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[00:08:12] The time is 7:01 p.m., and this December 18th public hearing of the Fairfax County School

[00:16:47] Board is called to order. Miss Dixit has submitted a written request to attend this evening's meeting virtually due to a personal conflict, as she is out of the country and is attending tonight's meeting from Yujan, India, which I pronounced correctly.

[00:17:06] of those in favor of approving Ms. Dixit's request please all those in favor. Mr. Frisch, Mr. McDaniel, Ms. St. John Cunning, Ms. Lady, and myself. All those opposed. Ms. Marin, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moon, and Dr. Anderson. Will the clerk please read the vote. That vote is 5-5 since it is a tie. Technically we would defer under 22.1-75 to the next meeting but given that this is related to virtual

[00:17:41] participation for tonight the motion would fail. Thank you. Good evening and welcome to the second public hearing of the naming of the new high school of the Western Fairfax County in the in Western Fairfax County. On behalf of the school board I would like to thank you for sharing your comments with us. Tonight's hearing is being broadcast on Channel 99 and live streamed on YouTube and on our website at FCPS.edu/livestream. The board received a list of recommendations for names from previous public comment from the Division Superintendent at the December 4th, 2025 regular meeting of the Fairfax County

[00:18:20] School Board. Tonight we continue taking public comment on naming recommendations in preparation for the upcoming vote. If you were not able to attend tonight's public hearing but are interested in providing comments on the naming of the new Western High School, you may contact the board by sending your comments to community participation at FCPS.edu. We have one pre-registered speaker who will address the board at the public hearing this evening. Speakers are allotted two minutes and we ask that you stay within your time limit. The timer will start when you begin to speak and the timer will sound after two minutes. Please ensure that your remarks are limited to the naming of the new Western High

[00:18:58] School and that your remarks adhere to the school board's expectations for community participation. Included in those expectations are that only one person is allowed at the podium when speaking. Neither adults nor children may accompany any speaker to the podium. Copies of all expectations are available at the back of the auditorium. When your name is called, the clerk will call your name three times before moving on to the next individual on the list. You may find copies of the speaking order in the back of the room or on board docs. If you have a hard copy of your testimony, please give it to the clerk before you head to the podium. If you are virtual, please turn your camera on when you are

[00:19:35] next in line to speak so that all you have to do is unmute when you are called to speak. If you have electronic copies of your testimony and would like to share it with the board please email it to communityparticipation@fcps.edu. Madam Clerk please call our first speaker. Kathy Samper. Kathy Samper. Kathy Samper. Katie Herman.

[00:20:01] Hi school board members. My name is Katie Herman. I am the chair of FPAC and this evening I'm here to I ask for you all to follow the community input that you've received from the public, from residents, from parents on the naming for this high school as a representative and a person on FPAC.

[00:20:29] We pay, excuse me, pay very close attention to all things facilities and facilities planning. And so we want to just, I wanted to come and offer my support for the naming and how you move forward through the process and just continue to encourage you to utilize community residents.

[00:20:47] as a voice for all things facilities as you move forward in the Western High School planning as well as as you consider other items on the agenda this evening. So thank you very much. That's it. Madam Chair. That's our last speaker.

[00:21:10] Thank you for sharing your comments with us. The board is scheduled to vote on the school name at our February 12th, 2026 regular meeting. Thank you to those of you who have joined us and have a nice evening. The public hearing on the Western High School naming is adjourned as of 7.06 p.m.

[00:21:26] We will take a brief five-minute recess before the regular meeting starts.

