



Hernando School District

Special School Board Meeting

Agenda - Final

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

2:00 PM

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

Shade Session - Litigation Update (Kerry Thornton)
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. [26-3710](#) Approval to adopt the agenda dated 4/21/2026.

Attachments: [04-21-26 Special Meeting - 2 PM Litigation Update - Thornton ACC](#)

GENERAL COUNSEL

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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.



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Agenda Item # 1. 26-3710

4/21/2026

Title and Board Action Requested

Approval to adopt the agenda dated 4/21/2026.

Executive Summary

The Superintendent of Schools, hereby requests the Board adopt the agenda dated 4/21/2026.

My Contact

Ray Pinder
Superintendent of Schools

2023-28 Strategic Focus Area

Other

Financial Impact

No Financial Impact

If expenditure is not currently budgeted, this will serve as the budget amendment when Board approved. If the agenda item includes the purchase of goods or services, the funds requested are an anticipated amount and may fluctuate depending on such factors as current market conditions, product availability, additional funding sources, and the needs of the District. Should the actual cost exceed the anticipated amount, the Board approves the additional cost, after review by the superintendent, but not in excess of the funds available in the site's approved annual budget.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Hernando County, Florida will hold an Attorney-Client Session on Tuesday April 21, 2026 at 2 P.M., in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the District Office, located at 919 N. Broad St., Brooksville, FL 34601. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a private/closed door attorney-client session regarding litigation strategy in the case of Thornton, Kerry v. School Board of Hernando County, Case No.: 272024CA001054CAAXMX and to discuss any other business that may come before the Board.

The length of the attorney-client session is anticipated to be 1 hour. The following persons will be in attendance: Kayce Hawkins, Chair; Shannon Rodriguez, Vice-Chair; Board Members: Michelle Bonczek; Susan Duval; Mark Johnson; Ray Pinder, Superintendent; Barbara Kidder, Assistant Superintendent; Caroline Mockler, Staff Counsel; Robert Meyers, General Counsel to the School Board; Lisa Augspurger, Special Counsel; and a certified court reporter. Board action with regard to the case may follow upon the start of the meeting.

A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained by writing to the Hernando County School Board at 919 North Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34601 or by calling Kelly Pogue at (352) 797-7253. Also, the agenda is located at the Superintendent's Office, and on the Hernando County School Board website at <https://hernandoschools.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the meeting by contacting Kelly Pogue at (352) 797-7253.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the School Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a copy of the official record of the meeting. The official record of any School Board meeting consists of the official minutes approved by the Board including any back-up materials or documents submitted to it and a transcript of the audio and/or visual recording of the meeting if any made and maintained by the District. It is the responsibility of the party requesting a copy of audio/visual recording to have it transcribed for appellate purposes.

Originated by Kayce Hawkins, Chairperson of The School Board of Hernando County, Florida
By: Ray Pinder, Ex-Officio Secretary and Superintendent of Schools

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