

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
October 11, 2022

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the Board Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico County, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

Patricia S. O'Bannon, Chairman, Tuckahoe District
Frank J. Thornton, Vice-Chairman, Fairfield District
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District

Other Officials Present:

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

My Henrico Academy Recognition

The meeting began with a presentation from Raina Vann, Community Engagement Coordinator with Public Relations and Coordinator of the My Henrico Academy. She thanked the Manager and the Board and gave brief highlights regarding the participants of the Academy. Raina stated there were 25 participants representing more than 14 countries and speaking 19 languages. The seven-session program began in May with the County Manager sharing his story as an immigrant and inviting participants to claim Henrico as their own. She continued stating 22 agencies, departments, and community partners contributed significantly to building connections and providing key information for purposeful engagement.

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Raina for all her efforts and presented her with a small token of appreciation. He also thanked Monica Smith-Callahan for her work and support of the program.

Raina recognized Leila Torabi, an Iranian and participant of the program and recently promoted Assistant Supervisor at the Tuckahoe Area Library. Leila thanked Raina and offered remarks on behalf of the participants and thanked the Manager with a small token of appreciation.

Raina thanked the Manager and the Board and also thanked the program partners Asian & Latino Solidary Alliance: May Nivar, Eric Lin, Suja Amir, and Cristina Ramirez, as well as the My Henrico Planning Team: Monica Smith-Callahan, Ben Sheppard, Steve Knockemus, Elva Collins, Dave Letourneau, Ryan Eubank, Steven Dunn, and Geoff Weidell.

Raina congratulated the following My Henrico Academy program attendees:

Amani Mitchell
Carey Yang
Eric Macalma
Jitendra Desai
Leila Torabi
Marco Achor
Tina Shroff
Vivek Sundararajan
Blanca Soto
Dinorah Rios
Eunice Turkson
Malik Charania
Dilshad Charania
Nicole Otalora
Myo Thwe

NACo/VACo Award Recognition

Mr. Vithoukas stated he was proud to recognize and celebrate the outstanding work by our General Government and School employees. This year Henrico County General Government and Henrico County Public Schools earned a total of 21 awards from the National Association of Counties' (NACo) and the Virginia Association of Counties' (VACo) Achievement Awards competitions. These awards highlight many of the exceptional and innovative programs created, coordinated, and implemented by staff from across the broad scope of this County's operations.

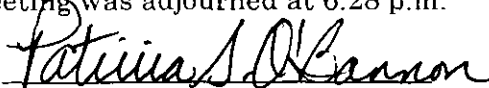
Mr. Vithoukas recognized Dr. Amy Cashwell, Superintendent of Schools, who was present to accept the awards on behalf of Henrico County Public Schools. Dr. Cashwell thanked the Manager and the Board for the opportunity to be present and noted the School Board will do a separate recognition to celebrate on the school's side but echoes the thoughts of the County Manager in congratulating all our employees for all their hard work in efforts every year for the outstanding job they do.

Dean Lynch, Executive Director for VACo, recognized the four VACo Achievement Award winners this year and noted this brings Henrico's total to 39.

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Victoria Davis, Public Relations Specialist, who presented the remainder of the NACo awards. Victoria noted this year marks the 17th consecutive year that Henrico has won the most of any county in Virginia, and we are ranked ninth among all counties nationwide, with Henrico earning 739 NACo awards since 1985.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Manager and the Board thanked all the employees and noted Henrico is an exceptional place to work because of our employees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia