



Hernando School District

Interlocal Governmental Meeting

Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

9:00 AM

District Office-Board Room
919 N. Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

JOINT WORKSHOP WITH THE HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE BROOKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M.

Attendees from Hernando County School District: Shannon Rodriguez, Ray Pinder, Kayce Hawkins, Michelle Bonczek, Mark Johnson, Robert Meyers, and Caroline Mockler.

Attendees from the City of Brooksville: Betty Erhard, J.W. McKethan, Thomas Bronson, Christa Tanner, Chloe Berryman, Lisa Hendrickson, and Louis Hallal.

Attendees from the Hernando County: Jon Jouben, Jeff Rogers, Jerry Campbell, John Allocco, Steve Champion, and Ryan Amsler.

Reflection

The reflection was provided by School Board Vice Chair, Mark Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance

AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE OF JOINT MEETING

Mr. Robert Meyers, School Board Attorney explained the purpose of this meeting.

HCSD PRESENTATIONS

1. [26-3358](#) Presentation of Hernando County School Addition Updates

Attachments: [Capacity Project Update ILM.pdf](#)

Brian Ragan, Director of Facilities and Construction came forward to provide this update. Mr. Allocco asked if there was a significant difference in the cost when deciding to go with the pre-cast concrete shell. Mr. Ragan explained that the pre-cast concrete shell was slightly more. However, it was the most economical and efficient way to build here because they did not need to close down the bus loop and relocate it. He also mentioned that the construction manager was onsite. Discussion took place on what was included in the cost of construction and the difference between the two construction sites [Winding Waters K8/Weeki Wachee H.S. and Eastside E.S.]. Mr. Champion stated that there are issues with car stacking near JD Floyd E.S. Mr. Ragan explained that they do have a master plan to have the stacking on the district's property. Mr. Bronson

mentioned the car stacking problems on Emerson Road near Moton E.S. and Hernando Christian Academy. Mr. Allocco spoke about an electronic reservation system for parents to prevent them from lining up too early. Mr. Pinder stated that they have looked into this type of system. Mr. Johnson spoke about the loss of funding for courtesy bussing.

2. [26-3359](#) Presentation of Wimbledon Avenue Updates

Attachments: [Wimbledon Road Update ILM.pdf](#)

Brian Ragan, Director of Facilities and Construction came forward to provide this update. Mr. Allocco stated he would not have any issues with dedicating Wimbledon Rd. to the school district. Mr. Champion stated similar comments. Mr. Rogers stated that they will review this. He did mention that there is no current project for this as the sales tax did not pass, so he does not foresee the county at this point funding this roadway paving, but they can look at vacating or a transfer.

3. [26-3360](#) Presentation of Proposed Revisions to the Interlocal Agreement for School Planning

Attachments: [10.15.25 - Hernando ILA Presentation .pdf](#)

Jim Lipsey, School Planner, and Chris Wilson, Attorney came forward to present this item. Mr. Allocco stated that he would like to see a majority of each board on the oversight committee. Mrs. Rodriguez requested to have three (3) from each board sit on the committee. Mr. Wilson stated that they can do that and reminded members that the committee meeting would be a workshop, so no decisions would be made. Mrs. Rodriguez does not mind having another meeting, but does not want the committee meeting to take the place of this [ILA] meeting. Mrs. Tanner stated the same. Mr. Bronson suggested having this meeting in the spring before the budgets are set. Michelle Miller, Senior Planner for the County, came forward to talk about the timeline.

The board recessed at 10:14 A.M. and reconvened at 10:34 A.M.

HERNANDO COUNTY BOCC PRESENTATIONS

4. [26-3372](#) Discussion Regarding Sidewalks Within Hernando County School Zones

Attachments: [Item 16498 Report](#)

Todd Crosby, Assistant County Engineer came forward to present this item. Mr. Allocco stated that he had previously made a motion to move all bicycle trail projects to the bottom of the MPO list, and move all sidewalk projects to the top. Bob Espisito, MPO Director came forward to explain how to get the funding for sidewalk projects. Mr. Champion spoke about bus stops on high speed roads such as Barclay & Irving; and Powell & 41. Mr. Allocco stated that anyone can attend the MPO meetings, including school board members. Mrs. Bonczek stated that she had reached out to the county commissioners regarding the speed limits in front of the schools and as long as the school zone speed limit is 10 miles under, it is allowed per FDOT. Mr. Johnson stated that he has received multiple communications from parents regarding students needing to cross over Ponce De Leon on North Avenue. Mr. Hallal asked where he can find the MPO list. Mr. Allocco suggested reaching out to Duke Energy for extra lighting on North Avenue. Mr. Esposito stated that the MPO list can be found on the website. Mr.

