



Harmony Public Schools

Minutes

March 25, 2023 HPS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Saturday March 25, 2023 at 8:30 AM

Location

9321 W. Sam Houston Pkwy S,
Houston, TX 77099
3rd Floor El Paso Meeting Room

**We will serve breakfast at 8:00 AM in the third floor cafeteria.

Directors Present

H. Koc (remote), H. Sherwood (remote), L. Gonzalez, O. Celepcikay, O. Kanlioglu (remote)

Directors Absent

M. Argin

Guests Present

C. Lambert, F. Ay, M. Baca, N. Bayhan, U. Alpaslan

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

O. Celepcikay called a meeting of the board of directors of Harmony Public Schools to order on Saturday Mar 25, 2023 at 8:32 AM.

II. Public Comments

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None.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2023

L. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2023 HPS Board Meeting on 02-25-23.

H. Koc seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Consider Approval/Ratification of the Minutes and of the Actions of the Finance Committee Meeting on March 10, 2023.

L. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Minutes and of the Actions of the Finance Committee Meeting on March 10, 2023.

H. Koc seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Consider Approval/Ratification of the Minutes and of the Actions of the Academic Committee Meeting on March 10, 2023.

L. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Minutes and of the Actions of the Academic Committee Meeting on March 10, 2023.

H. Koc seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Review and Approval of the 2023-2024 Academic Calendars for all 7 HPS Districts.

L. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Academic Calendars for all 7 HPS Districts.

H. Koc seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Review and Consider Approval of the Financial Auditor and the Form 990 Engagement Letter

A. Review and Consider Approval of the Financial Auditor and the Form 990 Engagement Letter

Ms. Baca presents Review and Consider Approval of the Financial Auditor and the Form 990 Engagement Letter. Harmony would like to renew their agreement with Whitely Penn. This letter indicates The Board of Directors' acknowledgment of, and agreement

with, the arrangements for Whitley Penn's audit of the June 30, 2023 financial statements compliance over major federal award programs including their respective responsibilities. Whitley Penn will also prepare the HPS' Form 990 to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for the year ended 2023 based on information provided by HPS.

Dr. Celepcikay asks if there are any significant changes to the terms of the agreement and Dr. Bayhan states there are not. Dr. Koc asks how long we have worked with Whitley Penn and Dr. Bayhan states five years and this contract is renewed on an annual basis.

L. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Financial Auditor and the Form 990 Engagement Letter as presented.

O. Celepcikay seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Review and Consider Approval of Board Resolution to submit

A. Review and Consider Approval of Board Resolution to submit Staff Development Day Waivers to TEA for all 7 HPS Districts.

Ms. Baca presents Review and Consider Approval of Board Resolution to submit Staff Development Day Waivers to TEA for all 7 HPS Districts. This is an annual waiver submission to TEA. This waiver allows us to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of student instruction during the school year. All of our districts will be waiving up to 2100 instructional minutes.

Dr. Koc informs Ms. Baca that there is a typo on one of the dates for Houston North District and Ms. Baca states we will correct that date.

H. Koc made a motion to approve Board Resolution to submit Staff Development Day Waivers to TEA for all 7 HPS Districts.

O. Kanlioglu seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

L. Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

O. Celepcikay seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Lambert