



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 August 6, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

*BOT in attendance: Smecca, Lakin, Brown, Tucker, O'Neal. Absent: Beeton and Masel
Staff in attendance: Dudas, Martello, Grant, Scott, Post, Patrick, Neighbors, Beall, Bly*

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. –6:01
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. –6:01
- 3) Citizens' 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. –6:02
Corlie Jackson - Spoke about voting rights
Mike Dudas - Spoke about Share Your School Supplies drive, convocation, and thanks to the school district for support after losing his wife.
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. –6:10 none
- 5) District Reports –6:10
 - A) Superintendent's Report –6:10
 - 1) Sale of Rosenberg and Morgan updates –6:10 *Rosenberg soil reports have come back clean. Morgan property is finalizing paperwork to close.*
 - B) Board Committee Reports –6:12
 - 1) Policy Committee Report given by Chair, Mr. David O'Neal –6:12
 - 2) Facilities/Finance Committee report given by Chair, Mr. Johnny Smecca –6:14
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update by Jeff Martello –6:21
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items –6:25
 - A) Discuss and consider Approval of 2025 Proposed Tax Rate to be Published in Notice of Public Hearing –6:25 *Motion by Brown that the board approve \$0.6769 for maintenance and operations tax rate and \$0.1646 for interest and sinking fund tax rate for a total 2025 proposed tax rate of \$.8415, to be published in the Notice of Public Meeting to discuss budget and tax rate. Second by Lakin. Discussion. Approved unanimously 5-0*
 - B) Schedule Public Meeting to Discuss the 2025 Proposed Tax Rate and the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget –6:27 *Motion by Brown to approve the August 27, 2025, as the date of the public meeting to discuss the 2025 Proposed Tax Rate and the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget. Second by O'Neal. Approved unanimously 5-0*
 - C) Discuss and consider approval for the recommended CMA Contract with Coltzer Construction/Zero Six Consulting for the renovation of the Libby Shearn Moody Performing Arts Center, related fine arts areas, and the remaining refurbishing of existing portions of Ball High School related to the Bond 2022 Construction Project –

6:28 Motion by Brown to approve the contract with Coltzer Construction and Zero6 consulting as presented under separate cover subject to the staff and legal counsel finalizing exhibit A. Second by Lakin. Discussion. Approved unanimously 5-0

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.

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. –6:30

9) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. –7:27

Brief summary of executive session by Lakin.

10) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items –7:27 *Motion to approve by Tucker. Second by Smecca Approved 5-0*

A) Consider approval of the minutes from June 18, 2025, Regular board meeting and June 25, 2025, Special 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 AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ATTENDANCE CREDIT, DELEGATING CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBLIGATING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

UNDER TEC, 11.1511(C)(4), SOLEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT UNDER CHAPTER 49, SUBCHAPTERS A AND D AND THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AS AUTHORIZED UNTEDR TEC, 49.006 RELATED TO EXCESS LOCAL REVENUE

For the 2025-2026 school year, we delegated 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. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

- G) Discuss and approve the Student Code of Conduct for 2025-2026.
- H) Discuss and consider approval to Purchase Jar Systems Elevate Air Charging Carts through SHI.
- I) Discuss and consider approval to Purchase Newline 86-inch Interactive Display Panel Bundle through HOWARD Technology Solution.
- J) Discuss and consider approval to Purchase Wireless Access Points through Micro Integration.
- K) Discuss and consider the adoption of Local District Update 125 affecting the policies listed below.
- L) Discuss and consider the adoption of EFB (Local) – ALT – Instructional Resources Library Materials.
- M) Discuss and consider the adoption of FNCE (Local)–A-S – Student Conduct – Personal Communication Devices/Electronic Devices
- N) Discuss and consider approval of the renewal of the Workers’ Compensation coverage with TASB
- O) Discuss and consider approval for the district to enter into an agreement with Adaptive Behavior School to serve a GISD student.
- P) Discuss and consider approval of the Interagency Agreement between Upward Hope Academy and GISD to provide educational services to students in a Drop-Out Prevention/Recovery Program.
- Q) Discuss and consider approval Emergency Electrical Breaker Box Work At Ball High School During 4Th of July Holiday Break
- R) Consider renewal of RFQ 2021-22-017 Geotechnical Engineering, Environmental Assessment, & Construction Materials Testing
- S) Public Funds Investment Act Annual Compliance
- T) Discuss and consider an Order Calling Regular Single Member School Board Trustee Election for Districts 2B and 7G on November 4, 2025.
- U) Discuss and consider the approval of T-TESS and T-PESS Administrative Appraisers for the 2025-2026 school year.
- V) Discuss and consider approval of the LEA Self-Certification of Micro-Purchases for 2025-2026
- W) Discuss and consider Resolution Extending Depository Contract for 2 Additional Years

X) Discuss and consider the approval of the GISD Human Resources annual appraisal process and appraisal calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

11)Suggested Future Agenda Items –7:28 *none*

12)COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES –7:28

Tucker spoke about convocation and asked for a moment of silence for Vincent Bennett.

Brown spoke about convocation.

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 –7:29

Approved on August 6, 2025

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mindy Lakin, Secretary