



City of Richmond

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Draft Meeting Minutes Education and Human Services Standing Committee

Thursday, June 12, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee and Other Council Members in Attendance

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch - Chair
The Honorable Nicole Jones - Member

Absent

The Honorable Andrew Breton - Vice Chair

Staff in Attendance

Ariel Hedgepeth, Assistant City Attorney
Kimberly Morris, Assistant City Clerk
Will Perkins, Senior Council Legislative Services Manager
Candice Reid, City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Stephanie Lynch called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Vice Chair's request, Assistant City Clerk Kimberly Morris provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comment speakers.

Presentation(s)

Trauma Healing Response Network

[CD.2025.207](#) Trauma Healing Response Network

Attachments: [THRN.EHS June 2025](#)

Lorraine Wright, Violence Prevention Program Manager, Richmond City Health District, provided the committee with a presentation regarding the Trauma Healing Response Network.

Chair Stephanie Lynch stated the Trauma Healing Response Network has been instrumental to the community, and that she was proud of the evolution of the program.

Member Nicole Jones thanked Ms. Wright for the presentation and recognized the hard work of the Trauma Healing Response Network. She requested statistics on the program's benefits citywide.

Discussion Item(s)

Update from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) for Human Services

DCAO Amy Popovich provided the committee with an update regarding water delivery, cooling centers and inclement weather shelters.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2025-121](#) To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by (i) transferring \$96,250.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, The Literacy Lab line item, (ii) appropriating \$66,250.00 of such transferred funds to the Non-Departmental agency, Reserve for Children's Fund (Early Childhood, Positive Youth Development, Postsecondary Success) line item, and (iii) appropriating \$30,000.00 of such transferred funds to the Challenge Discovery Projects, Inc. (Behavioral Health Clinic) line item in the Non-Departmental agency, all for the purpose of providing funds for emergent needs related to children.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2025-121](#)

Eva Colen, Senior Policy Advisor for Human Services, provided the committee with an introduction and background regarding ORD. 2025-121.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no comments or discussions and Member Nicole Jones moved to forward ORD. 2025-121 to Council with a recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

2. [ORD. 2025-124](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Opioid Funds Agreement between the City of Richmond and the City Sheriff for the purpose of continuing the Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2025-124](#)

Jason Alley, Policy Advisor for Opioid Response with the Richmond Sheriff's Office, provided the committee with an introduction and background regarding ORD. 2025-124.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no comments or discussions and Member Nicole Jones moved to forward ORD. 2025-124 to Council with a recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

3. [ORD. 2025-139](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an UpTogether Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and FII - National for the purpose of implementing the Richmond Resilience Initiative guaranteed income program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2025-139](#)

Derrick Wadley, Programs and Operations Supervisor for the Office of Community Wealth Building, provided the committee with an introduction and background regarding ORD. 2025-139.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Member Nicole Jones asked whether applicant selection had been initiated, and inquired about the duration of the program.

Mr. Wadley stated the cohort recruitment was in progress and the duration of the program is two years and one month.

Chair Stephanie Lynch asked whether this was a new grant contract with UpTogether or a contract renewal.

Mr. Wadley stated that UpTogether previously administered the earlier cohorts and was rejoining the city to administer the upcoming cohort.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Nicole Jones moved to forward ORD. 2025-139 to Council with a recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

4. [RES. 2025-R023](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be established a work group to work in collaboration with Richmond Public Schools to develop a funding formula for allocating General Fund revenues annually for school operating expenses and a plan for implementation in the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Budget. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula and City Council

Attachments: [Res. No. 2025-R023 - Amended 20250623](#)
[20250623 Amendment of Res. No. 2025-R023](#)

Meghan Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning, provided the committee with an introduction and background regarding RES. 2025-R023. Ms. Brown stated that the resolution needed to be amended to change the plan's due date from August 30, 2025, to October 15, 2025.

Public Hearing

Matt Percival, Vice Chair of the Richmond School Board, spoke in support of RES. 2025-R023, and thanked the Education and Human Services Standing Committee for its consideration.

There were no further comments or discussions and Chair Stephanie Lynch moved to forward RES. 2025-R023 to Council with a recommendation to approve with amendment, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Board Vacancies

There were no board vacancies

Shareyna Chang, Richmond Public Schools Chief of Staff, provided updates regarding graduation, the Summer Bridge Program, and staggered start dates for back to school.

Staff Report

Council staff provided the committee with the June Education and Human Services Standing Committee staff report.

Approval of Minutes

[CD.2025.204](#) May 8, 2025 - Education & Human Services Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20250508 EHS Minutes \(DRAFT\)](#)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.