

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**  
**CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER**

**ATTENDANCE**

Councilwoman Sarah Bagley	Julie Murphy	Mike Mackey
Amanda Ruff	Kate Garvey	Nicole Davi
Catherine Clinger	Laura Durham	Rose Dawson
Christine Raino	Marcia Jackson	Sarah Wascowicz
Jessy Cuddy	Marwa Naqshabandi	Zahra Rahimi
J-Lynn Van Pelt	Meredith Forbes	

**Excused Absent**

Alex Roberts	Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins	Katie Greenway
Angi Green	Ingrid Bynum	
Christina Sherlock	Jacinta Greene	

**Unexcused**

Marwa Sarwari

**Staff**

Barbara Paulson  
Noraine Buttar  
Shawn Brown

**Speaker:** Sarah Graham Taylor

**Guests:**

Allen Lomax  
Luke Daniele

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Allen Lomax announced the Suicide Prevention Alliance for Alexandria's Virtual event on 9/18 to launch the Ask. Talk. Connect campaign.

**WELCOME**

Catherine welcomed all members to the meeting.

**LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

Sarah Graham Taylor, Assistant City Manager and Legislative Director described the legislative process and how Boards and Commissions should provide input. The due date for submissions on input is October 6. She emphasized that the more actionable the items are, the better chance they have of being included in the legislative packet. Boards and Commissions can suggest policy priorities, legislative proposals or budget proposals. This year, they are also looking for proposals in the federal space. After Ms. Taylor's presentation, Julie Murphy distributed a memo

proposing state legislative and budget recommendations. They included: Pay Equity for Childhood Educators, Loss of Federal Child Care Funds, Funding for Youth Mental Health and Substance use Crisis Centers, Removing Barriers to Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in Virginia, Kinship Foster Placements, Learning Loss and Chronic Absenteeism in Public Schools, Especially High Poverty Schools and Safety in Public Schools. Commissioners made several suggestions on additions, deletions and priorities. Ms. Murphy will revise the memo and present it at the October meeting for approval.

#### **RECRUITMENT DISCUSSION**

This item was moved to the October meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.