



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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**2023 Council Members  
Magisterial Representatives:**

**Marcia M. Pape Daniels**  
*Braddock District*

**Gregory Beckwith**  
*Dranesville District*

**Jeremy Lee**  
*Hunter Mill District*

**Lisa Mickey**  
*Secretary*  
*Franconia District*

**Barbara R. Lowrey**  
*Mason District*

**Lester Munson**  
*Mount Vernon District*

**Vacant**  
*Providence District*

**Michael Thompson, Jr.**  
*Springfield District*

**Gary Flather**  
*Vice Chairman*  
*Sully District*

**Katherine Quinn**  
*Member-At-Large*

**Marc Fernandes**  
*Diversity-At-Large*

**Town Representatives:**

**Jeffrey E. Stein**  
*Town of Clifton*

**Roland Taylor**  
*Town of Herndon*

**Tom Hanton**  
*Town of Vienna*

**Sports-Specific Representatives**

**Rob Hahne**  
*Baseball Council*

**Suzy Willemsen**  
*Fast Pitch Softball Council*

**Vacant**  
*Adult Softball Council*

**Steve Bergstrom**  
*Basketball Council*

**Mark Meana**  
*Football Council*

**Mary Ann Wagner**  
*Lacrosse Council*

**Lula Bauer**  
*Soccer Council*

**Rob Baily**  
*Volleyball Council*

**Jenni Cantwell**  
*Women's Sports*

**Non-Voting Members:**

**Michael Thompson**  
*Park Authority*

**Kim Eckert**  
*Park Authority*

**Dr. Ricardy Anderson**  
*School Board*

**William Curran**  
*Fairfax County Public Schools*

**Executive Agency:**

**Lloyd Tucker**  
*Director*  
*Neighborhood and Community Services*

## Fairfax County Athletic Council Minutes

March 15, 2023

### Members Present:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District  
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate  
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District  
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate  
Lisa Mickey, Franconia District  
Bill Bright, Franconia District, Alternate  
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Bob Kirk, Mount Vernon District, Alternate  
Kelly Ego-Osuala, Providence District, Alternate  
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District  
Eric Sohn, Diversity-At-Large, Alternate  
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large  
Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large, Alternate  
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon  
Tom Hanton, Town of Vienna  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate  
Christine Idip, Slow Pitch Softball, Alternate  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council  
Rob Baily, Volleyball Council

### COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Lloyd Tucker, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Pallas Washington, Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Jai Cole, Director, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Kevin Williams, Branch Manager, Park Operations Division, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Kim Eckert, Park Division Director, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Michael Peter, Director, Business Administration, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Kiel Stone, Chairman, Fairfax County Park Authority Board  
Bill Curran, Director of Student Activities, Fairfax County Public Schools

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Luwis, Dranesville District, Alternate  
Jeremy Lee, Hunter Mill District  
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District  
Mark Heilbrun, Springfield District, Alternate  
Gary Flather, Sully District  
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large  
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton  
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council  
Stew Clark, Basketball Council, Alternate  
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council  
Ryan Buchanan, Fast Pitch Softball Council, Alternate  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council  
Dave Paddock, Lacrosse Council, Alternate  
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate  
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs  
Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

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## MEETING OPENING

Ms. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

## CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

## PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Mr. Rick Hower gave a presentation on the status of indoor track facilities in Fairfax County. The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at the following link: [friends of fairfax county indoor track.pdf](#)

Fairfax County Park Authority staff presented the FY24 proposed budget. The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at the following link: [PowerPoint Presentation \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting minutes from the virtual meeting on February 15 were approved.

## CHAIRMAN REPORT

None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### APRT

Ms. Bauer reported several Council members have signed up to speak to the BOS regarding the final APRT report and budget recommendations in the report. Ms. Bauer encouraged any other Council members that are interested to sign up to speak.

### Communications with Fairfax County Partners - FCPS, FCPA, NCS and Community Users

Ms. Bauer reported the letter that Mr. Flather had crafted has been approved and sent to the BOS and Dr. Anderson to be distributed to the School Board.

After looking at the cancellation data, there was discussion regarding communicating with the head of the PTA groups to explain the impact the late cancellations have on the community as PTA events were a large number of the cancellations. Several Council members have been part of PTA groups and agreed the late cancellation issue needs to be communicated so they can plan events without causing late cancellations.

## REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

### Soccer

Ms. Moxie reported that participation has been great, and the soccer community continues to deal with walk-groups.

### Volleyball

Ms. Swope reported that spring girls' recreation leagues are underway with great participation.

Ms. Swope gave an update on boys' volleyball and reported that boys' volleyball has seen an increase of 200% in the last 3 years. In Fall 2022, boys' volleyball included 80 elementary school students, 136 middle school and 483 high school boys' volleyball participants. 16 of the 25 high schools have boys' volleyball interest groups which was the first step to get boys' volleyball sanctioned as a club sport.





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Ms. Swope explained the process seems to be going a little too slow for a lot of Fairfax County families and volleyball participants, so you may have seen in the past couple of months that students as well as parents are speaking at School Board meetings asking to expedite the process to give these schools sanctioned club volleyball. There was an open letter that went to the School Board, to the assistant supervisors and the principals to expedite this process.

## **STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

### FCPS

Mr. Curran stated that the winter season had concluded and was pleased to announce that Madison High School girls' basketball, Hayfield Secondary School boys' basketball and Robinson Secondary School wrestling all won state championships. Mr. Curran added it might be the first winter season in his experience there were no winter interruptions due to inclement weather.

Mr. Curran reported a decline in baseball participation in some areas of the County. Lewis High School unfortunately will not field a baseball team this season which is highly concerning. Mr. Curran has reached out to local baseball groups and the baseball council to see what can be done to increase awareness at the youth level. They are also seeing some low participation numbers in softball. On the other end, track and field participation is fantastic.

Mr. Curran explained to the Council that the Virginia High School League has altered their amateur rule that would approve NIL name, image, and likeness at the scholastic level. There are legal challenges across the country, and they felt they had no choice but to approve that. Mr. Curran explained NIL is the ability for an athlete to earn income off their name, image, and likeness. Much of that is from social platforms, but if a local business wants to advertise off an athlete, they are now permitted to do it.

There are many concerns at both the state and national levels since this is all very new at the scholastic level. There have been a couple of seminars that Mr. Curran was able to attend that was sponsored by the VHSL by some of the national leaders on this at the scholastic level. Mr. Curran is happy to share that information at a future meeting.

Mr. Curran reported the Virginia High School League has gone to what the NFHS system endorsed, and the NCAA has asked for, and that there is an open play period for showcase type tournaments for high school basketball in June. There are no tournaments scheduled in Northern Virginia and there has been no request for a tournament to be sanctioned in Northern Virginia. There are two in the state of Virginia Commonwealth that have come forward so far.

### FCPA

No update

### NCS

Mr. Tucker reported that Mr. Flather's letter regarding the school cancelations was given to Dr. Anderson and she has already had a conversation with the Superintendent which is positive. Dr. Anderson received updated cancelation data from FCPS and NCS staff to make sure she had a clear picture of the different cancelation categories.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**





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The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Respectfully,

Lisa Mickey, Secretary

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