

**Covington Board of Education**  
**MINUTES ~ Special Meeting/Student Hearing**

June 16, 2025

5:30 PM

Covington Board of Education  
25 E. 7th Street, Covington, Kentucky 41011

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Tom Haggard, Board chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Attendance Taken at 5:45 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Ms. Hannah Edelen  
Mr. Stephen Gastright  
Mr. Kareem Simpson  
Mr. Tom Haggard

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Michelle Williams

Mr. Kareem Simpson, Board member made the first motion to excuse Ms. Michelle Williams, Board member from the special meeting. Ms. Hannah Edelen, Board member made the second motion. Mr. Tom Haggard, Board chair asked if all were in favor, all said aye, and no one opposed.

**III. Call of the Meeting**

Pursuant to KRS 160.270 the Covington Board of Education has been called to a special meeting by Mr. Alvin L. Garrison, Secretary to the Board, upon petition of Mr. Tom Haggard, Chairman of the Board. The meeting will be held Monday, June 16, 2025, 5:30 p.m., at the Administration Building, 25 East Seventh Street, Covington, Kentucky 41011.

**IV. Student Disciplinary Hearing(s) (Action Possible)**

Ms. Aaren Meehan, Board attorney, swore in the witnesses: Student, referred to as Student A, Student A's guardians, Ms. Jessica Duty, Director of Pupil Personnel, Mr. Dave Hartman, Holmes High School Assistant Principal, and Mr. Mike Thompson, School Resource Officer.

**V. Facts and Findings**

A hearing was held; and evidence was presented; and the witnesses were sworn and testified in person. Upon conclusion of the testimony, the Board upon motion made by Ms. Hannah Edelen, Board member, and seconded by Mr. Stephen Gastright, Board vice-chair entered into executive session at 6:06 p.m. Upon conclusion of the executive session at 6:26 p.m., the hearing was resumed and upon the first motion made by Ms. Hannah Edelen, Board member and seconded by Mr. Gastright. The Board made the following findings and conclusions in open session; that Student A is a student at Holmes High School, that the school district has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that Student A committed the violations for which he/she is accused, and that the violation warrants expulsion pursuant KRS 158.150.



## VI. Determination

The Board concludes that Student A is found guilty and pursuant to School Board Policy No. 880AG.55, is expelled from the Covington Independent Public Schools; with educational services for one calendar year.

**Motion Passed 061625\_01:** The Covington Board of Education approves the Determination for Student A passed with a motion by Ms. Hannah Edelen and a second by Mr. Stephen Gastright.

Ms. Hannah Edelen	Yes
Mr. Stephen Gastright	Yes
Mr. Kareem Simpson	Yes
Ms. Michelle Williams	Absent
Mr. Tom Haggard	Yes

## VII. Adjournment

The Board made a consensus to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Haggard, Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Alvin Garrison, Superintendent

