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Hogan Preparatory Academy

Minutes

Hogan Preparatory Academy Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time
Monday October 26, 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, October 26, 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 (remote), Natalie Lewis (remote), Pokam Ngomsi (remote)

Directors Absent
Erin Lenihan

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
Pokam Ngomsi

Guests Present
Annelise Thurber (remote), Clark Hanner (remote), Elvin Barchers, Jacquita Nelson (remote), Janice Thomas, Ladonna Johnson (remote), Latonya Meeks, Nicole Smith, Phil Lascuola, Shirley Wright (remote), Steffanie Long, Steve Nash (remote), Tamara Burns

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Pokam Ngomsi arrived at 6:30 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 Oct 26, 2026 at 5:37 PM.

C. Adoption of Agenda

Daniel Smith made a motion to Adopt the agenda.
Brandy Palacios seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Comments from Public

E. Comments from the Board President

Dr. Danielle Binion, President: Thanks for the hard work; intro of guests.

F. Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Tamara Burns, Superintendent:

- First quarter is amazing; MS scholars attended a field trip for having 90% attendance
- Gym update
- Rigor

II. Consent Agenda

A. HPA BOD September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Daniel Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from Hogan Preparatory Academy Board of Directors Meeting on 09-28-26.
Brandy Palacios seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Joel Ritchie	Aye
Daniel Smith	Aye

Roll Call

Natalie Lewis	Aye
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Erin Lenihan	Absent
Danielle Binion	Aye
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye

III. HPA BOD Finance Committee

A. HPA Audit

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve the HPA Audit.
Natalie Lewis seconded the motion.
Clark Hanner presented the audit findings.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. HPA Finance Committee Report

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve the HPA Finance Committee Report.
Natalie Lewis seconded the motion.
Dr. Nicole Smith, Director of Finance and Accountability, presented the financials.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approve Expenses

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve expenses.
Natalie Lewis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Daniel Smith	Aye

Roll Call	
Brandy Palacios	Aye
Erin Lenihan	Absent
Natalie Lewis	Aye
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye
Danielle Binion	Aye
Joel Ritchie	Aye

D. HPA Future Investments

Dr. Tamara Burns, Superintendent, presented investments discussions.

IV. HPA BOD Dashboard Report

A. HPA Dashboard Report

Jan Thomas, Director of Student Services; Dr. Nicole Smith, Director of Finance; Dr. Tamara Burns, Superintendent for Dr. Simone Chambers presented updates on transportation, enrollment, attendance and academics.

V. HPA BOD Academic Committee

A. HPA CSIP: Quarter 1 Review

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve the HPA BOD Academic Committee report.
Brandy Palacios seconded the motion.
Dr. Tamara Burns, Superintendent, presented the Quarter 1 Review.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

B. DESE A-F Accountability System Update

Dr. Tamara Burns, Superintendent: Discussed DESE grading system.

VI. HPA BOD Governance Committee

A. HPA Charter School Governance Support

Kent Peterson discussed a timeline presentation.

B.

HPA BOD Learning

C. HPA BOD Resources/Friendsgiving

Jan Thomas, Director of Student Services, presented:

- Friendsgiving
- Thanksgiving baskets
- Reminded BOD of themed monthly meetings.

D. HPA BOD Background Checks

Jan Thomas, Board Clerk:

- Advised BOD of background check guidelines from DESE
- Email to go out with action to be taken in January, 2027

VII. Old Business

A. Ratification of Meta Suit

Daniel Smith made a motion to Ratify the Meta Suit.
Brandy Palacios seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

B. HPA Update on State Audit Findings

Ladonna Johnson and Dr. Annelise Thurber presented the updates.

VIII. New Business

A. HMH Refund

Dr. Nicole Smith presented the HMH refund information.

B. HPA Parking Lot updates

Daniel Smith made a motion to Approve parking lot updates up to $39,000.
Danielle Binion seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. HPA Insurance Renewal

Steve Nash, Bukaty: Presented concerns about insurance renewals.

IX. Calendar

A. Upcoming Dates

Dr. Tamara Burns discussed calendar events.

X. Closing Items

A. Motion to Go Into Closed Session

Daniel Smith made a motion to 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 no action to be taken.
Natalie Lewis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Motion to Adjourn to General Session

Daniel Smith made a motion to Adjourn to General Session with no action to be taken.
Pokam Ngomsi seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call	
Daniel Smith	Aye
Danielle Binion	Aye
Natalie Lewis	Aye
Pokam Ngomsi	Aye
Brandy Palacios	Aye
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 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Binion