



# LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

21000 Education Court  
Ashburn, VA 20148

SCHOOL BOARD

Loudoun Education Alliance of Families (LEAF)  
Committee Meeting

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

May 15, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

### Board Members and Staff Present:

Erika Ogedegbe, Leesburg District; Tedra Richardson, Director of Special Education – Specialized Instruction; Joan Sahlgren; Christina Arpante; Maria Polink and Kim Goodlin

### Committee Members Present:

Ashburn District: Lori Bryant, Mital Gandhi, Erica Geibel, Heather Ward and Bill Wright

Central Loudoun: Emily Barbara, Erin Brown, Vivi Cassella, Cheri Colby, Christina Druther, Hollie Fischer-McTiernan, Nikki Maples-Reynolds, Sara Monteleone, Lauren Shernoff, Melanie Srivisal and Stacy Vail

County-wide: David Jenkins

Dulles North: Julie Goodrich and Leah Tecson

Dulles South: Valerie Balser, Ginny Beers, Rob Clay, Kristina Donahue, Paige Hicks, Jeannette Mahood and Doug Morford

Eastern Loudoun: David Clements, Natasha Kasuri, Anne Morgan, Abigail Pham, Kelley Sanchez and Hayley Stenger

Western Loudoun: Sarah Dorosky, Jessica Lilienkamp, Carri Michon and Kelly Michon

### Committee Members Absent:

Ashburn District: Courtney Bintz, Hermant Biswal, Jason Hart, Christen Miller, Kareena Nair, Cheryl Onderchain, Joanna Pollard, Lydia Sorenson, Elizabeth Timothy and Anju Wadhwa

Central Loudoun: Shima Andreassan, Sarah Bauer, Rebecca Flick, Angelica Lunney and Linda Verner

County-wide: Kate Davinroy, Ian Frame and Terri Marlin

Dulles North: Erika Daly, Katherine Gonzalez, Adrienne Hannan, Seema Khan, Karen Miller, Ronda Nassib, Amie Otto, Kemba Pradia, and Shannon Rood

Dulles South: Stephen Leach, Madhava Madireddy, Elissa McCarroll, Kristina Patrick, Harry (Mike) Pugh, Meredith Ray, Michelle Stolle, Vicky Theodorou and Sara Wadlow

Eastern Loudoun: Angela Araya, Melody Caprio, Rachel Coehlo, Jennifer Crawford, Nia DeSoto, Deidre Gambrell, Ana Hussey, Amanda Massey, Dawn Renzoni and Bette Jo Walker-Gonzalez

Western Loudoun: Crystal Bailey, Jennifer Del Grande, Christina Engle, Lauren Farrow, Alice Heimerle, Cassie Lauterette, Tina Paczek, Abbie Platt, Lara Profitt, Julie Reiter, Kathleen Summers and Tommi Vincent

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 20, 2023, LEAF meeting were approved with no revisions.

### 3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#### **4. Information Items**

- 5.01 *Student Services - Special Education Overview and Q&A:* The alliance members heard an update from Tedra Richardson, Director of Special Education for Specialized Instruction, on LCPS special education services and staffing.

Dr. Richardson shared information about the organizational structure and services within the Office of Special Education. Some of the topics discussed included: What is Special Education?; Disability Categories; Special Education Programs; Federal and State Legal Requirements; Resources Needed; and Staffing Standards.

- 5.02 *LEAF Membership:* Heather Ward, LEAF Chair, shared a brief update on membership recruitment for 2023-24 school year.

- 5.03 *Bylaws and Quorum:* Joan Sahlgren, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, briefed the alliance members on a proposed amendment to the bylaws which will be voted on during the August 2023 meeting. The amended language would adjust the definition of a quorum from 50% to 25% of the membership.

#### **5. New Business**

Erika Ogedegbe, School Board liaison, provided the alliance members with updates on several topics including the Superintendent's Search and policy feedback from advisory committees.

#### **6. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** August 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.