



Hogan Preparatory Academy

Minutes

Hogan Preparatory Academy Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time

Monday September 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location

Public Notice of Meeting of the Board of Directors

Missouri Sunshine Law

All meetings of the Board of Directors, whether annual, regular, or special will be conducted pursuant to R.S.Mo. Sec. 610.010, et seq., commonly referred to as the Missouri "Sunshine Law."

On the rules of this act, HPA has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place

Notice is hereby given that the Hogan Preparatory Academy Board will conduct a Board Meeting at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 28, 2026 at Hogan Preparatory Academy Main Office, at 1331 E Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City, MO.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Directors Present

Brandy Palacios (remote), Daniel Smith, Danielle Binion, Joel Ritchie, Pokam Ngomsi

Directors Absent

Erin Lenihan, Natalie Lewis

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Pokam Ngomsi

Guests Present

Annelise Thurber (remote), Dana Cutler, Elvin Barchers, Janice Thomas, Kimberlee Highland, Latonya Meeks (remote), Nicole Smith, Phil Lascuola, Simone Chambers, Steffanie Long, Tamara Burns

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Pokam Ngomsi arrived at 6:00 PM.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Danielle Binion called a meeting of the board of directors of Hogan Preparatory Academy to order on Monday Sep 28, 2026 at 5:45 PM.

C. Adoption of Agenda

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve the agenda.

Joel Ritchie seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Brandy Palacios	Aye
Pokam Ngoms	Absent
Daniel Smith	Aye
Danielle Binion	Aye
Joel Ritchie	Aye
Erin Lenihan	Absent
Natalie Lewis	Absent

D. Comments from Public

E. Comments from the Board President

Dr. Danielle Binion: welcome to the meeting and thanks to K12 for showing up to help.

F. Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Tamara Burns discussed:

- Homecoming video
- NWEA Baseline and scores
- Enrollment/Attendance

II. Consent Agenda

A. HPA BOD August 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Daniel Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from Hogan Preparatory Academy Board of Directors Meeting on 08-24-26.

Brandy Palacios seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Natalie Lewis	Absent
Danielle Binion	Aye
Joel Ritchie	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye

Roll Call

Erin Lenihan Absent
Pokam Ngomsí Aye
Brandy Palacios Aye

III. HPA BOD Finance Committee

A. HPA Finance Committee Report

Pokam Ngomsí made a motion to Approve the HPA Finance Report.

Daniel Smith seconded the motion.

Dr. Nicole Smith:

- Presented financials
- Expenses and revenue
- 234 Days of Cash on Hand

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

Roll Call

Danielle Binion Aye
Erin Lenihan Absent
Daniel Smith Aye
Natalie Lewis Absent
Joel Ritchie Aye
Brandy Palacios Aye
Pokam Ngomsí Aye

B. Approve Expenses

Pokam Ngomsí made a motion to Approve expenses.

Daniel Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Pokam Ngomsí Aye
Brandy Palacios Aye
Natalie Lewis Absent
Danielle Binion Aye
Daniel Smith Aye
Joel Ritchie Aye
Erin Lenihan Absent

C. HPA Banking Resolutions

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve the HPA Banking Resolution.

Pokam Ngomsí seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Erin Lenihan	Absent
Pokam Ngoms	Aye
Natalie Lewis	Absent
Joel Ritchie	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye
Danielle Binion	Aye
Brandy Palacios	Aye

IV. HPA BOD Academic Committee

A. HPA CSIP

Joel Ritchie made a motion to Approve HPA CSIP.

Daniel Smith seconded the motion.

Dr. Tamara Burns and Dr. Simone Chambers presented the plan.

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

Roll Call

Joel Ritchie	Aye
Erin Lenihan	Absent
Natalie Lewis	Absent
Danielle Binion	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye
Pokam Ngoms	Aye
Brandy Palacios	Aye

B. HPA Assessment Plan

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve the HPA Assessment Plan.

Joel Ritchie seconded the motion.

Dr. Simone Chambers presented the Assessment Plan.

