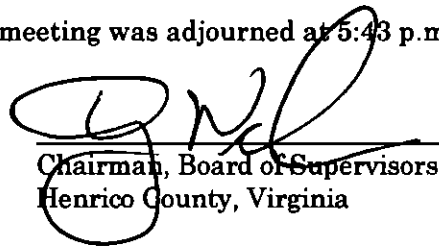
Aye
Tyrone E. Nelson
Daniel J. Schmitt
Roscoe D. Cooper, III
Misty D. Whitehead
Jody K. Rogish

Nay

Review of the Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia