

MINUTES
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE HEARING OF THE
ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Roll Call - THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Committee Board Members – Mr. Jim Dillenbeck, Ms. Judy Le, and Ms. Allison Spillman

Staff Members - Chief Legal Officer Josiah Black; Assistant Superintendent Patrick McLaughlin, Executive Director of Student Services Kevin Kirst, Principal Damean Barfield, Assistant Principal DaVell Smith, and Clerk of the Board Christine Thompson

Student A and Parents of Student A

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.0 At 5:30 p.m., Committee Chair Le called the Committee Hearing to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.0 CLOSED MEETING – At 5:30 p.m., Ms. Spillman offered a **motion** that the Albemarle County School Board Disciplinary Committee go into a closed meeting as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia under Subsection 2 for discussion and consideration of a disciplinary matter involving a student in the Albemarle County Public Schools during which information contained in the student’s scholastic record will be disclosed. Mr. Dillenbeck seconded the **motion**. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Agenda Item No. 3.0 Closed Meeting Certification - At 7:18 p.m., Ms. Spillman offered a **motion** that the Board certify by recorded vote that to the best of each Board member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting. Mr. Dillenbeck seconded the **motion**. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chair Le offered a **motion** to allow the student to return to school on Monday, April 20, 2026 with the following conditions: a hallway restriction will be put in place, the student must have no further discipline referrals, strict attendance expectations will be enforced, a support plan will be developed by the principal, and any further infraction will result in suspension through the end of the school year, with possible further review by the School Board Disciplinary Committee. The Committee expects Student A to comply fully with these conditions and to work cooperatively with school staff to support a successful return to school. Mr. Dillenbeck seconded the **motion**. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.0 ADJOURNMENT – At 7:24 p.m., hearing no objections, Chair Le adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board Disciplinary Committee.

Chair

Clerk