



**MEETING MINUTES – STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD**  
**DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025**  
**TIME: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Board Attendance:

- Tenaj Williams, Region 1, Midlothian High School, Chesterfield
- Razvan Verde, Region 2, Warwick High School, Newport News
- Kainat Ali, Region 3, Colonial Forge High School, Stafford
- Izabella Piatkowski, Region 4, Woodgrove High School, Loudoun
- Conner Mattox, Region 5, Altavista Combined School, Campbell
- Landrie Bell, Region 6, Salem High School, Virginia Beach
- Clint Wilson, Region 7, John S. Battle High School, Washington
- Nicole Ballagh, Region 8, Appomattox County High School, Appomattox

Opening and Call to Order: Led by Assistant Secretary Buckner and Chief Deputy Secretary Gullickson. *5:00-5:07 PM*

- Minutes approved unanimously
- Introductions of Policy Lever Presenters:
  - Ali Ahmad, Senior Advisor to the Governor
  - Jason Powell, Deputy Secretary of Finance
  - Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction
  - Andy Rotherham, Board of Education Member
  - Kelsi Wilson, Deputy Director of Federal Affairs

Policy Lever Presentations:

- Policy Lever: Executive Action: *5:07-5:23 PM*
  - Senior Advisor Ahmad explained Executive Orders and Executive Directives while answering board member questions.
- Policy Lever: Budget: *5:24-5:34 PM*
  - Deputy Secretary Powell explained budget development and the difference between general and non-general funds while answering board member questions.
- Policy Lever: Superintendent's Memos and Guidance – Lisa Coons: *5:34-5:47 PM*
  - Superintendent Coons explained the development of departmental guidance and answered board member questions.

- Policy Lever: Board Action: *5:47-6:14 PM*
  - Board of Education Member Rotherham explained the role and authority of various boards in relation to the legislature and executive branches. He answered additional questions from board members.
- Policy Lever: Legislation – Kelsi Wilson: *6:14-6:32 PM*
  - Deputy Director Wilson explained the roles of Congress including bill development, funding, and how federal changes impact Virginia. She answered additional questions from board members.

Recap: *6:32-6:37 PM*

- Chief Deputy Secretary Gullickson and Assistant Secretary Buckner led a brief recap of the policy lever presentations.

Breakout into Policy Groups: *6:37-7:05 PM*

- Civics Learning and Civics Readiness
  - Tenaj Williams, Izabella Piatkowski, Conner Mattox
- Dual Enrollment and Work-Based Learning
  - Nicole Ballagh, Clint Wilson
- School Counseling on Pathways and Student Input
  - Landrie Bell, Kainat Ali, Razvan Verde

Adjournment: *7:06 PM*