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The School Board Appointment Commission of Anne Arundel County has elected its leadership and established its upcoming meeting schedule as it works toward filling the vacant seat on the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County.

The 13-member commission is charged with appointing individuals to fill vacancies on the Board of Education as the Board transitions from an entirely appointed Board to one that is entirely elected. The Board currently has one vacant seat, an at-large position that has been unoccupied since the resignation of Tom Frank in February.

At its June 6, 2017, meeting, the Board elected Susannah Kipke, an appointee of County Executive Steve Schuh, as its president; Allison Pickard, an appointee of the Anne Arundel County Council of PTAs, as its Vice President; and Ginger Otis Vance, an appointee of the Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, as its secretary.

The commission also reviewed a draft of new bylaws, which have been posted for public comments on the SBAC website, www.aacps.org/sbac. Comments can be emailed to the commission at sbac@aacps.org.

Also at its June 6 meeting, the commission voted to meet as follows:

- Monday, June 19, 2017, to review and vote on bylaws and approve a candidate application form.
- Tuesday, July 25, 2017, to conduct candidate interviews.
- Wednesday, July 26, 2017, to conduct candidate interviews (if necessary; dependent on the number of candidates).
- Thursday, August 24, 2017, to select a candidate to fill the seat.

The commission was created by the General Assembly through the passage of House Bill 716. Governor Larry Hogan signed the bill into law on May 4, 2017, and it took effect on June 1, 2017.

Commission meetings are open to the public and televised live on AACPS-TV, which can be found on Channel 96 on Comcast and Broadstripe, and Channel 36 on Verizon. High definition broadcasts can be seen on Channel 996 on Comcast, Channel 496 on Broadstripe, and 1961 on Verizon. [Meetings are also broadcast live on the internet here.](#)

A complete list of commission members and other information related to the commission can be found [here](#).

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