



HOPE COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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HOPE Community Academy
MINUTES
June 25, 2026
Conference Room – 5:00 pm

MISSION	<i>To inspire students to achieve high academic success while embracing Hmong language and culture.</i>
VISION	<i>To be a public school of excellence, with high quality staff, diverse programs, and successful students.</i>

Agenda Item & Order	Allotted Time	Responsible Person
I. Call to Order (Action) Call to Order at 5:06pm Roll-call Present: D. Lorr, P. Xiong Vang, J. Rademaker, M. Lor, Y. Lor Guest: Dr. K. Xiong, D. Miller (UST), J. Vought Absent: R. Vang, L. Xiong	1 minute	Don Lorr – Board Chair
II. Rules of Engagement • Be here now • Be a leader and a team player • Be a good steward Reminder of HOPE’s mission and vision.	1 minute	Don Lorr – Board Chair
III. Approval of Agenda (Action) Motion to approve the June agenda. Moved by: P. Xiong Vang, seconded by: M. Lor. No discussion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.	1 minute	Don Lorr – Board Chair
IV. Welcome	1 minutes	Don Lorr – Board Chair
V. Community Comments Board Chair [D. Lorr] shared information about the City of St. Paul hosting a meeting in the HOPE cafeteria to review 2027 construction.	5 minutes	Don Lorr – Board Chair





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Board of Director [Y. Lor] shared experience about the Long Beach, FL conference. Provided good materials on school structure and after school activity resources.		
VI. Finance Committee A. May 2026 Financial Report B. May 2026 Supplemental Report C. Band Fund and Student Leadership Fund Rollover (Action) D. 2026-2027 Budget Motion to approve the rollover of the Band Fund and Student Leadership Fund from FY26 to FY27. Moved by: Y. Lor, seconded by: J. Rademaker. Discussion: None Roll Call Vote: P. Xiong Vang = aye L. Xiong = absent J. Rademaker = aye D. Lorr = aye M. Lor = aye R. Vang = absent Y. Lor = aye Vote: 5-0-0. Motion passed. Motion to approve the original 2026-2027 Budget. Moved by: M. Lor, seconded by: P. Xiong Vang. Discussion: None Roll Call Vote: P. Xiong Vang = aye L. Xiong = absent J. Rademaker = aye D. Lorr = aye M. Lor = aye R. Vang = absent Y. Lor = aye Vote: 5-0-0. Motion passed. The Finance committee met on June 23, 2026. The minutes were reviewed, and a summary report was presented by J. Vought. The board reviewed, discussed, and filed the financial report subject to audit. The next meeting is to be determined.	20 minutes	Reona Vang – Finance Committee Chair Jessie Vought Creating Planning





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VII. Consent Agenda (Action) May Board Meeting Minutes School Calendar Contracts A. CKC – (Food Services) B. Designs for Learning – (SPED Services) C. JME Transportation – (Bus Transportation) D. PriorityOne Technologies – (IT Services) E. United Healthcare – (Medical Benefits) Motion to approve the consent agenda. Moved by: P. Xiong Vang, seconded by: Y. Lor. Discussion: The school calendar included corrected board meeting dates. The board also noted that the Priority One Technology contract is missing exhibit B. P. Xiong Vang moved to amend the motion to approve the consent agenda to include Exhibit B with the Priority One Technology contract. Roll Call Vote: P. Xiong Vang = aye L. Xiong = absent J. Rademaker = aye D. Lorr = aye M. Lor = aye R. Vang = absent Y. Lor = aye Vote: 5-0-0. Motion passed.	10 minutes	Don Lorr – Board Chair
VIII. Executive Director’s Report The board received the Executive Director’s report, which included updates on staffing, academic/operations program, and compliance efforts. A. Hiring B. Grant Updates C. UST Contract Renewal D. Intervention Updates E. Enrollment	45 minutes	Kevin Xiong - ED





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F. ED Professional Evaluation Follow-Up G. 2026-2027 – Vendors List H. Contract Bids Update I. Summer Hours & Strategies J. Policies Update a. Employee Handbook b. Parent and Scholar Handbook c. School-wide policy dashboard		
VIII. Committee Reports A. Executive Committee a. Retreat Planning b. New Board Members Update The Executive committee met on June 11, 2026. The minutes were reviewed, and a summary report was presented by D. Lorr. The next meeting is to be determined. Motion to establish a process to elect an Interim Board (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) to serve from July 1, 2026 until board retreat on July 21, 2026. Moved by: M. Lor, seconded by: J. Rademaker. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: P. Xiong Vang = aye L. Xiong = absent J. Rademaker = aye D. Lorr = aye M. Lor = aye R. Vang = absent Y. Lor = aye Vote: 5-0-0. Motion passed. Nominations for Interim Board Chair: J. Rademaker nominated M. Lor. Y. Lor seconded the nomination. M. Lor accepted the nomination. M. Lor nominated L. Xiong. Vote (hand vote): M. Lor – 4 (Y. Lor, J. Rademaker, P. Xiong Vang, D. Lorr) L. Xiong – 1 (M. Lor)	30 minutes	Don Lorr - Executive Committee Chair Mai Nhia Lor Committee Chair





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M. Lor was elected Interim Board Chair. Nominations for Interim Treasurer: M. Lor nominated R. Vang. R. Vang appointed Interim Treasurer by nomination. Nominations for Interim Secretary: P. Xiong Vang nominated Y. Lor. Y. Lor accepted the nomination. Y. Lor was appointed Interim Secretary by nomination. Motion to approve the interim board roles as nominated to serve from July 1, 2026, until board retreat on July 21, 2026. Moved by: M. Lor, seconded by: Y. Lor Roll Call Vote: P. Xiong Vang = aye L. Xiong = absent J. Rademaker = aye D. Lorr = aye M. Lor = aye R. Vang = absent Y. Lor = aye Vote: 5-0-0. Motion passed. B. HBC Building Company C. Operations Committee a. Parent Board Member Seat opening The Operations committee met on June 16, 2026. The minutes were reviewed, and a summary report was presented by M. Lor. The next meeting is to be determined.		
IX. Existing Business	5 minutes	Don Lorr – Board Chair
X. New Business	5 minutes	Don Lorr – Board Chair





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XI. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. Moved by: M. Lor , seconded by J. Rademaker. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.	1 minute	Don Lorr – Board Chair
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Next Board Meeting: July 21, 2026 (Board Retreat)

