



## Minutes of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held November 20, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

Audio visual recording of this meeting can be found online at: <https://gisd.viebit.com/index.php?folder=ALL>

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

*BOT in attendance: O'Neal, Jobe, Masel, Brown, Lakin, Beeton, Smecca, and Tucker  
Staff in attendance: Post, Martello, Polzin, Patrick, Scott, Bennett, Dickerson, Mizelle, Monges, Sanders, Le, Grant, Dudas, Neighbors, Bly*

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. –6:00
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. –6:00  
–6:03 *Token of gratitude presented to Shae Jobe for his service on the school board for 6 years.*

*~Meeting paused for technical difficulties. ~*

- 3) Administer Oath of Office to Single-Member Districts 1A, 3C and 4D. –6:13
- 4) 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. –6:19  
*Joe Jaworski - Spoke about the Rosenberg site.  
JP Byran - Spoke about the Rosenberg site.  
Shawn Arthur - Spoke about the L.A. Morgan site.  
Timothy Sykes - Spoke about the L.A. Morgan site.  
Thomas Singleton - Spoke about the L.A. Morgan site.  
Taris Woods - Spoke about the L.A. Morgan site.  
Mary Castillo - Spoke about track  
Roneshia Ward - Central Dancing Dolls invited the board to their show. December 13th at 7pm at Central auditorium  
Mike Dudas - Spoke about Share Your Holidays food drive December 3rd, from 8am until 12 noon. He also gave an update on the Share Your School Supplies drive.  
Rebecca Goodwin - on behalf of Bob Brown - Spoke about the Rosenberg site.*
- 5) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. –6:51 *Brown will abstain from item 8A and Tucker will abstain from Consent agenda item 11H.*
- 6) District Reports –6:52 *Dr. Neighbors announced "BoardWalks" that will be once a month. Board members are invited over lunch time to visit campuses.*
  - A) Superintendent's Report - Math, Robin Sanders –6:53
  - B) Board Committee Reports –7:15

- 1) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca –7:15
- 7) Financial Reports and Budget Update –7:20 *report by Smecca*
- A) Discuss and consider reorganization of Officers of the GISD Board of Trustees – 7:24 *Masel nominated Brown as president, Smecca as vice-president and Lakin as secretary. Second by Beeton. No discussion. Approved unanimously.*

1) Board Hours

- 8) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items
- A) Discuss and consider casting votes for the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. –7:25 *Smecca moved to cast GISD’s votes for Thomas Farmer. Second by Masel. Discussion. 6-0-1 Brown abstained.*
- B) Discuss and Consider campus leadership incentive options for campus improvement and performance. –7:30 *Motion by Masel to accept the incentive program as presented. Second by O’Neal. Discussion. Approved unanimously.*
- 9) 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. –7:38

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; a 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.

- 10) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. –8:32  
*Review of executive session by Brown.*

11) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items –8:32 *Pulled Item H. Motion to approve by Smecca. Second by Lakin. Discussion. Approved unanimously.*

- A) Consider approval of the minutes from the October 16, 2024, 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 Resolution to join the Equalis Purchasing Cooperative.

G) Approve performance contract with Trinity Upbring for Pre-K partnership effective January 2025 through July 2028.

H) Discuss and consider approval of the SSA agreement for Visually Impaired Students and for Orientation and Mobility (“O&M”) Services – *Taken separately. Motion by Beeton. Second by Lakin. Discussion. 5 in favor, 0 opposed. Tucker abstained.*

I) Discuss and consider amended contract with PBK Architects for professional services related to construction of Ball High School

J) Discuss and Consider Approval of School Revenue Partners Agreement Contract and Area Addendums for Advertising Opportunities

K) Discuss and Consider Approval Materials Testing for New Ball High School/Natorium, Middle Schools and Courville Stadium

L) Discuss and Consider Approval of Summit Fire and Security Proposal for Fire Alarm & Suppression Construction Work for Courville Stadium

*Pulled from consent: Item H 8:33 motion by Beeton. Second by Lakin. Discussion. 5-0-1 Tucker abstained.*

12) Suggested Future Agenda Items - 8:34 *Beeton would like to add asking legislature to have school board elections in May instead of November and also to ask if names of board members running unopposed could be on the ballot. Brown and Smecca discussed facilities agenda in January about surplus building and discussing options. Tucker asked about track as brought up in public comment. Beeton stated she would also like to hear from the administration about the future about a track facility. Smecca asked if that would be a bond issue. 8:41 point of order. Brown would like discussion about monies generated by the port to the school district.*

13) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES –8:45

*O’Neal is thankful for GISD staff and people in the community. He acknowledged Painting and Poetry with the Pros by Kimble Anders and his group, St. Vincent’s house honoring the Drs. Sharon and Ben Raimer, Mike Evans and his Thanksgiving lunch.*

*Tucker thanks everyone for helping him today and he looks forward to the future.*

*Lakin would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.*

*Beeton would like to thank Dr. Neighbors and the administration for some of the important things done today including the campus incentive options, the partnership with Trinity Upbring, and the amended contract with PBK.*

*Smecca welcomed Tucker to the board. He spoke about the students that signed to play sports in college. Happy Thanksgiving to the staff and everyone who supports GISD.*

*Neighbors reminded everyone that the playoff game for football will be Thursday. Brown would like to thank the GISD police department who hosted a lunch today. He spoke about the Veteran's Day production at Crenshaw. Thanks to Judge Billy Williams for swearing in the board members.*

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 salutory 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
- 14)Adjournment - 8:55

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on December 18, 2024

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Mr. Tony Brown, President

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Mindy Lakin, Secretary