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# Health Sciences High and Middle College

# Minutes

## HSHMC Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Thursday April 23, 2026 at 8:00 AM

**Location**
**Sharp Prebys Innovation and Education Center**
**8695 Spectrum Center Blvd.**
**San Diego, CA 92123**
**3rd Floor - Boardroom 323**

Zoom Meeting
https://hshmc.zoom.us/j/3720403229?omn=84046876389
Meeting ID: 372 040 3229
Passcode: Board

**Directors Present**
A. Carpenter, B. Steineckert, F. Johnson, J. Broad, J. Kramer, M. Byrd, R. Essaian, S. Evans

**Directors Absent**
D. Gross, D. White, L. Hutchinson

**Ex Officio Members Present**
D. Smith, I. Pumpian, S. Johnson

**Guests Present**
Dea Milkani, G. Ottinger, Oscar Corrigan, S. Gray

## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

F. Johnson called a meeting of the board of directors of Health Sciences High and Middle College to order on Thursday Apr 23, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

### C. Approve Minutes

J. Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from HSHMC Board Meeting on 02-23-26.
J. Broad seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| J. Broad | Aye |
| L. Hutchinson | Absent |
| F. Johnson | Aye |
| D. Gross | Absent |
| A. Carpenter | Aye |
| R. Essaian | Aye |
| J. Kramer | Aye |
| S. Evans | Aye |
| M. Byrd | Aye |
| D. White | Absent |
| B. Steineckert | Aye |

### D. Public Comment

No public comment.

## II. Information Items

### A. Student Report

D. Milkani shared the following student highlights:

- Recent internship opportunities and experiences
- HOSA competition took place and several HSHMC students placed in the top 10
- Lots of college campus tours are occurring
- Seniors participated in a successful camping trip at Camp Cedar Glen
- 30 seniors are nearing completion of the CNA program
- 8 students are completing the EMT program.

- Seniors are starting to commit to colleges (including D.Milkani who will be attending the nursing program at SDSU)
- Senior Prom is May 8
- Graduation is May 28 at SDSU's Open Air Theatre

**B. CEO Comments**

I. Pumpian shared:

- Big thank you to D. Milkani, student representative, whose time on the board is coming to an end as she graduates soon. Her board seat will be filled upon her exit.
- The school's District site visit went well and appeared to be a very positive visit according to M. Byrd and D. Gross who participated on behalf of the board.
- An update on the progress of the petition for HSHMC's new school, which will serve ISP type students and/or those who require Tier II and Tier III services.
    - The proposal was presented at SDUSD's board meeting last week, where students, and educators presented in support of the petition.
    - The superintendent's positive acknowledgment of the new program and her full support was made evident by her remarks.
    - SDUSD's board will vote on the new school proposal at their next scheduled meeting. Once approved, it will go to the State.
    - Predicting a soft opening next year (under HSHMC) while awaiting the new school's CDE number.
    - We will be applying for a new school startup grant, and we are in good shape financially as it relates to the school's opening.
    - Staff are meeting with SDUSD tomorrow where the name of the new school will be discussed. Right now it was petitioned as "Universal Access" but will be changed to "City Heights Academy."
- HSHMC is exploring the idea of taking the CNA partnership program public through Southwestern Community College. Not only would this be a significant cost savings to HSHMC, but there are several other programs available to students as well such as Surgical Tech, Phlebotomy, Central Supply, etc. (also noting that Pharmacy Tech may be available through Grossmont College).
- Given how many different pathways and programs our students are participating in and completing, I.Pumpian shared a philosophical idea regarding his vision of creating a postsecondary pipeline that would offer graduates (18-24 year olds) support toward continued educational options and careers and whether there would be value added to use resources to create a dedicated position that would support such a postsecondary pipeline. Board discussed securing resources to support this idea, either through grants or internally.

**C. Principal's Remarks**

D. Smith highlighted that:

- HSHMC has now exited the CSI (Comprehensive Support and Improvement) program.
- HSHMC's focus on lower attendance rates since COVID has paid off, noting that given all the efforts put in place, the school's P-2 is being reported at a healthy 93%.
- One of HSHMC's graduating seniors who has shown determination to become a nurse was selected for a "Light our Way Banner Award," which is a community initiative designed to honor and celebrate graduating high school seniors who show dedication, resilience, and bright futures.
- SDSU recently opened a new Accelerated Second Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (ASBSN) in Chula Vista.

### D. LCAP - Overview and Public Presentation of LCAP for HSHMC

A public presentation and overview of the LCAP was provided by D. Smith and G. Ottinger.

## III. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

S. Johnson noted that the next meeting is scheduled for May 26 at 8:00 am at Grossmont Hospital.

D. Smith noted a trend in some of HSHMC's feeder schools who are now opening their own high schools which could affect some of our recruitment efforts.

S. Evans asked about the status of the connection with Northwest University. I. Pumpian and D. Smith will connect with Scott and follow up to explore opportunities and reopen the conversation.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- DRAFT 2026-27 HSHMC LCAP 2.pdf