

MEHP Governance Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 29, 2026
4:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Board Members: Keith King, Hal North, Alexia Phinizey, Tammy Swenson, Dr. Sue Anne Wells, Tom White

Staff Present: Dr. Ronnie Christian, Devan Hanyon, Jeanne Hinchee, Nova Holeva, Cristol Kapp, Amanda Parker, Demetria Patton, Kayla Phillips, Lynne Regal, Dr. Elaine Swafford

I. Welcome - Dr. Sue Anne Wells

- Ron Rice, Senior Director of Government Relations with the National Alliance of Public Charter Schools as guest speaker.

II. Agenda Review – Dr. Sue Anne Wells

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from the May 2026 Board Meeting

- A motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes was moved by Hal North and seconded by Tom White.

IV. Director's Report (CGLA/MEHP) – Leadership and Change: Looking Ahead toward the Next Decade: Updates – Dr. Elaine Swafford

- Legislative Policies – Need Board Approval and Vote
 - Digital device usage for K-5 will not be 1:1.
 - Child trafficking awareness and prevention policy.
 - Evacuation of classroom due to disciplinary issue policy.
 - Internet acceptable use complaint policy.
 - Order of enrollment preferences policy.
 - Dr. Sue Anne Wells requested to pass these five policies. A motion to approve policies was moved by Tom White and seconded by Merrill Nelson.
- Leadership transition plans discussed

V. Chief of Staff Report- Dr. Ronnie Christian

- Discussed data on proficiency in summer school students.
- Reviewed FY26 TCAP scores and benchmark data.

VI. Committee Reports

Development/Marketing: Dr. Elaine Swafford, Lynne Regal

- Donor Appreciation Event will be held on September 15, 2026
- Had a successful golf tournament.
- Discussed stewardship calendar
- Fun Run will be October 2, 2026.
- Discussed grants for the new school year.
- Discussed the first semester timeline for fundraising events and communication.

Facilities – Jeanne Hinchee

Finance - Jeanne Hinchee

- New Director of Finance- Cristol Kapp
- The team is in the process of closing the books of the last fiscal year.
- Received engagement letter for an audit.

Governance – Hal North

- Request vote to confirm Dr. Sue Anne Wells (chair), Tammy Swenson (secretary), Keith King (treasurer).
 - A Motion to approve the aforementioned to the executive committee was moved by Tom White and seconded Alexia Phinizey.
- Request to approve Alexia Phinizey, Tom White, and Hal North to a second term.
 - A motion to approve the aforementioned to a second term was moved by Dr. Sue Anne Wells and seconded by Keith King.
- Dalya Qualls- White has resigned from the board.

VII. Next Joint Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 4pm

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Board Meetings: September 8, 2026, November 17, 2026 January 19, 2027, March 16, 2027, May 18, 2027, July 20, 2027