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

Roll Call

Pokam Ngoms	Aye
Natalie Lewis	Absent
Danielle Binion	Aye
Joel Ritchie	Aye
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye
Erin Lenihan	Absent

C. HPA SPED Local Compliance Plan Presentation

Daniel Smith made a motion to Adopt the HPA SPED Local Compliance Plan to adopt the DESE plan.

Joel Ritchie seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Danielle Binion	Aye
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye
Natalie Lewis	Absent
Erin Lenihan	Absent
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Joel Ritchie	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye

V. HPA BOD Governance Committee

A. HPA Charter School Governance Support

Dr. Danielle Binion recommended moving HPA Charter School Governance Support to the next meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. HPA McKinney Vento Transportation Update

Jan Thomas presented the update on McKinney Vento Transportation:

- Cost of cab with scholar
- Comparison to cost for September, 2025

B. HPA Transportation Program

Dr. Tamara Burns presented information on the HPA Transportation program which includes a program to pay parents to transport scholars to school.

- Pilot during current semester
- Cost savings
- Available to scholars with attendance issues

C. HPA Grant Updates

Dr. Tamara Burns presented HPA Grant updates.

VII. New Business

A. 2026-26 Committee Calendar & BOD Format Changes

Joel Ritchie made a motion to Approve the 2026-27 Committee Calendar & BOD Format Changes.

Daniel Smith seconded the motion.

Jan Thomas presented:

- Monthly themes
- Board Retreat
- Town Hall meeting twice a year for parents and community
- Committee meetings occurring on the same day

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

Roll Call

Erin Lenihan	Absent
Daniel Smith	Aye
Natalie Lewis	Absent
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Danielle Binion	Aye
Joel Ritchie	Aye

B. HPA Policy Update

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve the HPA Policy Update.

Joel Ritchie seconded the motion.

Dr. Nicole Smith presented the policy.

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

Roll Call

Joel Ritchie	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye
Erin Lenihan	Absent
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye
Natalie Lewis	Absent
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Danielle Binion	Aye

C. HPA Facility Plan

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve the HPA Facility Plan.

Joel Ritchie seconded the motion.

Phil Lascuola presented the plan.

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

Roll Call

Natalie Lewis	Absent
Danielle Binion	Aye
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye
Erin Lenihan	Absent
Joel Ritchie	Aye
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye

D.

HPA Safety Plan

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve the HPA Safety Plan.

Joel Ritchie seconded the motion.

Dr. Nicole Smith presented the plan.

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

Roll Call

Erin Lenihan	Absent
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye
Joel Ritchie	Aye
Danielle Binion	Aye
Natalie Lewis	Absent
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye

VIII. Closing Items

A. Motion to Go Into Closed Session

Pokam Ngomsi made a motion to made a motion to go into RSMo § 610.021. Closed meetings and closed records authorized when, exceptions, sunset dates for certain exceptions (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.... 3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.....(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment with action to be taken.

Joel Ritchie seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Joel Ritchie	Aye
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Danielle Binion	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye
Natalie Lewis	Absent
Erin Lenihan	Absent
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye

B. Motion to Adjourn to General Session

Daniel Smith made a motion to Adjourn to General Session.

Brandy Palacios seconded the motion.

Upon returning to open session, the Board reported that the following actions were taken during closed session:

1. The Board voted to approve appointing Dr. Tamara Burns as the Superintendent with a five year contract. Motion by Dan Smith and second by Brandy Palacios. The following directors voted Aye: Joel Ritchie; Pokam Ngomsi; Danielle Binion; Dan Smith and Brandy Palacios.

2. The Board voted to approve the minimal level Days of Cash to be 1890. Motion by Dan Smith and second by Joel Ritchie. The following directors voted Aye: Joel Ritchie; Pokam Ngomsi; Danielle Binion; Dan Smith and Brandy Palacios.

No other votes or final actions were taken during the closed session.

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

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Roll Call

Daniel Smith	Aye
Danielle Binion	Aye
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Natalie Lewis	Absent
Erin Lenihan	Absent
Joel Ritchie	Aye

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Binion