

County of Prince Edward  
Board of Supervisors  
Agenda Summary

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2015  
**Item No.:** 18  
**Department:** County Administration  
**Staff Contact:** Sarah Elam Puckett  
**Issue:** School Board Appointments

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**Summary:** The terms of the following School Board members expire on June 30, 2015:

District 201 – Susan Lawman (Supervisor Bobby Jones)  
District 601 – Darin Thomas (Supervisor Calvin Gray)

Below is a list of the current members of the Prince Edward County School Board:

District	School Board Member	Term Expiration
201 (Lockett)	Susan Southall Lawman	6/30/15
601 (Prospect)	Darin Edward Thomas	6/30/15
301 (Leigh)	Timothy W. Corbett, Sr., MD	6/30/16
501 (Buffalo)	Russell L. Dove	6/30/16
401 (Hampden)	Beulah M. Womack	6/30/17
701 (Farmville)	Sherry Honeycutt	6/30/17
101 (Farmville)	Peter Gur, Ph.D.	6/30/18
801 (Farmville)	Lawrence C. Varner, MD	6/30/18

**Attachments:** Criteria for Selection of School Board Members

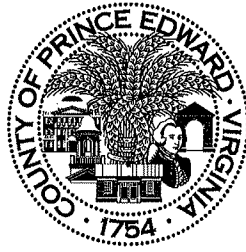
**Recommendation:** Supervisor Jones and Supervisor Gray will wish to appoint Citizen Committees, which will be announced at the February 10, 2015 Board meeting.

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Cooper-Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Gray \_\_\_\_\_  
Jones \_\_\_\_\_

McKay \_\_\_\_\_  
Simpson \_\_\_\_\_  
Timmons \_\_\_\_\_

Townsend \_\_\_\_\_  
Wilck \_\_\_\_\_



Adopted: November 13, 1984  
Revised: August 10, 2004  
Revised: January 13, 2009

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

1. Each of the eight School Board members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the full Board of Supervisors when the School Board members' terms expire. This vote of the Board of Supervisors shall be by the show of hands.
2. The School Board members' terms of office shall commence on July 1.
3. The criteria for the appointment of School Board members are as follow:
  - a. Each year, the Supervisor from each election district in which a School Board member's term expires shall appoint a three (3) or five (5) member Citizens Committee to review and select candidate(s) for appointment to the School Board.
  - b. The membership of the Citizens Committee shall be announced at the Board of Supervisors meeting in February and published in a newspaper of general circulation, and the voters of the electoral district encouraged to submit nominations to the Chairman of the Committee.
  - c. For the March Board meeting, the County Administrator shall schedule and publish notice of a public hearing at which citizens will have an opportunity to submit names of candidates to be considered for appointment to the School Board. The members of the appointed Citizens Committee shall attend.
  - d. After the public hearing, the Citizens Committee shall interview and seriously consider all persons who are nominated and express willingness to serve, if appointed.
  - e. At the April Board meeting, the Citizens Committee shall report to the full Board of Supervisors a list of candidates for consideration. If the incumbent is requesting reappointment and is the only citizen expressing an interest, the Citizens Committee shall only be required to submit one name, the incumbent's, for consideration. If the incumbent is not requesting reappointment or is ineligible for reappointment, the Citizens Committee shall submit one or more names for consideration. The Citizens Committee shall also provide the Board biographical information on each candidate.
  - f. At the May Board meeting, a public hearing shall be held on the candidate(s) submitted at the April meeting.
  - g. At the June meeting, the Board, by a majority vote, shall appoint one candidate to the School Board.
  - h. The Citizens Committee, in selecting the candidates, shall consider the following:
    1. Person must be an eligible voter and resident of the election district;
    2. Person should be a freeholder;
    3. Person must be willing to serve on the School Board;
    4. Person should have at least a high school education;
    5. Person should be oriented to public service;
    6. Person should be involved, concerned, and dedicated to public education;
    7. Person should be independent (base decisions on factual matters rather than as a representative of a group or faction);
    8. Person should be able to perform the duties and obligations of School Board members;
    9. Person should be of integrity in all matters;
    10. Person should be above prejudice with regard to race, creed, sex, religion, age, and national origin.