

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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 Tuesday, May 19, 2026. President Paige called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM

Board Members Present

All Board members were present.

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

Virtual attendance: Mrs. Denise Perry

Motion, Second and Vote

Dr. Mueller 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 Mr. McVicker and approved in a voice vote of 10-0. (Includes 1 affirmative student member vote).

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

Dr. Mueller made a motion to invite Mr. McVicker to attend closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sewell and approved in a roll call vote of 6-4 (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote). Casting the negative votes: Ms. Norkaitis, Mrs. Miller, 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 Dr. Mueller, seconded by Mr. Sewell and approved in a voice vote 10-0, the Board of Education of Harford County met in closed session in a hybrid fashion.

Closed Session

Board Members Present

All Board members were present.

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

Virtual attendance: Mrs. Denise Perry

Staff Present:

Gregory A. Szoka, Esquire, Board Counsel

Dr. Kelly Griffith, Lead Consultant, MABE Superintendent Search Committee

Dr. Lynne Duncan, MABE Superintendent Search Committee

Yvonne Rallo, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary

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

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

Topic: Discussion regarding the decision on superintendent candidate and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Reason for Closed Session: To preserve the privacy and confidentiality of information regarding the candidates and obtain legal advice.

The Board consulted with Mr. Szoka, Board Counsel, and discussed the selection of the superintendent finalist. Following discussion, the Board approved a motion regarding the selection of the superintendent candidate.

Adjournment

With no further business, and with Board consensus, the closed session adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Business Meeting

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Lauren Paige called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present.

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

Virtual attendance: Mrs. Denise Perry

Adoption of Agenda

President Paige called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion, Second and Vote – Mr. McVicker made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller and adopted in a voice vote of 10-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Wade Sewell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item A. Decision on Superintendent for Harford County Public Schools

President Lauren Paige introduced the agenda item regarding the selection of the finalist candidate for the position of Superintendent.

Motion, Second and Vote – President Lauren Paige made a motion, seconded by Vice President Wade Sewell to select Dyann R. Mack, Ed. D, for the position of Superintendent for Harford County Public Schools. The motion was approved in a roll call vote of 7-3. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote). Casting the negative votes: Ms. Norkaitis, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Hahn.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

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
PUBLIC NOTICE**

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

OPEN SESSION: 3:30 PM – 3:35 PM

This meeting will be conducted virtually with no public attendance due to the brief nature of this meeting and the logistical issues regarding allowing public attendance in advance of the 6:00 PM meeting.

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

CLOSED SESSION: 3:35 PM – 4:30 PM



BUSINESS MEETING: 5:00 PM – ADJOURNMENT

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid fashion and public attendance will be permitted as explained below:

**DOORS WILL OPEN AT 4:55 PM
AND THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 PM**

The Board of Education of Harford County will hold a hybrid Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Board Room of the A.A. Roberty Building with Board Members and staff in attendance both virtually and in person. Seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Due to the focused topic of the agenda, there is no allotted time for public comment at this meeting.

The meeting will be streamed live and archived for later viewing on the HCPS [Website](#).

**The next full Board meeting is set for Monday, June 1, 2026.*