

**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, August 31, 2026, beginning at 6:30 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 6:27 pm by Tim Flinn, President.
Members present: Nicole Nolen, Melissa Gonzales, Zachary Simmons, Carrie Gregory, Lora Deluna, and Mark Roach. Others present: Dr. Michelle Cavazos, Dr. Ismael Gonzalez III, Deborah Garza, Brittney Soliz-Sandoval, Dr. William Stout, Dr. Michael Norris, Cameron Curran, Buffy Longoria, Jessica Rodriguez, George Hernandez, Albert Silguero, Melinda Pena, Wesley Sanchez, Erica Tapia, Officer Laughlin, and Amy Malone.

CLOSED SESSION 6:49 P.M.

OPEN SESSION 7:47 P.M.

- II.** The time is now 6:49 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 given by Mark Roach
- V. Pledge of Allegiance led by Nicole Nolen
- VI. Reading of the Gregory-Portland ISD Vision, Mission & Belief Statements and Board Meeting Norms
- VII. Recognitions / Presentations
 - A. Recognize Elected Officials & Honored Guests
 - B. Community Recognition
 - C. Student Recognition
 - D. Employee Recognition
 - 1. Virginia Haer
 - 2. Francisco Martinez
 - 3. Brandi Taylor
- VIII. Comments from Public in Open Forum – No Public Comment

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

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 Donations
 - D. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP#24204 Access Control & Security Camera Yearly Maintenance
 - E. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP#2122-15 Workers Compensation Fixed Cost Program
 - F. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP#2122-16 Liability & Automobile Coverage
 - G. Consider Approval of a Contract Addendum No. 1 with Stridde, Callins & Associates, Inc. Relating to Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) Engineering Services for the Visual and Performing Arts Center Project
 - H. Consider Approval of Resolution for Eligibility Status of Nueces County 4-H and Appointment of Adjunct Faculty Members

It was recommended that the board approve items A through H as one item. Zachary Simmons made the motion, which was seconded by Lora Deluna; motion carried 6/1 with one abstention

Board Member	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach			X
Totals	6	0	1

- X. Regular Business Action Items
 - A. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve the 2026-2027 Fiscal-Year Budget

It was recommended that the board make a motion on the following:

On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of the Gregory-Portland Independent School District, hereby approve and adopt the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year budgets as presented during tonight's public meeting which includes the General Fund, Food Service, and Debt Service Budgets:

- The General Fund includes:
 - o Total projected Revenue: \$104,872,792
 - o Total projected Expenditures: \$104,872,792
 - o As per TEC 29.081, Accelerated Instruction Budget of \$2,450,110 within the General Fund Budget
- The Food Service Fund includes:
 - o Total projected Revenue: \$3,673,285
 - o Total projected Expenditures: \$4,826,311
 - o Total Other Financing Sources (General Fund Balance): to cover year-ending deficit up to \$1,153,026
- The Debt Service Fund includes:
 - o Total projected Revenue: \$61,085,616
 - o Total projected Expenditures: \$61,085,616

Adopted this 31st day of August, 2026, by the Board of Trustees.
 Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons;
 motion carried 7/0.

Board Member	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	7	0	

B. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve Establishing the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Interest & Sinking (Debt Service)

It was recommended that the board make a motion on the following:

I move that a proposed rate to pay debt service of \$0.3400 per \$100 of taxable value be approved. This rate exceeds the district's debt service rate determined under Section 44.004(c)(5)(A)(ii)(b) of the Education Code of \$0.232333 by \$0.107667. The excess revenue collected from the proposed rate will be used for accelerating the repayment of the District's outstanding

indebtedness and establishing and maintaining reasonable debt service reserves.

Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Carrie Gregory; motion carried 7/0.

Board Member	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	7	0	

C. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve a Resolution
Establishing Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance & Operations and
Interest & Sinking for the 2026 Tax Year

It was recommended that the board make a motion on the following:

RESOLUTION SETTING TAX RATE FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREGORY-
PORTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "District") THAT:

On this date August 31, 2026, we, the Board of Trustees of the above-named District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 of taxable valuation for the District for the tax year listed above at a total tax rate of \$1.1037, to be assessed and collected by the duly designated assessor/collector as follows:

\$0.7637 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and

\$0.3400 for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the District's debt.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

The tax rate set forth above was adopted by the following motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.1037, which is effectively a 76.06 percent increase in the tax rate."

This Resolution was adopted by a record vote of at least 60 percent of the members of the Board of Trustees, as reflected in the vote recorded below and in the minutes of this meeting.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 143.18 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$449.65.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the vote set forth below on this 31st day of August, 2026.

Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 7/0.

Board Member	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	7	0	

- D. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve a Resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Gregory-Portland Independent School District Providing for the Defeasance and Calling for Redemption of Certain Currently Outstanding District Obligations; Directing That the Board Secretary, or Her Designee, Effectuate the Redemption of These Obligations; Authorizing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement; and Other Matters in Connection Therewith

It was recommended that the Board approve and adopt a resolution providing for the defeasance and redemption of certain currently outstanding district obligations. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Carrie Gregory; motion carried 7/0.

Board Member	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		

Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
Totals	7	0	

- XI. Reports/Discussion Items
 - A. Board Scorecard Report
 - 1. Review Board Calendar
 - B. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. ACE Election
 - 2. Legislative Update
 - 3. November 1, 2025 Hailstorm – District Wide Assessment and Project Update
- XII. Board Instructions to President/Superintendent on Items of Discussion
- NONE
- XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Board President, Tim Flinn

Board Secretary, Melissa Gonzales