

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

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>

Open Session

The Board of Education of Harford County met in open session in hybrid format in person and via video teleconference on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. President Lauren Paige called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM

Board Members Present

All Board members were present.

In-person attendance: Mrs. Denise Perry, Ms. Liliana Norkaitis, Dr. Carol Mueller, Mr. James McVicker, Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Ms. Carol Bruce, Mrs. Diane Alvarez, Mr. Wade Sewell, and Ms. Lauren Paige.

Motion, Second and Vote

Mrs. Hahn made a motion to waive public comment in its entirety in light of the limited nature of the open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Norkaitis and approved in a voice vote of 9-0. (Includes 1 affirmative student member vote).

Attendance of the Student Member of the Board in Closed Session - Motion, Second and Vote

Mr. Sewell made a motion to invite Mr. McVicker to attend closed session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller and approved in a roll call vote of 6-3 (student member cast a preferential affirmative vote). Casting the negative votes: Ms. Norkaitis, Mrs. Hahn, and Mrs. Alvarez.

Pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon a motion by Ms. Bruce, seconded by Dr. Mueller and approved in a voice vote 9-0, the Board of Education of Harford County met in closed session (Includes 1 affirmative student member vote).

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Board Members Present

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In-person attendance: Mrs. Denise Perry, Ms. Liliana Norkaitis, Dr. Carol Mueller, Mr. James McVicker, Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Ms. Carol Bruce, Mrs. Diane Alvarez, Mr. Wade Sewell, and Ms. Lauren Paige.

Staff Present:

Gregory A. Szoka, Esq., Board Counsel
Dr. Kelly Griffith, Lead Consultant, MABE Superintendent Search Committee
Dr. Lynne Duncan, MABE Superintendent Search Committee
Dr. Edward Shirley, MABE Superintendent Search Committee
Yvonne Rallo, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary

In-person attendance: Mr. Gregory Szoka, Dr. Kelly Griffith, Dr. Lynne Duncan, Dr. Edward Shirley, and Mrs. Yvonne Rallo.

The Board of Education met in a closed session for the purpose of discussing:

Topic: Discussion with legal counsel on a sensitive matter.

Reason for Closed Session: To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.
The Board consulted with their counsel and obtained legal advice.

Topic: Discussion of the application for candidates to be considered for the appointment of the superintendent.

Reason for Closed Session: To preserve the privacy and confidentiality of information regarding qualifications of potential candidates.

The Board consulted with MABE Superintendent Search Committee and discussed matters regarding the superintendent search.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Dyann R. Mack, Ed. D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools and Secretary-Treasurer

Lauren Paige
President, Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF BOARD OPEN/CLOSED SESSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

OPEN SESSION: 8:00 AM – 8:05 AM

This open session will be conducted in a hybrid fashion. The open session will be streamed live and archived for later viewing on the HCPS [Website](#).

**The only item the Board will consider during this open session is consideration of meeting in a closed session.*



CLOSED SESSION: 8:05 AM – ADJOURNMENT

**The next regular Board meeting is set for Monday, May 18, 2026.*