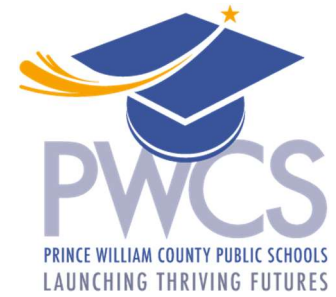


Gifted Education Advisory Committee Minutes
October 28, 2025 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
KLC Room 2002/2004



Attendees

Role	Name	
Facilitators	Heather Ramsey, Chairperson and Brenda Bailey, Supervisor	
Invited	Gifted Advisory Committee Members	
Attendees	<p>At Large: Joseph Longobardo: Present</p> <p>Brentsville: Merianne Jensen: Present</p> <p>Coles: Vacant</p> <p>Gainesville: Rebecca Chavez: Absent Alene Devereaux: Present Lisa Fox: Absent</p> <p>Neabsco: Adria Cooper: Present</p> <p>Occoquan;: Vicki Kieu: Present Mary King: Present</p> <p>Potomac: Stacy Davis: Present Heather Ramsey: Present</p> <p>Woodbridge: Vacant</p>	<p>Gifted Resource Consultants: Kerry Adkins: Present Dan Bredbenner: Present Bridget Pine: Present</p> <p>Admin Consultants: Andrew Buchheit: Absent Melissa Edmonds: Present Jackie Overton: Present</p>

Meeting Outcomes:

- *Members will learn about the function of the GEAC and select leadership for 2025-26.*

Agenda

Topic	Time	Meeting Outcomes	Minutes
Call to Order	7:00 p.m.	Meeting called to order	Mrs. Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Minutes	7:05 p.m.	Approval of January 2025 meeting minutes	<p>Corrections: 0</p> <p>Motion for Approval Made By: Ms. Kieu</p> <p>Motion Seconded By: Mr. Longobardo</p> <p><u>Approval Votes</u> At Large: Yea Coles: Vacant Brentsville: Yea Gainesville: Yea</p>

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Citizen Comment	7:10 p.m.	Opportunity for citizens to share comment	No citizen comments.
Ombudsman	7:20 p.m.	Learn about the role of Ombudsman in PWCS.	<p>PWCS Ombudsman, Mo Bookstein, shared information with the committee about her role. She advocates for a fair and equitable process. She explained the four pillars of the position: being a safe place, having an informal process, maintaining independence, and impartiality. She can help point citizens to the many resources that are available online, assist with navigating processes (e.g., transfer process), and facilitate communication between parents and the school's administration. She will sometimes point parents to advisory committees as an excellent resource for additional information. She can also shine a light on systemic issues for PWCS. She serves parents, students, and staff, and is an excellent starting point if you don't understand a particular PWCS process or are encountering difficulties at your school. Her contact information is available on the website under the school board tab. She makes herself available via in person, telephone or virtual meetings.</p>
Advisory Committee Overview	7:35 p.m.	Learn about the function of the committee.	<p>Ms. Bailey provided an overview of the advisory committee, highlighting some of the changes from the recent updates to the committee bylaws. Two magisterial districts, Coles and Woodbridge, are actively seeking members to serve on the committee. In the spring of 2025, there were 14,814 students receiving gifted services. She described the important work of the committee and the changes that have resulted from its recent work, specifically mentioning the improved process for identifying 2E students. She walked committee members through the state laws and regulations requiring local plans for the delivery of gifted services, as well as the specifics of the county's local plan.</p> <p>Ms. Bailey thanked Mrs. Ramsey for her successful term as chairperson during the prior year. She went over all of the official meeting dates, which were subsequently approved by the committee. She noted that all current members of the advisory committee are serving the second year of a two-year term, which will expire in September 2026.</p> <p>2025-2026 is a satisfaction survey year, which will be sent to parents and students receiving gifted services.</p>

Leadership and Meeting Dates	8:05 p.m.	Approve meeting dates and elect leadership	Meeting Dates: <u>Approval Votes</u> At Large: Yea <i>Coles: Vacant</i> Brentsville: Yea Gainesville: Yea <i>Neabsco: Yea</i> Occoquan: Yea Potomac: Yea <i>Woodbridge: Vacant</i> Chairperson: Heather Ramsey <u>Approval Votes</u> At Large: Yea <i>Coles: Vacant</i> Brentsville: Yea Gainesville: Yea <i>Neabsco: Yea</i> Occoquan: Yea Potomac: Yea <i>Woodbridge: Vacant</i> Vice Chairperson: Merianne Jensen <u>Approval Votes</u> At Large: Yea <i>Coles: Vacant</i> Brentsville: Yea Gainesville: Yea <i>Neabsco: Yea</i> Occoquan: Yea Potomac: Yea <i>Woodbridge: Vacant</i> Secretary: Joseph Longobardo <u>Approval Votes</u> At Large: Yea <i>Coles: Vacant</i> Brentsville: Yea Gainesville: Yea <i>Neabsco: Yea</i> Occoquan: Yea Potomac: Yea <i>Woodbridge: Vacant</i>
Supervisory's Time	8:15 p.m.		Ms. Overton lead the committee in a training activity regarding myths about gifted students. This activity is part of the curriculum provided to teachers that attend gifted development training.
Adjourn	8:30 p.m.	Adjournment of Meeting	Mrs. Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

