

Minutes of Governance Workshop
The Board of Trustees
Gregory-Portland ISD

A Governance Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gregory-Portland ISD was held Monday, August 17, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Gregory-Portland ISD Administration Building, 1200 Broadway, PORTLAND, TX 78374.

I. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by Carrie Gregory, Vice-President. Members present: Mark Roach, Nicole Nolen, and Zachary Simmons. Members absent: Tim Flinn (arrived at 6:08 PM), Lora Deluna, and Melissa Gonzales. Others present: Dr. Michelle Cavazos, Dr. Ismael Gonzalez III, Greg Gibson, Denise Blanchard, Penny Armstrong, and Amy Malone.

II. Comments from Public in Open Forum – No Public Comment

III. Discuss and Take Possible Action to order an Attendance Credit Election pursuant to Texas Education Code Chapter 49 (Option 3 – Purchase of Attendance Credits), and authorize the Superintendent or designee to take all actions necessary to conduct the election

It was recommended that the Board approve the Order Calling an Attendance Credit Election pursuant to Texas Education Code Chapter 49, to be held November 3, 2026, authorize submission of the election to the qualified voters of Gregory-Portland Independent School District, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents and take all actions required to conduct the election in accordance with applicable state law. Carrie Gregory made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 5/0.

Board Member	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Lora Deluna	-		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	-		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	5	0	

IV. Consider Approval of Special Education Legal Services

It was recommended that the Board accept Administration's recommendation to contract with Buechler and Associates to provide

Special Education Legal Services to Gregory-Portland Independent School District for the 2026-2027 School Year at the agreed-upon rates. Zachary Simmons made the motion, which was seconded by Nicole Nolen; motion carried 5/0.

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Totals	5	0	

RECESS AT 7:01 PM
RECONVENE AT 7:08 PM

V. Governance Workshop

CLOSED SESSION 7:08 P.M.

OPEN SESSION 9:18 P.M.

VI. The time is now 7:08 pm and we will convene in Closed Session, As Authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, 551.084, 551.087, 551.129 et seq.

- A. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee or employees, including but not limited, to resignation and employment of personnel [551.074]
- B. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code
- C. Deliberations regarding security devices or security audits [551.076]

VII. Open Session Action, If Any, on Closed Session Deliberations Regarding:
A. Consider Resignations of Personnel and Review Vacancy Report

NO ACTION TAKEN

B. Consider Employment of Personnel

NO ACTION TAKEN

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 PM

Board President, Tim Flinn

Board Secretary, Melissa Gonzales