

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

The information included here provides a summary of the agenda items presented and actions taken during the above meeting of the Board of Education of Harford County. The video recordings of the Board meetings are the official record of the meetings and can be viewed at: <http://www.hcps.org/boe/livestream/>. Informational reports are located at: <https://www.hcps.org/boe/boardmeetingschedules.aspx>

Business Meeting

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Aaron Poynton called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present with the exception of Mrs. Diane Alvarez who was absent..

Virtual attendance: Mrs. Denise Perry, Mr. Wade Sewell, Dr. Carol Mueller, Mr. James McVicker, Mark Korn, Esq., Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Ms. Carol Bruce, Ms. Lauren Paige, and Dr. Aaron Poynton

Adoption of Agenda

President Poynton called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion, Second and Vote – Ms. Paige made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruce and adopted in a voice vote of 9-0. Mrs. Alvarez was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Paige led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Speakers were invited to the meeting to provide their comments for the record virtually. President Poynton read a statement regarding protocol for public comments which included a provision that all speakers would have three (3) minutes to speak. Ms. Jillian Lader, Manager of Communications, called on individual speakers who had pre-registered to provide public comments virtually. The following five (5) people registered to provide virtual public comment: David Bauer, Katie York, Kasey Meily, Cristina Lanocha, and Lorette Vetus.

Board Member Comments

Board member comments were provided.

Old Business

President Poynton announced no “Old Business” was scheduled for discussion.

Item A. Consent Agenda

President Poynton called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Citizens Advisory Committees Membership 2025 - 2026
2. Contract Award: On-Call Emergency Generator Systems Service, Repair, and Maintenance
3. Contract Award: Open-End Architectural and Engineering Services
4. Contract Award: Open-End Engineering Services for Parks and Recreation Projects
5. Contract Award: HVAC Solutions, Related Products, and Services
6. Contract Award: Awards, Trophies, and Personal Recognition Products
7. Contract Award: Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education, Dual Certification Program
8. Contract Award: Athletic, Physical Education Supplies, and Team Uniforms
9. Candidate for the Board of Education Ethics Panel Position

Motion, Second and Vote – Mr. Sewell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruce. The motion was approved in a voice vote of 7-2. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote). Mr. Korn and Mrs. Hahn cast negative votes. Mrs. Alvarez was absent.

Item B. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's report was provided.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Sean W. Bulson, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools and Secretary-Treasurer

Aaron S. Poynton, D.P.A.
President, Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
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Attachment

VIRTUAL MEETING

BUSINESS MEETING: 6:00 PM – ADJOURNMENT

This meeting will be conducted in a virtual fashion and public participation will be permitted as explained below:

The Board of Education of Harford County Business Meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM with only Board Members, staff, and presenters in attendance virtually. The meeting will be streamed live and archived for later viewing on the HCPS [Website](#).

Public Comment Participation Call-In Process

Individuals or groups recognized by Harford County Public Schools (i.e. – PTAs, unions, and other school system stakeholders) who wish to provide comments during the Public Comments segment of the Business meeting are required to register by sending an email to publiccomment@hcps.org or calling 410-588-5347.

Call-In Registrations must be received by 12:00 PM on Monday, October 6, 2025. All fields on the registration form must be completed.

1. First and Last name / if speaker is a Group Representative, then please state the name of the Group
2. Local Address
3. Email Address
4. Phone Number
5. Agenda item or subject your Public Comment pertains to
6. Will you provide in-person **or** virtual Public Comment
7. Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person

***Failure to provide complete information as required above will void the request to provide Public Comment.**

- Registered virtual speakers will receive an email from HCPS with a Call-in Phone # and a Conference ID #.
- Registered speakers are required to call-in and enter the conference ID# at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 6, 2025.
- **Important: If you are unable to take your phone off mute, you may need to dial *6.**
- If you are admitted from the virtual lobby to the meeting, you will be greeted by an HCPS staff member when it is time to begin your public comment. Expected hold time in the virtual lobby may vary based on number of registered speakers. The maximum wait time in the lobby is 30 minutes; should you be disconnected please call back.

The Board has authorized public comment as follows:

- Each speaker shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes for individuals and five (5) minutes for individuals representing groups. Speakers must state his or her name, and, if representing a group, must identify the group he or she represents. If a speaker identifies themselves as a representative of a group, then only one (1) representative from the group may provide comment for the identified group.
- *The Board presiding officer may reduce the amount of time allocated to each speaker if allocating 3 minutes to each speaker will impede the Board's ability to complete scheduled business.*
- The Board expects that all comments will be submitted with the decorum and respect appropriate to the conduct of public business.
- Topics such as personnel matters, pending appeals, specific student disciplinary matters or which constitute commercial solicitations are not permitted.
- Disparaging comments, personal attacks, and inflammatory remarks about specific schools, personnel, any person, or group are not permitted. Speakers who engage in these comments will be reminded of the rules and the Board reserves the right to remove the speaker. In addition, public comment is an opportunity for members of the community to address the Board of Education. Please direct your comments to the Board.
- All public comments submitted will be part of the records maintained by the Board office.

Speakers are reminded that public comments are considered public information and, as such, are subject to the Maryland Public Information Act.