

# Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



**Agenda Item:** J

**Date:** January 22, 2015

<b>Title</b>	First Review of Revised Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2015 Calendar Year		
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**Purpose of Presentation:**

Review/action required by Board of Education bylaws.

**Previous Review or Action:**

Previous review and action. Specify date and action taken below:

Date: October 23, 2014

Action: Approved Meeting Dates for the 2015 Calendar Year

**Action Requested:**

Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

**Alignment with Board of Education Goals: Please indicate (X) all that apply:**

	Goal 1: Accountability for Student Learning
	Goal 2: Rigorous Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness
	Goal 3: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 4: Nurturing Young Learners
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
X	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify: Board of Education Meeting Dates

**Background Information and Statutory Authority:**

Article Four, Section 2 of the Board of Education's bylaws states the following:

**Section 2. Regular Meetings.** Prior to and no later than the annual meeting [February], the Board shall adopt a tentative schedule for regular meetings for the applicable calendar year. Such schedule shall be subject to the change, alteration or adjustment by the President as he or she deems appropriate, to accommodate the operation of the Board as is necessary.

**Summary of Important Issues:**

The Board of Education approved its meeting dates for the 2015 calendar year October 23, 2014, as follows:

- Thursday, January 22
- Thursday, February 26
- Thursday, March 26
- Wednesday-Thursday, April 22-23
- Thursday, May 28
- Thursday, June 25
- Thursday, July 23
- Thursday, September 17
- Thursday, October 22
- Thursday, November 19

The proposed September 17, 2015, meeting date took into consideration both the UCI Road World Championships which will take place in Richmond September 19-27, 2015, and Rosh Hashana (starts sundown September 13, 2015) and Yom Kippur (starts sundown September 22, 2015). However, upon further exploration, overnight lodging cannot be secured at downtown Richmond hotels for the week of September 14, 2015, and roads may be closed in advance of the cycling race for teams to practice.

Due to the travel disruptions for Board members and members of the public trying to attend the September 17, 2015, Board of Education meeting, it is proposed that the meeting date be moved to September 10, 2015.

**Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:**

Funding to support the expenses related to the meetings of the Board of Education is provided from the Department of Education’s general operating budget, which is appropriated by the General Assembly.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:**

Following adoption, the new September meeting date will be widely disseminated to local school officials, statewide organizations, and to the public. The meeting date will also be revised on the Board of Education’s Web site.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and approve the revised September 2015 meeting date as September 10, 2015.

**Rationale for Action:**

It is recommended that the meeting date be moved to September 10, 2015, to avoid traffic and travel disruptions as a result of the UCI Road World Championships in Richmond.