

**Covington Board of Education & Newport Board of Education**  
**Special Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

July 17, 2025  
6:00 PM

Newport Board of Education, Newport, Kentucky.

For any members of the public who would like to observe the meeting via video teleconference, the meeting was live-streamed into the Covington Independent Public School board room located at 25 E. 7th Street, Covington, Kentucky, 41011.

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Newport Board of Education called its roll call for its board members.

**Covington Board of Education Attendance Taken at 6:03 PM:**

Present Covington Board Members:

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

Absent Covington Board Members:

Mr. Stephen Gastright  
Ms. Michelle Williams

Mr. Kareem Simpson, Covington Board member, made a motion to excuse Mr. Stephen Gastright, Board vice-chair, and Ms. Michelle Williams, Board member, from the joint meeting. Mr. Tom Haggard, Board chair, asked if all were in favor; all said aye, and no one opposed.

**III. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Both Board chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting with opening remarks.

**IV. Exploring Regional Approaches to Career & Technical Education**

Both districts discussed what Career and Technical Education programs they offered.

**V. Joint Professional Learning Opportunities**

Both districts discussed what Professional Opportunities they offer to their staff.

**VI. Shared Services and Operational Efficiencies**

Discussed ways districts utilize shared services with other districts and city entities as a cost savings to the district.



## **VII. Family Engagement Strategies**

Each district discussed ways they implement family engagement.

## **VIII. Next Steps and Closing Remarks**

Board members and Superintendents discussed their closing remarks and next steps.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Both Boards made a consensus to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

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

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

