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Board of Education Announces Leadership Elections and Actions from February 9 Business Meeting

The Board of Education met in a business meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026, and took action on several leadership and governance matters.

At the meeting, the Board elected Lauren Paige as Board President and Wade Sewell as Board Vice President.

The Board also welcomed Liliana Norkaitis, who was sworn in as the newest appointed member of the Board of Education. Ms. Norkaitis fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Aaron Poynton.

In addition, the Board publicly reported that during its February 4, 2026, closed session, held in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act, it approved a motion regarding Superintendent Dr. Sean Bulson's current contract, as follows: *The Board of Education, acting under its authority pursuant to Section 10(B) of the Superintendent's Employment Contract, enter into a separation agreement with Dr. Sean Bulson effective 4 February 2026, and through legal counsel will carry out all actions required to effectuate this separation in compliance with applicable law and contractual obligations.*

As a result, Dr. Bulson will not be returning to work, and his contract will conclude on June 30, 2026. Dr. Dyann Mack will continue to serve as Acting Superintendent and work with the Board on matters related to system operations, teaching, and learning.

"The Board of Education acted in accordance with its governance responsibilities and after thoughtful consideration," said Lauren Paige, president of the Board of Education. "We remain committed to providing thoughtful oversight and upholding our responsibility to serve our students, staff, and community."

Materials from the February 9 business meeting, including the full agenda and Board actions, are available on the Board of Education website at hcps.org/boe.

The next Board of Education business meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026.

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