

Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

BOT in attendance: Smecca, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker. Beeton at 6:02. O'Neal at 6:23

Staff in attendance: Post, Mizelle, Polzin, Scott, Kyle, Andy, Melendez, Grant, Edenfield, Dudas, Martello, Neighbors, and Bly

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

A Public Hearing on GISD's 2024-2025 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX. Chief Financial Officer, Jeff Martello, presented the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Management Report and went over GISD's School FIRST accountability rating for the August 31, 2024 fiscal year. *-6:00 report given by Martello. At 6:11 Patrick from Whitley Penn gave his report. 6:26 No public comment.*

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held immediately following the public hearing. - *Called to order at 6:28*

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. *-6:28*
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. *-6:28*
- 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. *-6:28 None*
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. *-6:28 None*
- 5) District Reports
 - A) Superintendent's Reports *-6:29*
 - 1) Gifted and Talented - Presented by Stephanie Mizelle *-6:29*
 - 2) Advanced Academics - Presented by Jennifer Edenfield *-6:51*
 - 3) *Mike Dudas gave a report about the food drive. -7:20*
 - B) Board Committee Reports *-7:23*
 - 1) Policy Committee Chair- Mr. David O'Neal *-7:23*
 - 2) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca *-7:26*
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update *-7:28*
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items *-7:33 none*
- 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. *-7:34*

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.

9) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. -8:09

10) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items -8:09 *Motion by Masel. Second by Tucker. No discussion.*

Motion passed unanimously.

- A) Consider approval of the minutes from the November 19, 2025 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 purchase of Audio Visual Equipment for CTE at New Ball High School
- G) Discuss and Consider Approval of Purchase of Food Service Equipment (Steamers & Fryer) – Various School Sites
- H) Discuss and consider approval of the purchase of Culinary Kitchen Equipment and Supplies for CTE at New Ball High School
- I) Discuss and consider approval of revised School Board Minutes from August 6th, 2025 Original Board Meeting (Chapter 49 Excess Local Revenue)
- J) Discuss and consider approval of the August 31, 2025, Annual Financial and Compliance Report.

11) Suggested Future Agenda Items -8:10 *None*

12) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -8:10

Smecca wished everyone happy holidays and invited people to come see the new high school during the open house on January 28th.

Beeton and Lakin echoed Smecca's sentiments.

Brown congratulated the 22 students who graduated at AIM. Also announced the ribbon cutting at the new high school on January 12th at 4:30pm.

Masel also wished everyone happy holidays and expressed condolences to Barry Rockkind who passed away Sunday and served on the school board.

Tucker wished everyone happy holidays and thanked the board for a great first year.

O'Neal condolences for the loss of Walterene Johnson who worked at MECC, Barry Rockkind who served on the school board, and Whitney Paul who was an athlete. He also applauded the dancers

at the dancing dolls program. Happy holidays to all.

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 8:18

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on January 21, 2026

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mindy Lakin, Secretary