Crosby will look to see if there is a way for the board to vote to have the school zone speed limit changed to more than 10 mph under. There was some discussion on the transparency of sidewalk projects. Mr. Esposito will share out the list of projects. Mrs. Tanner stated that these boards meet and are completely transparent and they are open to the public.

5. [26-3373](#) Discussion Regarding Use of Sports Fields, Tracks, and Facilities for Public

Mr. Allocco requested this topic on today's agenda. Mr. Allocco stated that he is trying to find a way where they can work together, as a county, city and school board, to provide access to some things, like a track, for the people in our community to walk on. Mr. Meyers stated that Collier County Schools and the City of Marco Island has a joint use of fields agreement. Mrs. Rodriguez mentioned the need of a swimming pool in our county. Mr. Champion agreed that there is a need for a pool and maybe they can get sponsorships. Mrs. Rodriguez asked how we can have members of the public on campus who are not vetted, when there are students after school practicing sports. Mr. Bronson suggested a fee schedule to generate revenue. Mr. Pinder stated he has some reservations regarding security and liability. Mr. Bronson and Mrs. Hendrickson mentioned that the current interlocal agreement fee schedule is outdated and needs to be updated. Mr. McKethan suggested an online reservation system for scheduling. Mrs. Rodriguez questioned who would be there when open to the public as office staff leaves. Mr. Johnson stated that state law says that if there are children on campus, gates must be locked and manned, which presents a staffing issue. Mr. Champion suggested a joint project between all entities at Anderson Snow for a swim park, dive park, etc., and split the cost. Mr. Bronson stated that they also have the Bud McKethan Park by the quarry for a possible location. Mr. Meyers will share the mentioned agreements from Collier County Schools. Mr. Allocco suggested reaching out to Citrus County to see what they have done.

6. [26-3374](#) Update Regarding Hernando County Development

Attachments: [10-15-25 Interlocal Handout #6. 26-3374](#)

Omar DePablo, Development Services Director; and Michelle Miller, Senior Planner came forward to present this item. Jim Lipsey, School Planner, came forward to speak on the decline of student enrollment. Mr. McKethan requested that if an exit on Centralia to the Suncoast Parkway will be added, he recommends it be a non-tolled exit. Mr. Pinder spoke on school current capacity verse reserved capacity.

The board recessed at 12:11 P.M. and reconvened at 1:02 P.M.

CITY OF BROOKSVILLE PRESENTATIONS

7. [26-3375](#) Discussion Regarding Interlocal Wholesale Wastewater Agreement Between Hernando County Water and Sewer District and City of Brooksville.

Attachments: [Interlocal Wastewater Agreement with COB and HC \(LR 25-415\)](#)
[Exhibit A-Layout1-Interconnection Map Large](#)

Richard Weeks, Public Works Director for the City; and Gordon Onderdonk, Utilities Director for the County, came forward to present this item.

*8. [26-3376](#) City of Brooksville Development Update

Attachments: [COB Community Development presentation for 10-15-25 Intergovernmental Agency Meetingpdf](#)

David Hainley, Community Development Director came forward to present this item. Jim Lipsey, School Planner came forward to explain the amount of students these units will generate. Michelle Miller, County Senior Planner also came forward to speak on this topic.

9. [26-3377](#) Partnership on North Ave Sidewalk Project

Attachments: [North Avenue Sidewalk Proposal Summary](#)
[North Ave Proposed Sidewalk to Whiteway](#)
[North Ave Proposed Sidewalk Howell to US 98](#)

Richard Weeks, Public Works Director for the City came forward to present this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

10. [26-3378](#) Public Comment

Attachments: [Citizen Input Speaker Pink Form 031424 ACC](#)

Richard Ross was called to speak. Mr. Ross spoke about school zone speed limits, aquatic project, printing projects, and the state's unfunded mandates.

Doug Chorvat was called to speak. Mr. Chorvat spoke about Moton School, swimming pool, Martin County recreation department, and polling locations.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Rogers stated that the County is to host the next Interlocal Meeting and is looking at a proposed date of April 22, 2026.

Each member shared closing comments and thanked staff members for a good meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

*Hernando County BOCC to host the next Interlocal Meeting

Superintendent

Board Chair

Mission Statement

The Hernando County School District Collaborates with students, parents and other community stakeholders to effectively prepare all students for a successful transition into a diverse and changing world.
