

**WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2010  
SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT**

The Williamsburg City Council met on Friday, December 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in the Stryker Building, 412 N. Boundary Street, Williamsburg, Virginia.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Clyde A. Haulman called the meeting to order and noted the purpose of the meeting was to appoint a representative from the City of Williamsburg to the Williamsburg School Board. Mayor Haulman clarified that although they are two separate School Boards, the Williamsburg School Board and the James City County School Board meet jointly as the Williamsburg/James City County School Board.

Present in addition to Mayor Haulman were Vice-Mayor Paul T. Freiling, and Council members Ms. Judith Knudson and Messrs. D. Scott Foster, Jr. and Douglas G. Pons. City Council Clerk Donna Scott as well as numerous members of staff and the public were also present.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:00 a.m., Mr. Freiling moved that City Council go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing one personnel matter per subparagraph 1, concerning appointments to Boards and Commissions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Knudson and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Freiling, Knudson, Foster, Pons

No: None

Absent: None

**OPEN SESSION**

At 10:05 a.m., Council returned to Open Session and Mr. Freiling moved to certify the Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Knudson and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Freiling, Knudson, Foster, Pons

No: None

Absent: None

## CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Date: December 17, 2010

Motion: Mr. Freiling Second: Ms. Knudson

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Williamsburg has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Committee that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Williamsburg hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the City of Williamsburg.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Freiling, Knudson, Foster, Pons

No: None

Absent: None

Absent During Vote: None

Absent During Meeting: None

Mayor Haulman thanked the three superbly qualified applicants for the Williamsburg School Board and noted all three were interviewed on December 1, 2010. Mayor Haulman said the appointment of a Williamsburg School Board member is one of the most important functions of City Council and the breadth of community involvement in the appointment process affirms the special character of our community. Many letters and e-mails were received in support of the applicants and a Public Hearing on December 9, 2010 provided another opportunity for comments from the public. He thanked all who took the time to write letters or e-mail and/or spoke at public forums.

Mr. Freiling moved that City Council appoint Dr. Oscar L. Prater to the Williamsburg School Board for a term beginning January 1, 2011 and expiring December 31, 2014. Mr. Pons seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Freiling, Knudson, Foster, Pons

No: None

Absent: None

Absent During Vote: None  
Absent During Meeting: None

Mayor Haulman announced Dr. Oscar L. Prater as the new member to the Williamsburg School Board and said we all look forward to working with him during his tenure on the Board. He again thanked the other two applicants, Kyra Cook and Pamela Arnold, and said he hopes they will continue to be active in the community and participate on one of the City's boards or commissions.

After a motion to adjourn by Mr. Freiling which was seconded by Ms. Knudson, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Approved: January 13, 2011

Clyde A. Haulman  
Mayor

Donna Scott  
City Council Clerk