



## Minutes of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of **Galveston Independent School District** was held August 5, 2026, at 6:05 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

The subjects discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown.

*Trustees in attendance: Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker, O'Neal*

*Staff in attendance: Martello, Beaird, Post, Patrick, Scott, Rivas, Grant, Le, Angel, Noah, Neighbors, Bly*

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. -6:05
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. – 6:06 *Led by Aiden Carcano and Peyton Moore, both seniors at Ball high school. They have been the emcees at convocation for the last three years.*
- 3) Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items. Please complete sign-up sheets available in the lobby prior to the start of the meeting. -6:10 *Maryann Welford – Spoke about HB 10.*
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. -6:12 *None*
- 5) District Reports -6:12
  - A) Superintendent's Report
    - 1) Trinity PreK report -6:12 *Presented by Amy Wood. 6:23 questions from the board.*
  - B) Board Committee Reports
    - 1) Facilities/Finance Committee -*Reported by Tony Brown*
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update –6:31 *Reported by Jeff Martello, CFO*
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items –6:34 *Item C will defer until after executive session.*
  - A) Consider Approval of 2026 Proposed Tax Rate to be Published in Notice of Public Hearing. -6:34 *Introduced by Brown. Motion by Masel to approve a .6769 rate for MNO and a .172813 for sinking fund for a total rate .849713 to be published ont eh..... Second by Tucker. Comments by the board. Martello added information to the discussion. Motion passed. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker, and O'Neal in favor.*
  - B) Schedule Public Meeting to Discuss the 2026 Proposed Tax Rate and the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget -6:44 *Motion by Masel to approve 8/26 as the date of the public meeting..... Second by Smecca. No further discussion. Motion passed. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker, and O'Neal in favor.*
  - C) Discuss and consider action relating to Cause No. 25-CV-2117, State of Texas v. Galveston ISD, et al, In the 122nd District Court of Galveston County Texas, following remand of case from Federal Court. 6:45 *Deferred until after Executive Session. – 8:57 After discussion in executive session, more information ahs been requested and this item will most likely be on the next meeting.*

8) The Board may recess into Closed Executive Session in the Library as permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act Government Code Sections 551.071- 551.090 Subchapter D and E. -6:45

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed meeting then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

A) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or

B) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

A) Consultation with Attorney (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.071) - Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or matters in which the duty of the attorney to the school district under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the state's open meetings laws.

B) Personnel Matters (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.074) – Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or resignation of an employee or employees, including the Superintendent.

C) Real Property (Tex. Govt Code Section 551.072) – Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate in which the discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the ability of the school district to negotiate with a third party.

D) Prospective Gifts or Donations (Tex. Govt Code Section 551.073) – Discuss prospective gifts or donations to the Galveston Independent School District and/or individual campuses, programs or facilities.

E) Network Security, Security Devices and Security Audits (Tex. Govt Code Sections 551.076 and 551.089) – Discuss Network security information; the security audit; the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices; or security assessment or deployments related to information resources technology, and Texas School Safety Reports.

9) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. – 8:57

Summary of executive session ready by Mindy Lakin.

10) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items -8:59 *Motion to approve the consent agenda without item H by Masel. Second By Lakin. Discussion. Non-financial items summarized by Neighbors. Motion passed. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker, and O'Neal in favor.*

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting.

B) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.

C) Discuss and consider approval of payment of attorney fees.

D) Consider approval of Budget Amendments

E) Discuss and consider accepting donations in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local.

F) Discuss and consider approval of the renewal of the Workers' Compensation coverage with TASB.

G) Discuss and consider approval for contracted services for professional support for Burnet Elementary and Central Middle School from Educentric in an amount not to exceed \$82,500.

H) Discuss and consider the adoption of Local District Update 127 affecting the policies listed below. -9:04 *Discussion. Beeton requested a change to BJCF local to read, "A board may choose not to renew a superintendent contract for any of the following reasons" Motion with changes as presented by O'Neal. Second by Masel. Motion passed. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker, and O'Neal in favor.*

I) Discuss and consider the approval of T-TESS and T-PESS Administrative Appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year.

J) Discuss and consider the approval of the GISD Human Resources Annual Appraisal Process and Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

K) Discuss and consider approval for the TEA required certification that the district is in compliance with Education Code 39.008 which prohibits diversity, equity and inclusion duties and instructional requirements.

L) Discuss and approve the Student Code of Conduct for 2026-2027.

M) Discuss and consider approval of agreement for the purchase of attendance credit, delegating contractual authority to the superintendent for the purpose of obligating the school district under TEC, 11.1511(c)(4), solely for the purpose of obligating the district under Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under tec, 49.006 related to excess local revenue

For the 2026-2027 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257, and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, §49.006. This included approval of the *Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit*, the *Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding)*, or the *Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding*.

N) Discuss and consider purchase of additional Cafeteria Tables and CTE Teacher Furniture for New Ball High School

O) Consider renewal of RFQ 2021-22-017 Geotechnical Engineering, Environmental Assessment, & Construction Materials Testing

P) Discuss and Consider Approval of the proposed contractor for Bid Package 21 Auditorium Scaffolding for use on the Ball High School South Renovation Project.

Q) Discuss and consider an Order Calling Regular Single Member School Board Trustee Election for Districts 5E and 6F on November 3, 2026.

R) Discuss and Consider Approval of the proposed contractor for Bid Package 6R (partial) Exterior CMU for use on the Ball High School South Renovation Project.

S) Discuss and Consider Approval of the proposed contractor for Bid Package #22 (partial) for use on the Ball High School South Renovation Project.

T) Consider approval of the LEA Self-Certification of Micro-Purchases for 2026-2027

U) Public Funds Investment Act Annual Compliance

11) Suggested Future Agenda Items -9:09

12) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -9:10

*Smecca went to the second new teacher luncheon and was happy to report that there were GISD graduates and teachers returning to the district.*

*Masel said that convocation was phenomenal, upbeat and exciting.*

*Tucker thanked Brown for speaking on behalf of the school board.*

*Brown gave a shout out to Moody Church for volunteering to help the teachers at Burnet to put their classes together.*

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, Trustees may report on any of the following items:

1. Expressions of thanks, gratitude, and condolences
2. Information regarding holiday schedules
3. Honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen
4. Reminders regarding GISD events
5. Reminders regarding community events
6. Health and safety announcements

13) Adjournment -9:13

Approved on August 26, 2026

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Mr. Tony Brown, President

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Mindy Lakin, Secretary