



Henderson Advisory Council

Minutes

March 24, 2026

I. Opening of Meeting

Meeting Norms Were Read

II. Citizens' Time

No one shared anything during citizens' time.

III. Old Business

- Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Attendance Updates were provided

Attendance Updates

End of Year Goal = Not Exceeding 7.3% for Chronic Absenteeism

Recent Barrier - We had about 18% absent on the day we were expecting possible tornadic conditions. We also have numerous families who are traveling overseas to visit family for extended period of time. Many of them are in the EL subgroup and some are in both the EL and SWD subgroup. Current Chronic Absenteeism Data by Grade Level and Subgroup is Below:

Overall to Date = 7%

KG - 8% (improvement)

1 - 6% (improvement)

2 - 7% (no change)

3 - 9% (small improvement)

4 - 1% (AMAZING, INCREDIBLE, BEST EVER RATE!!!)

5 - 7% (increase)

EL - 12% (increase)

SWD - 11% (improvement)

a. Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instruction Summary

Meeting was held 12 February 2026

- Grading Policy & Regulation Updates

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- Dr. Stephanie Soliven gave an overview of the grading policy and the results of a recent survey that was conducted.
- For the survey, teachers mostly felt grading practices accurately assessed performance while students and parents did not respond as favorably.
- Discussed ideas such as a rolling gradebook and additional opportunities to retest.
- Brief Presentation on Various Student Resources
 - Discussed the gifted selection process, special education enrollments, and programs supporting multilingualism in PWCS.
 - PWCS cluster-groups gifted students in classrooms with teachers who have gifted training.
- Panel Q & A (Gifted, Special Education, English Learners)

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- Budget
 - Mr. Joe Mondoro gave a high-level presentation on the PWCS budget for fiscal year 2027.
 - Revenue is expected to mostly come from the county (50%) and state (40%) sources, totaling around \$2.9 billion.
 - One of the new strategic investments is in universal Pre-Kindergarten with \$24 million being applied this year to support full implementation by 2030.
- Capital Improvement Plan
 - Mr. Justin Moss discussed several areas of new construction and renovations throughout the district.
 - Henderson Elementary is not currently slated for any capital improvements.

b. School Accreditation ~ Called The School Performance and Support Framework in Virginia

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- It was approved in January of 2025

Components of the Framework

The Framework uses up to four areas of focus for elementary, middle, and high school. Each component is weighted differently to meet the focus of the school.

- **Mastery** incorporates all student *Standards of Learning* test results. It awards additional credit for students who reach advanced levels and partial credit for students who do not yet meet grade-level standards.
- **Growth** uses a student's past performance on Virginia SOL tests to measure how they are expected to learn from the start of the school year to the end. The metric then compares expected learning to actual learning at the end of the year.
- **Readiness** considers measures such as **chronic absenteeism**, advanced coursework in middle school, and the percentage of students demonstrating they are post secondary readiness when they graduate from high school through the 3E Framework (Enrollment, Employment, and Enlistment). It also includes the percentage of students graduating with additional time.
- **Graduation** includes a cohort rate for high school students graduating with an advanced or standard high school diploma in four years.

IV. Next Meeting's Agenda

- a. Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instruction
- b. Engagement (Gallup) Updates & Attendance
- c. Budget and Staffing
- d. Preschool Program Updates

V. Closing

- A. Norms were read

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B. Meeting adjourned 6:14 before PTCO began

HNES Advisory Council Meeting Norms:

1. The Henderson Advisory Council meeting will start and end on time.
2. We will be polite and respectful of others' opinions and points of view.
3. We will make all decisions in the best interest of our students.
4. The team will remain on topic and HNES Advisory Council members will ask any clarifying questions as needed.
5. No sidebar conversations will be held.

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