



# City of Richmond

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## Minutes

### Education and Human Services Standing Committee

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Thursday, September 13, 2018

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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#### Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Michael Jones – Chair (*Late arrival*)  
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Vice Chair  
The Honorable Kim Gray – Member (*Early departure*)  
Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff  
Debra Bowles, Assistant City Clerk  
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst  
M. Janet Palmer, Assistant City Attorney  
Candice Reid, City Clerk

#### Call to Order

Vice Chair Kristen Larson called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

#### Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Debra Bowles, assistant city clerk, provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

#### Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

#### Presentation(s)

##### Greetings from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (Reynolds) Board past chairman Stephen Baril introduced members of the board that were in attendance and President Dr. Paula Pando. Mr. Baril provided a brief summary of Dr. Pando's credentials and stated that she is a welcomed addition to the college.

Dr. Pando informed the committee that education in a diverse urban setting is her passion and she understands the possibilities of power through education based on her own firsthand experience. Dr. Pando stated that her educational focus is related to student access and completion, deep and meaningful learning, labor market outcomes and a concept of equity between all genders and races.

*Chair Michael Jones arrived at 12:23 p.m.*

*Members of the committee welcomed Dr. Pando to the city of Richmond and stated that they look forward to working with her in the future.*

## Paper(s) for Consideration

### The following resolution was considered:

#### RES. 2018-R079

To approve the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority's performance contract.

**Patron:** Vice President Newbille

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) Chief Executive Officer John Lindstrom provided a brief introduction to **RES. 2018-R079**. Dr. Lindstrom thanked City Council for the city's financial support in FY2018 and provided a handout to the committee regarding RBHA's achievements of the past year. Dr. Lindstrom recognized Director of Planning, Development, Research, Evaluation and Substance Use Disorders Services Dr. James May and Director of Mental Health Services Sheneé McCray, who were in attendance.

*Vice Chair Kristen Larson thanked RBHA for the work that it provides to the city.*

*Member Kim Gray asked if RBHA is the agency deployed for the city's large scale incidents regarding stress management and if RBHA is involved in isolated shooting incidents.*

Dr. Lindstrom stated that RBHA is not the primary agency of response regarding stress management but the authority does provide behavioral health support and helps to coordinate emergency efforts as it relates to community disasters. Dr. Lindstrom also stated that RBHA is on call during the first 24 – 48 hours of a disaster to provide services and offer assessments. Dr. Lindstrom informed the committee that RBHA is not directly involved with community shooting events; however, RBHA does assist with a follow-up walk around the area to check on citizens and to offer resource information should there be concerns. Dr. Lindstrom further stated that RBHA provides a national model for mental health first aid training as a prevention method and suicide prevention training.

*Chair Michael Jones stated that Council has concerns and challenges with how non-departmental dollars are spent and asked how RBHA will evaluate information for outcome data and asked what benefits and challenges are seen by RBHA on a regular basis.*

Dr. Lindstrom responded by providing a brief history of RBHA and stated that RBHA is a health care agency. Dr. Lindstrom stated that RBHA currently receives funding to pay for expenses through authorizations, service delivery and proven outcomes. Dr. Lindstrom also stated that RBHA has integrated primary care and has expanded the city's capacity to provide opioid addiction treatment. Dr. Lindstrom informed the committee that RBHA has received a grant of \$524,000 per year for five years to treat women with opioid addiction. Dr. Lindstrom further stated that effective January 1, 2019, community service boards will be reporting to the state, a 90 day reassessment on persons served using a community function scale which will be disseminated as a report card.

**Vice Chair Kristen Larson moved to forward RES. 2018-R079 to the September 24, 2018, Council meeting with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

*A copy of the material provided has been filed.*

## **Presentation(s)**

### **Overview of the Visual Arts Center of Richmond**

Director of Education and Programs for the Visual Arts Center of Richmond Jordan Brown provided an overview of activities that the center provides for youth in the city. Ms. Brown provided a brief history of the center and stated that the center is serving approximately 40,000 people per year through its programming. Ms. Brown informed the committee that the center offers classes and programs to both youth and adults to explore the arts. Ms. Brown also stated that the center offers activities in the areas of education and exhibition and community events. Ms. Brown explained several of the programs, including Art After School, Scholastics Art and Writing Awards and Engage and Make Space. Ms. Brown further stated that there are tuition programs and tuition assistance scholarships.

*Member Kim Gray exited the meeting at 1:00 p.m.*

*Chair Michael Jones and Vice Chair Kristen Larson thanked Ms. Brown for the presentation and for the center's interaction with the community, especially with the city youth.*

*A copy of the material provided has been filed.*

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The approval of the July 12, 2018 minutes was continued to the October 11<sup>th</sup> Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting.

### **Discussion Item(s)**

There were no items for discussion.

### **Staff Report**

Council Policy Analyst Joyce Davis provided the committee with the September staff report.

*A copy of the material provided has been filed.*

*Vice Chair Kristen Larson requested that Ms. Davis request information regarding a quarterly report of the Richmond Public Schools (RPS) facilities.*

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.