

# HCPA Governance Committee Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Monday, March 9th, 2026

3:30pm – 5:30pm

Meeting in the Board Room

[Committee Calendar 2025-2026](#)

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**Mission/Vision Statement:** HCPA's mission is to provide the best integrated, challenging, and well-rounded educational experience to students in grades K-12.

I. **Call to Order:** at

II. **Roll Call – Open Session:**

Here	No	Name and Title
		<b>Kiersten Sloneker:</b> Governance Committee Co-Chair/Admin Liaison (June 2024)
		<b>David Thompson:</b> Governance Committee Co-Chair (June 2024)
		<b>Heidi Pendroy:</b> Governance Committee Secretary (January 2022)
		<b>Alex Maurer:</b> Governance Committee Member/Secretary (2025)
		<b>Susan Vang:</b> Board Chair/Legal Liaison (2024)
		<b>Daniel Schmidt:</b> Governance Committee Member/Board Member (2024)
		<b>Joseph Norby-White:</b> Governance Committee Member/Board Member Liaison (2023)
		<b>Kaethe Eltawely:</b> Governance Committee Member (2024)
		<b>Kyle Seeley:</b> Governance Committee Member/Recruitment Liaison (June 2022) Left at 4:20
		<b>Andrea Touhey:</b> Governance Committee Member (June 2025)
		<b>Anne Denniston:</b> Governance Committee Member (October 2025)
		<b>Matilyn May:</b> Governance Committee Member (October 2025)
		<b>Myrna Gininwa:</b> Governance Committee Member (October 2025) Left at 4:15
		<b>Karen Frank:</b> Governance Committee Member New (November 2025)
<b>Guests:</b>		

**Welcome: LEAD: David Thompson**

Agenda Item:	Welcome everyone at 3:30
Notes:	
Motion:	
<b>Voted</b> <b>Yea:</b> <b>Nay:</b> <b>Abstain:</b>	
Action:	

**BOARD UPDATES-LEAD: Kiersten Sloneker**

Agenda Item:	Updates
Notes:	<p>NEO has been observing the Board meetings in anticipation of their annual Site Visit, scheduled for March 18. In the recent evaluation, NEO recognized our Policy work, stating "LOTS of policy work completed - impressive progress on work that can be difficult to prioritize!" → Great work, team!</p> <p>Election Calendar and seats E (Dan Schmidt) &amp; F (Christine Smith) were officially recognized as up for election by Board.</p>

**RETURN FROM BOARD-LEAD: Joseph Norby-White**

Items:	Passed: 202 203 203.1 203.3 203.5 203.6 204 205 208 209 210.1 212 214 401 404 405
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	406 414 415 416 417 419 426 501 502 503 507 511 514 524 531 532 609  Tabled: 506
Notes:	

**ACTION 1: LEAD: Kiersten Sloneker**

Agenda Item:	Tabled from Jan 12th Meeting  506 Student Discipline Policy
Notes:	Substantial revisions from MSBA - added to new policy.
Motion:	
<b>Votes</b> Yea: Nay: Abstain:	
Action:	

**ACTION 2: LEAD:**

Agenda Item:	Election: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Election Calendar 2026</li> <li>● Elections Seat Calendar</li> <li>● Policy 215 Board Elections</li> <li>● Application for open seats. 2026_27 - Open Board Seats - Nominating Packet.docx</li> </ul>
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	2026 Nomination guidelines - Google Docs
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Track:</li> </ul>
Motion:	
<b>Votes</b> <b>Yea:</b> <b>Nay:</b> <b>Abstain:</b>	
Action:	

**ACTION 3 (Check In): LEAD:**

Agenda Item:		Check In on 1. Committee attending monthly board meeting 2. Roberts Rule Videos
Notes:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members that went for February             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne Denniston</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**ACTION 4 (Information): LEAD:**

Agenda Item:	Board Retreat in October on MEA	
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideas for trainings</li> <li>What worked and did not work (improve on)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

**FURTHER ACTIONS TO BRING TO:**

Susan Vang: <b>Board Chair</b>	
Items to send to <b>Legal:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Joseph Norby-White: <b>Committee Board Liaison</b>	
Items to send to <b>School Board:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Kiersten Sloneker: <b>Co-Chair/Admin Liaison</b>	
Items to bring to <b>Admin:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

**ADJOURN- ACTION - LEAD: DAVID THOMPSON, CHAIR**

Agenda Item:	
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Notes:	
Motion:	
<b>Voted</b> Yea: Nay: Abstain:	
Action:	

**Policies and Agenda Item labels are**

**Vote** (needs to be finalized and sent to board)

**Board** (Items from or to the board)

**Passed by Board** (Items that the board have passed)

**Legal** (Items from or to legal)

**Review** (Sent back came from board/legal)

**Tabled**

**Revisit Tabled Items**

**The policy format the Governance Committee has agreed on is:**

Will be placed at the <b>top</b> of each policy; have more room to add notes.  <i>Adopted:</i> <i>Reviewed: January 26, 2022</i> <i>Board Approved: January 26, 2025</i>	Level 1: I, II, III... left aligned at 0" text indent at 0.25"	Level 2: A, B, C... left aligned at 0.5" text indent at 0.75"
	Level 3: 1, 2, 3... left aligned at 1" text indent at 1.25"	Level 4: i, ii, iii... left aligned at 1.5" text indent at 1.75"