Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Gregory-Portland ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gregory-Portland ISD was held Monday, July 27, 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 6:00 pm by Tim Flinn, President. Members present: Nicole Nolen, Zachary Simmons, Carrie Gregory, Lora Deluna, and Mark Roach. Members absent: Melissa Gonzales. Others present: Dr. Michelle Cavazos, Dr. Ismael Gonzalez III, Deborah Garza, Brittney Soliz-Sandoval, Dr. William Stout, Penny Armstrong, Dr. Michael Norris, Cameron Curran, Buffy Longoria, Jessica Rodriguez, George Hernandez, Albert Silguero, Chris Morrow, Chris Casarez, Denise Blanchard, Ivonne Banda, Brent Davis, Tonya Lorberau, Officer Laughlin, and Amy Malone.

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CLOSED SESSION 6:01 P.M.
OPEN SESSION 6:26 P.M.
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II. The time is now 6:01 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]

III. Open Session Action, If Any, on Closed Session Deliberations Regarding:

A. Consider Employment of Personnel

No Action Taken

Board Member	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Lora Deluna			
Zachary Simmons			

Carrie Gregory			
Tim Flinn			
Melissa Gonzales			
Nicole Nolen			
Mark Roach			
Totals			

_________ Motion passes/fails

B. Consider and Take Possible Action to authorize the Superintendent or designee to identify, evaluate, and negotiate the acquisition of real property

No Action Taken

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

_________ Motion passes/fails

IV. Invocation was given by Carrie Gregory

V. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Flinn

VI. Reading of the Gregory-Portland ISD Vision, Mission & Belief Statements and Board Meeting Norms

VII. Recognitions / Presentations – **No recognitions**
   A. Recognize Elected Officials & Honored Guesats
   B. Community Recognition
   C. Student Recognition
   D. Employee Recognition

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

REMINDER: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SPEAKING INTO YOUR MICROPHONE.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Receive and Approve Minutes
B. Consider Ratification of Payment of Bills
C. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments
D. Consider Approval of Donations
E. Consider Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ending May 31, 2026
F. Consider Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ending February 28, 2026
G. Consider Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ending November 30, 2025
H. Consider Approval of a Resolution Designating the District's Authorized Investment Officers
I. Consider Approval of a Resolution Regarding Annual Review of Investment Policies & Strategies
J. Consider Approval of Investment Broker/Dealers & Consultants
K. Consider Approval of Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) Training Providers
L. Consider Approval of the Independent Annual Audit Contract
M. Consider Approval to Authorize the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent for Business-Finance & Operations to make all necessary End-of-Year Budget Amendments/Adjustments to close out the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget for Annual Financial Reporting Purposes
N. Consider Approval to Carry Forward and Re-appropriate 2025-2026 Encumbrances and Fund Commitments into Fiscal Year 2026-2027
O. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP # 2425-06 Nursing Services
P. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP # 2425-07 Physical Therapy Services
Q. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP #2425-08 Dyslexia and Special Education Evaluation Services
R. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP #2425-09 Occupational Therapy Services
S. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP #2425-10 Psychological Services
T. Consider Approval of Resolution for Eligibility Status of San Patricio County 4-H and Appointment of Adjunct Faculty Members
U. Consider Approval of a One (1) Year Contract Renewal Extension for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Employee Benefits Professional Services with Third Party Administrator, First Financial Administrators, Inc.

V. Consider Approval to Call a Public Hearing for August 31, 2026, relating to the adoption of the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget and Tax-Rate
W. Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Compensation Plan/Handbook Update
X. Consider Approval of Local Policy Changes
Y. Consider Approval of Senate Bill 12: Annual Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws
Z. Consider Approval for G-PHS Band Out of State Travel for End of Year Trip in Orlando, Florida, May 23-28, 2027
AA. Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct

It was recommended to approve items A, B, D through S, U, V, X through Z as one item. Lora Deluna made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 6/0.

Board Member	**FOR**	**AGAINST**	**ABSTAIN**
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
~~Melissa Gonzales~~	-		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	6	0	

It was recommended to approve items C, T, W, AA as one item. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 6/0.

Board Member	**FOR**	**AGAINST**	**ABSTAIN**
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
~~Melissa Gonzales~~	-		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	6	0	

X. Regular Business Action Items

A. Discuss and Take Possible Action Regarding Approval of the Schematic Design and Any Necessary Revisions to the Project Budget for the Bond 2025 Visual and Performing Arts Center Project

It was recommended that the Board approve the schematic design for the Gregory-Portland ISD Visual and Performing Arts Academic Center and Career and Technical Education (CTE) Facility as presented; approve an additional budget allocation of $11,000,000 from the General Fund Balance and any necessary budget amendments; authorize the project to proceed into the Design Development Phase; and authorize administration to take all actions necessary to implement the Board's direction, including preparing a reimbursement resolution if directed by the Board. Mark Roach made the motion, which was seconded by Nicole Nolen; motion carried 5/1.

Board Member	**FOR**	**AGAINST**	**ABSTAIN**
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory		X	
Tim Flinn	X		
~~Melissa Gonzales~~	-		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	5	1	

B. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve an Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to Delegate the Authority to Obligate the School District under Texas Education Code Chapter 49 to the Superintendent

It was recommended that the Board accept the recommendation by administration to delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (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, including 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 the purchase of attendance credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding. Carrie Gregory made the motion, which was seconded by Lora Deluna; motion carried 6/0.

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

Totals	6	0	

C. Discuss and Take Possible Action on RFP #2526-07 Athletic and Student Accident Insurance

It was recommended that the Board accept Administration's recommendation to award a contract to The Brokerage Store to support G-PISD with Athletic and Student Accident and Catastrophic Insurance for the 2026-27 school year, with two possible one-year renewals in response to RFP# 2526-07. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Lora Deluna; motion carried 6/0.

Board Member	**FOR**	**AGAINST**	**ABSTAIN**
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
~~Melissa Gonzales~~	-		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	6	0	

D. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Texas Teachers Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Certified Appraisers for the 2026-2027 School Year

It was recommended that the Board approve the List of T-TESS Certified Appraisers for the 2026-2027 School Year. Carrie Gregory made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 6/0.

Board Member	**FOR**	**AGAINST**	**ABSTAIN**
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
~~Melissa Gonzales~~	-		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	6	0	

XI. Reports/Discussion Items
   A. Board Scorecard Report
      1. Review Board Calendar
   B. Superintendent's Report
      1. Legislative Update
   C. G-PISD Enrollment and Demographics Study Update

XII. Board Instructions to President/Superintendent on Items of Discussion

None

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 PM

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Board President, Tim Flinn Board Secretary, Melissa Gonzales