

CONFIDENTIAL BOARD BRIEF

Date: 11/05/2021

BOARD INFORMATION: X

MEETING PREPARATION:

FROM: Dominic B. Turner, Chief Financial Officer

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Procurement Office Update

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

SY 2021-2022 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 1: Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery

Focus Area 2: Hispanic Males

Focus Area 3: Middle School Educational Experience

Focus Area 4: Early College

Focus Area 5: Talented and Gifted

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan

Implementation of Equity Audit of School Board Policies

K-2 Literacy Continued Implementation

Reduce Disproportionality in TAG and Advanced Courses

Complete Educational Programming Design for HS Project

Implement Monitoring System for Specialized Instruction Action Plan

MTSS Implementation with Restorative Practices and PBIS

Stress/Counseling Support especially around Trauma

Customer Management System

Continue Engagement with Hispanic Families to Improve Graduation and Chronic Absenteeism

Professional Learning and Cultural Competency Training for all Staff and Partners

SUMMARY:

Ms. Andrea Lennon, former Director of Procurement and General Services resigned on October 29, 2021. To provide for continuity of leadership and operations for ACPS, the Superintendent will appoint Ms. Dyanna McMullen from Assistant Director of Procurement, to Director. Ms. McMullen has been steadfast in her service to ACPS throughout the last two (2) years during the Global Pandemic, and possesses the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to be successful

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in this role. The Director of Procurement continues to be a critical need for ACPS as it is one of only two (2) positions within the entire school division that can enter ACPS into agreements. The turnover ACPS has experienced in the Procurement Office must not be allowed to stymie our progress with our CIP or Operating contracting. The Procurement Office will continue its reorganization that was started in March of 2021, by recruiting an Executive Director of Procurement. This will solidify the leadership in the Procurement Office and combat turnover by providing ACPS with another authorized Contracting Agent.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Procurement and General Services continues to face high turnover due to market conditions providing for greater salary opportunities outside of ACPS. Ms. Andrea Lennon separated from ACPS on October 29, 2021. To provide for continuity of leadership and operations the Superintendent will be appointing Ms. Dyanna McMullen to Director of Procurement and General Services, and we will be recruiting an Executive Director of Procurement.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review this information.

IMPACT:

The appointment of the Assistant Procurement Director, to the Procurement Director will allow for the office to have continuity of leadership, operations within ACPS. Recruiting an Executive Director will provide for a second (outside of the Superintendent) authorized purchasing agent within ACPS and help combat delays in contracting due to turnover.

ATTACHMENTS:

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