

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
August 12, 2025**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 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:

Daniel J. Schmitt, Chair, Brookland District
Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Vice-Chair, Fairfield District
Jody K. Rogish, Tuckahoe District
Misty D. Roundtree, Three Chopt District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina 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
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, Deputy County Manager/Chief of Staff
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Steven W. Knockemus, Assistant Director of Public Relations

Recognition of Henrico High Student – Zahra Pariza

Laura Bullock, with the Department of Mental Health & Developmental Services, introduced Zahra Pariza, a rising senior at Henrico High School Center for the Arts. Zahra explained she has loved visual arts since she was young and has helped create part of a GRTC mural. Last summer she interned in the Emergency Management and Workplace Safety Department and learned about the County.

Zahra moved to the United States when she was five years, leaving her family behind to start a new life. She learned English and began adjusting to her surroundings. Zahra explained she found refuge in her bedroom. She began to scribble and splash color, and this is how she discovered the power of creating an environment fostering safety, creativity, and joy in something special, particularly for children.

Zahra was awarded The William Patrick Gorman Award. The award provides a scholarship to be used for arts-related educational enrichment. William Patrick Gorman was a student in the Visual Arts program at Henrico High School Center for the Arts from 2008-2010, before he died suddenly of a congenital heart defect. With the funds she received from the scholarship, she was given an opportunity by Ms. Bullock to create a mural sketch in the therapy room for children at Mental Health & Developmental Services. She shared photos of the room before and after the

mural. Zahra explained the room was transformed into a welcoming space for children who attend therapy sessions.

Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Cooper presented Zahra with the Distinguished Community Service Medal. Zahra thanked Laura for giving her the opportunity and the Board of Supervisors for the recognition.

CARES Update

Daniel Rigsby, Assistant Director for Mental Health & Developmental Services, and Amy Johnson with Schools gave the Board an update on the CARES program that launched last year. Mr. Rigsby explained there are three cornerstones of Youth Mental Health Care – access, coordination, and navigation. He explained there are two locations for the services: at The Academy of Virginia Randolph and Fairfield Middle School.

Ms. Johnson explained Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). In FY25, there were 60 children and families who took advantage of the PCIT program. She noted they will continue to increase existing capacity, enhance recruitment efforts, and expand the pipeline for the services. Free mental health services are also offered at the Oak Avenue Complex on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Mrs. Roundtree asked for clarification on how families access the services. Ms. Johnson noted all families have access to the service regardless of whether they have insurance or not, and all telehealth calls are free. Mr. Cooper commended Mr. Rigsby and Ms. Johnson for a job well done, and that this was a great example of Schools and General Government working together.

Belmont Advisory Group Update

Dennis Bickmeier, Executive Director of the Sports & Entertainment Authority, gave the Board a brief update on the Belmont Advisory Group. Mr. Bickmeier shared a slide showing the members of the Belmont Advisory Group, stating the Group was created to help with the transition of the Belmont Golf Course under the management of First Tee. The Group members were stewards in building relationships with the community and working with Schools to enhance programs for youth at the golf course. Belmont transferred from Recreation & Parks and is now under the Sports & Entertainment Authority. The current members' terms expire in December. Mr. Schmitt noted he sits on this Group and celebrated the successful partnership with First Tee.

EMS Update

Monty Dixon, Director of Emergency Management Services (EMS) with the Division of Fire, gave the Board an update on EMS.

Ms. Dixon thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the enhancement of the EMS system and shared key milestones with the program, ongoing performance metrics, and future plans.

Ms. Dixon shared a graph displaying the increase in calls for Fire and EMS service from FY 17 to FY 25 and other statistics on the deployment of Fire equipment and personnel throughout the County.

Mr. Nelson asked if there are no beds available at the hospital, do they make you aware of this information. Ms. Dixon explained they stay in constant contact with the hospitals and have systems that track this information as well. Ms. Dixon responded to a question from Mrs. Roundtree explaining the qualifications of EMS personnel.

Mr. Vithoulkas explained that Chief Baynard brought forward a five-year plan for the Division when he was promoted, and this helped with budgeting the future needs of the Division. The Board has the opportunity to bring budget amendments forward to cover the cost of the additional units without having to wait for the yearly budget allocation.

Mr. Rogish questioned adding additional units to Station 8 and how this will affect the partnership with the Volunteer Rescue Squads.

Mr. Schmitt thanked Ms. Dixon and the Division of Fire for their efforts.

Upcoming Bond Issuance

Sheila Minor, Director of Finance, reviewed the two bond issuances on the Board's regular meeting agenda and the anticipated uses of the funds from the issuances.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



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