



Board Briefs

Hickman Mills C-1 School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION

HMC-1 Board of Directors Work Session Summary Thursday, November 6, 2025

The Hickman Mills C-1 Board of Directors held a Work Session on Thursday, November 6. The meeting began with the adoption of the agenda and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board welcomed and officially swore in April Cushing as the newest Board Member, filling the vacancy left by Brandon Wright's resignation. Following the oath, the Board reviewed and discussed several items, including the Rockhurst Professional Experience Agreement. The Board also received an update on district bills, which will move forward for approval at the next regular session.

During the Academic Services Report, district leadership shared that HMC-1's 2025 Annual Performance Report (APR) score is 80.5%, reflecting continued growth across several key areas:

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- Full points earned in the graduation rate
 - Continued upward trend in student growth
 - Increases in College and Career Readiness, including advanced coursework, assessments, and post-secondary follow-up
 - Strong start-of-year reading and math performance, with 55% of students beginning the year on or above grade level
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The district is also launching a Comprehensive PreK–12 Literacy Plan, aligned with the state's Read, Lead, and Exceed framework. Pre-K enrollment remains strong, with about 65% of kindergarten students having attended Pre-K. The district continues to support more than 20 languages through its ESL Welcome Center, which assists families with enrollment, translation, and community resources.

Additional updates highlighted ongoing alignment of social-emotional learning across schools, along with continued Restorative Practices caregiver engagement opportunities.

Under New Business, the Board appointed Interim Superintendent Dr. Dennis Carpenter and Executive Director of Finance Aigné Cox to serve on the TIF Commission. The Board also discussed a potential adjustment to the December meeting date.

There were no audience comments during this session. Board members shared updates on community support efforts, celebrations for recent welding certification recipients, and upcoming events, including the Ruskin Theatre production on November 20–22. Superintendent Carpenter noted several upcoming district events, including the HMC-1 Foundation Gala on November 7, Ruskin’s Veterans Day event on November 11, and the next Town Hall on November 18. The meeting adjourned.

For details on Board meetings, agendas, or documents, visit the Board Agenda Listing: https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/SB_MeetingListing.aspx?S=223.

Next Board Meeting

- November 20, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting