Albemarle County Yancey Advisory Panel Charge Statement

The Yancey Advisory Panel is a standing body of community members and stakeholder representatives charged with working with County staff in outreach activities and making recommendations related to the use of the Yancey School Community Center.

Background

In May 2017, the Albemarle County School Board voted to close B.F. Yancey Elementary School and on September 25, 2017, the building transferred to the County's Board of Supervisors. A Yancey Transition Advisory Committee was established shortly thereafter and comprised of County staff and local community stakeholders. The group was charged with developing recommendations to the Board for the continued use of the Yancey Elementary School building.

The Yancey Transition Advisory Committee met monthly for approximately a year, and developed a set of recommendations for both the short-term and long-term use of the building, which included a framework for the use of the school building as a community center. The recommended framework was endorsed by the Board in March 2018.

At its June 6, 2018, meeting, the Board affirmed its support of the County staff's approach to operationalizing the Yancey School Community Center, including the formation of a standing advisory panel moving forward.

Membership

The panel shall consist of between six and twelve members and shall represent the following major stakeholder groups for renewable terms of one year:

- County Staff Liaison(s)
- Seniors
- Albemarle County (specifically, Southern Albemarle)
- Nelson County
- Buckingham County
- Fluvanna County
- Esmont
- Scottsville
- Education/Workforce Development
- General Public
- Business/Economic Development
- Health Promotion and Wellness/Recreational Outcomes

Member Responsibilities

The duties of the panel include:

- understanding and balancing the interests of various stakeholders in considering outreach activities/use of the Yancey School Community Center
- supporting and facilitating continuous and positive communication between County staff and community members
- representing broad community interests and feedback
- working together in good faith with other panel members, elected officials, County staff
- attending all panel meetings, to the extent possible
- formulating sound and practical recommendations to the County administration

Organization

The panel may have officers. The meeting schedule will be determined by the panel and meetings will be held at the convenience of the panel members.

County staff will be responsible for assembling and compiling all information and reports necessary for the panel's work. Staff responsibilities will include the operationalization and documentation of discussions and decisions.