



**FAIRFAX FALLS-CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2025**

The Community Services Board met in regular session at the Sharon Bulova Center for Community Health located at 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22031 in room 3-314 West.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Board Chair Andrew Scalise called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

2. Roll Call, Audibility and Preliminary Motions

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: CHAIRMAN ANDREW SCALISE; VICE CHAIR EVAN JONES; SECRETARY SARAH COUGHTER; DR. PATRICIA ZISSIOS; DARIA AKERS; SRILEKHA PALLE; KASEY MCNAMARA; DANIEL SHERRANGE; JENNIFER DESAI; ANNE WHIPPLE; KAREN ABRAHAM; CAPTAIN DANIEL WILSON AND BETTINA LAWTON.

Staff in Attendance: Executive Director, Daryl Washington; County FOIA Officer, Molly Shannon; Assistant County Attorney, Sarah L. Annear; FOIA Support Team, Sheena Lynch and Board Clerk, Pura Valdez.

3. Matters of the Public

No matters were presented.

4. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was provided for review. No amendments were made.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on July 23, 2025, were provided for review. No further edits were made.

BOARD MEMBER BETTINA LAWTON MOVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 23, 2025. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER DANIEL SHERRANGE. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED, WITH ABSTENTIONS NOTED FROM BOARD MEMBERS KAREN ABRAHAM, CAPTAIN DANIEL WILSON AND DANIEL SHERRANGE.

6. Matters of the Board

A. Legislative sessions one on one – Last year, the team shifted from large group meetings to more intimate, small-group educational sessions with individual Fairfax County legislators, which proved far more effective. These meetings typically involve two CSB board members and a leadership representative—allowed for clearer communication of budget-related priorities and state-level issues using a concise one-pager paper. The personalized format fostered deeper dialogue, yielding valuable insights into legislators’ decision-making needs and preferences for framing information. While not all goals were met, the approach secured

some one-time funding and strengthened strategic messaging. Looking ahead to fall, similar meetings are planned, though scheduling will be tight due to election season. Legislative Director Elizabeth McCartney will prepare materials, and board members are encouraged to remain available and politically mindful during this period.

- B. Mentorship – The board is reinforcing its mentorship initiative, as outlined in the bylaws, to support newer members by pairing them with experienced colleagues. Long-term members are encouraged to express interest in serving as mentors, offering informal guidance through coffee chats, phone calls, or site visit walk-throughs. Newer members will be contacted to share their interests, helping facilitate meaningful pairings. Additionally, participation in standing committees is emphasized as essential to board function, especially given current vacancies affecting quorum. All committee meetings now occur on Wednesdays, and members are urged to prioritize attendance. Flexibility is offered for switching committees based on interest or availability, and even non-committee members are welcome to attend for deeper engagement and insight.
- C. Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB) Conference – The 2025 Public Policy Conference hosted by the VACSB is scheduled on October 1-3, 2025. VACSB also requires a Region 2 representative and Evan Jones has been serving in that role. Board member Evan Jones confirmed he will attend this conference. The conference offers valuable insights into statewide initiatives and provides opportunities to connect with peers across Virginia, helping contextualize local challenges within broader systems.
- D. Executive Director Daryl Washington gave a summary update:
- Fairfax County Crisis Center Updates**
- \$6.5M in one-time funding from the Governor will support the crisis center buildout.
 - \$5.2M from the regional office is also available, bringing the total to \$11.7M for Fairfax efforts.
 - Chantilly Site:
 - Adult facility is already operating.
 - Youth facility will be built on county-owned land.
 - Architectural firm selection is underway.
 - Youth services will temporarily operate out of the Cornerstones site while the long-term facility is constructed.
 - Daryl Washington hopes to make a public announcement by September regarding the Chantilly site's progress.
- Regional Coordination & Access**
- Prince William County:
 - Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) in Woodbridge is nearing completion and expected to open this fall.
 - Includes up to 23-hour observation units and 16-bed stabilization for both youth and adults.
 - A ribbon-cutting and open house is anticipated within the next month.

- Fairfax will have access to this site, as it's part of the state-funded regional system.
- Loudoun County:
 - Construction of their Adult Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center began in January 2025, with completion expected by February 2026.
 - Request for Proposal (RFP) for service operations is expected to be released soon, indicating progress on procurement and readiness.

7. Closed Session

Board Chair Andrew Scalise move that the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Full Board meeting convene at 5:17 P.M. a closed meeting regarding FOIA training and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel as permitted by Va. Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (8). The motion was seconded by board member Bettina Lawton.

Motion to adopt was approved by all Board Members who participated in person: Chair Andrew Scalise, Vice Chair Evan Jones, Secretary Sarah Coughter, Daniel Sherrange, Captain Daniel Wilson, Dr. Patricia Zissios, Karen Abraham, Daria Akers, Kasey McNamara, Srilekha Palle, Anne Whipple, Jennifer Desai.

Coming out of Closed Session

Board Chair Andrew Scalise motioned to come out of the close session in accordance with Virginia code section 2.2-3712. Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board members listed below certified that, to the best of their knowledge, only public business matters that are lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only such public business matters were identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered in Closed Session.

Motion was adopted and approved by all Board members who participated in person: Chair Andrew Scalise, Vice Chair Evan Jones, Secretary Sarah Coughter, Daniel Sherrange, Captain Daniel Wilson, Dr. Patricia Zissios, Karen Abraham, Daria Akers, Kasey McNamara, Srilekha Palle, Anne Whipple, Jennifer Desai.

8. Adjournment

COMMITTEE MEMBER BETTINA LAWTON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER ANNE WHIPPLE. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:47 P.M.

September 24, 2025

Pura Valdez

Date Approved

Clerk to the Board