



Harmony Public Schools

Minutes

May 30, 2026 HPS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Saturday May 30, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Location

Harmony Public Schools - Central Office
1255 Enclave Pkwy
Houston, TX 77077

****We will serve breakfast following the conclusion of the board meeting****

Directors Present

H. Koc, H. Sherwood (remote), K. House, L. Gonzalez, M. Argin, O. Celepcikay, S. Koch

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Cihan, A. Keller, B. Yilmaz, C. Lambert, E. Cavusoglu, F. Ay, Guvanch Yazgeldi, M. Baca, N. Bayhan, S. Aykac, U. Alpaslan

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

O. Celepcikay called a meeting of the board of directors of Harmony Public Schools to order on Saturday May 30, 2026 at 9:01 AM.

II. Public Comments

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None.

III. Consent Agenda

A. i. Consider Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2026

S. Koch made a motion to approve the minutes from April 25, 2026 HPS Board Meeting on 04-25-26.

K. House seconded the motion.

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

B. ii. Consider Approval/Ratification of the Minutes and of the Actions of the Finance Committee Meeting on May 16, 2026

S. Koch made a motion to approve the Minutes and of the Actions of the Finance Committee Meeting on May 16, 2026.

K. House seconded the motion.

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

C. iii. Consider Approval/Ratification of the Minutes and of the Actions of the Academic Committee Meeting on May 16, 2026

S. Koch made a motion to approve the Minutes and of the Actions of the Academic Committee Meeting on May 16, 2026.

K. House seconded the motion.

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

IV. Harmony Presidential Scholars Candidates Board Recognition

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Mr. Emin Cavusoglu, Deputy Superintendent of Programs for Harmony Public Schools, presented the Harmony Presidential Scholars Candidates recognition. He provided an overview of the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, noting that it is one of the nation's highest honors for graduating high school seniors, recognizing academic excellence, leadership, service, and achievement in areas including academics, the arts, and career and technical education.

Mr. Cavusoglu reported that five Harmony Public Schools students were selected as Presidential Scholar candidates for the State of Texas. He highlighted the rigorous selection process, noting that approximately 650 candidates are named nationwide, with a limited number advancing to semifinalist and finalist stages.

The following students were recognized for their outstanding achievements:

Anna Browning, Harmony Science Academy – Pflugerville (not in attendance)

Rayyan Boughaleb Hassani, Harmony School of Endeavor – Austin

Yazed Chavez, Harmony Science Academy – Dallas

Nilgun Duman, Harmony School of Innovation – Sugar Land

Elisha Autor, Harmony School of Advancement – Houston

Mr. Cavusoglu provided detailed highlights of each student's academic accomplishments, leadership roles, research contributions, certifications, and future academic plans.

Students in attendance were invited to the podium and recognized by the Board and administration. The Board congratulated the students and expressed appreciation for their achievements and representation of Harmony Public Schools' commitment to excellence.

V. Approval of Additional Days School Year (ADSY) Calendars for the 2026–2027 School Year

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Mr. Emin Cavusoglu, Deputy Superintendent of Programs, presented the proposed Additional Days School Year (ADSY) calendars for the 2026–2027 school year. He explained that the ADSY calendars include additional instructional days during the summer and select Saturdays to support student learning, enrichment opportunities, and compliance with program requirements.

Mr. Cavusoglu emphasized that approval of these calendars will allow campuses to finalize planning and communicate schedules with staff, students, and families in a timely manner.

M. Argin made a motion to approve Additional Days School Year (ADSY) Calendars for the 2026–2027 School Year.

H. Koc seconded the motion.

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

VI. Review and Approve HPS 2026-2027 Student Parent Handbook

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Ms. Minh Baca, Chief Compliance Officer for Harmony Public Schools, presented the 2026–2027 Student Parent Handbook. She explained that the handbook, including updates and revisions, had been made available to Board members for review.

Ms. Baca noted that the handbook outlines expectations, policies, and procedures for students and families and ensures alignment with state requirements and district practices.

During discussion, Ms. Helen Sherwood inquired about disciplinary provisions related to cigarette and vaping violations, specifically regarding whether such offenses would result in mandatory or discretionary expulsion. Mr. Guvanch Yazgeldi, Director of Student Culture, responded to the question and provided clarification. After deliberation, the administration agreed that for younger grade levels, specifically Pre-K through 2nd grade, such disciplinary actions will be handled on a discretionary basis rather than mandatory expulsion. The administration agreed to reflect this approach, confirming that disciplinary decisions for these grade levels would remain discretionary.

Mr. Yazgeldi took additional questions and clarified the changes in the handbook that were shared with board members through the board packet.

H. Sherwood made a motion to approve HPS 2026-2027 Student Parent Handbook as amended per our board discussion.

L. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

VII. Review and Approve the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar for HSA and HSI Waco under North Texas District,

A. Review and Approve the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar for HSA and HSI Waco under North Texas District, 161-807

Ms. Minh Baca, Chief Compliance Officer, presented the proposed 2026–2027 Academic Calendar for Harmony Science Academy–Waco and Harmony School of Innovation–Waco. She noted that these campuses will be operating under the **North Texas District (161-807)**, reflecting their transition back under the North Texas region.

Ms. Baca explained that the calendar was developed to support instructional planning and operational needs for the Waco campuses and had been made available for Board review. She further noted that the calendar aligns with district expectations and ensures continuity of operations as part of the transition.

The Board reviewed the proposed academic calendar and considered approval as presented.

K. House made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar for HSA and HSI Waco under North Texas District, 161-807.

L. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

VIII. Closed Session Pursuant to Govt. Code

A.

i. Consider Student Expulsion Appeal from Harmony School of Endeavor – Austin.

Dr. Celepcikay announces that the board members will be going into closed session as permitted by Govt. Code 551.071 (Consultation with Legal Counsel), 551.082 (School Children Information), and 551.074 (Personnel)

Closed Session begins at 9:49AM

B. ii. CEO Evaluation

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Closed Session begins at 9:49AM

IX. Resume Open Session, act on items discussed in closed session:

A. i. Potential action on Expulsion Appeal from Harmony School of Endeavor – Austin.

Dr. Celepcikay starts regular session at 11:28AM. Dr. Celepcikay states in closed session the board discussed the items announced and no action was taken.

K. House made a motion to uphold the administrations decision regarding the student expulsion.

M. Argin seconded the motion.

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

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Dr. Celepcikay reflected on the completion of another successful academic year and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Harmony Public Schools staff. He noted that as the school year concludes, staff will be entering their summer break and emphasized that their hard work and dedication throughout the year are well deserved.

S. Koch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Argin seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Lambert