



Board Meeting Minutes

☒ Regular Session on Thursday, April 16, 2026 #152

☐ Closed Session at

☐ Special Session on

☐ DRAFT

☒ APPROVED

In Attendance:

☒ Stephanie Rogers, Class of 2027

☐ Dr. Gary Smith, Class of 2026

☒ Thomas Church, Class of 2027

☒ Kim Butler, Class of 2026

☒ Michael Putney, Jr., Class of 2028

☐ Dr. Bill Wooten, Class of 2028

☒ Trey Watkins, Class of 2027

☒ Eric Sanchez, *Non-voting member*

☐ Carice Sanchez, *Non-voting member*

☒ Alicia Hawk, *Staff*

☒ Caitlin Terranova, *Staff*

Public Comment: NA

The mission statement was read.

The meeting was called to order at 12:09pm by President Stephanie Rogers.

New Business:

- The board discussed that for the May meeting, we will move the regular monthly meeting to 8:30am on Wednesday, May 20th, after which the board can walk over to the multipurpose facility to attend Senior Signing Day starting up at 9am.
- **Motion:** To approve the March 19, 2026 regular board meeting minutes with a revision to correct the building committee updates.
Motion: Tom Church made a motion.
Second: Trey Watkins seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous vote to approve the motion.
☒ Passed ☐ Failed
- **Motion:** To approve the March 2026 financial reports.
Motion: Kim Butler made a motion.
Second: Michael Putney seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous vote to approve the motion.
☒ Passed ☐ Failed
- Caitlin Terranova presented the board with prospective regular board meeting dates for the 2026-27 school year for their review.

Building Committee Updates

- Tom Church shared that progress since our last board meeting has been minimal at this point, with the main issue remaining the upper fixed-in-place bleachers.

Chief Executive Officer Updates

- Eric Sanchez shared with the board that we have some exciting news to share out from seniors this year, and are looking forward to a great Senior Signing Day in May. Consequently, the school continues to navigate counseling families for whom the financial aid doesn't meet the full extent of the need.
- Eric expressed gratitude to the board for their various manners of generously supporting our scholarship efforts such as the Tom Church Family Scholarship, the Woodward Gholson, and the Sanchez Family Scholarship, to which Stephanie and Cliff Rogers and others have generously contributed.
- Eric then shared about the challenge of the current budget work. North Carolina still has not passed a budget for this current fiscal year. We are hearing reports from across the state that school districts are cutting budgets heavily.
- Further, the school is experiencing more instances of students needing mental health support and increasing enrollment of students in need of separate setting levels of support.
- At this time, we anticipate needing to appropriate funds again from our reserves to balance the FY27 operating budget.
- Overall, this is an exciting time of year. The majority of the cabinet is personally getting into classrooms and teaching daily. We are seeing great work happening with kids making strong gains.

Development Office Updates

- Alicia Hawk shared the vision and mission for the upcoming annual Senior Signing Day for 2025 with the board and invited them to join us for this exciting annual event.
- Alicia shared that the annual TFA One Day Event was on the horizon on April 29, 2026. This event is a great source of inspiration, with TFA sharing stories from HC and other TFA partner schools. For their 2026 event, TFA North Carolina will host TFA National's new CEO. Alicia invited the board to consider and attend as able to represent the school and to find purpose and connection in the organization's mission alignment.
- Eric and Alicia shared about the Jane Hawk Literacy Fund, created by a friend and supporter of the school to support literacy skills development.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48pm.

- **Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 12:48pm.**
 Motion: Michael Putney made a motion.
 Second: Tom Church seconded the motion.
 Vote: Unanimous vote to approve the motion.
☒ Passed ☐ Failed

The next meeting of the Henderson Collegiate Board of Directors will be at 12pm on Thursday, June 11th, in the high school conference room at Henderson Collegiate High School, located at 1071 Old Epsom Road in Henderson, NC, and over Zoom at: <https://hendersoncollegiate-org.zoom.us/j/88324767522?pwd=GcdeSJQM2JfvzOBTSW4c7hfBYac5j5.1>