



# 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 January 21, 2026, 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/?folder=ALL>*

*BOT in attendance: Brown, Smecca, Beeton, Tucker. O'Neal arrived at 6:30. Masel absent.*

*Staff in attendance: Post, Scott, Martello, Polzin, Le, Edenfield, Pruitt, Grant, Trung, 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 *led by Micah Simons and Emory Guajardo*
- 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. -6:03 *None*
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. -6:03 *None*
- 5) District Reports -6:04
  - A) Superintendent's Report
    - 1) Communities in Schools -6:07 *presented by Tonita Touchstone*
    - 2) School Board Recognition -6:04
    - 3) Ball High Opening -6:06 *Open house January 28<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:30pm*
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update -6:21 *by Smecca*
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items - *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. -6:26

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.

- 1) No. 3:25-CV-00378; State of Texas v. Galveston ISD

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 abutting or adjacent to Central school property 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. -7:40

10) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items -7:51 *Motion to approved by O'Neal. Second by Smecca. Discussion. Motion Passed 6-0 Masel absent.*

A) Discuss and Consider approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2025 Regular 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 the revision of CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues Investments
- G) Discuss and consider the adoption of Local District Update 126 affecting the policies included therein. -7:40 *Summary by Neighbors*
- H) Discuss and Consider Approval of Bid Package #1 - Temporary Labor for use on the Ball High School South Renovation Project.
- I) Discuss and Consider Approval of Bid Package #2 – Equipment Rental for use on the Ball High School South Renovation Project.
- J) Discuss and Consider Approval of Oppe Elementary Playground Equipment Attachments, Picnic Tables, and Canopies

11) Suggested Future Agenda Items -7:51 *SPED update*

12) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Tucker expressed his appreciation for the work done to open Ball North*

*O’Neal agreed with Tucker and added it was a very motivating moment and also that this is first time that a school was built for everyone. He announced that Rotary will have their chili dinner on January 28<sup>th</sup> and a tour will be held.*

*Brown announced that Artemis 2 being is launched to the moon between Feb 6-10<sup>th</sup> and will include Galvestonian, Christina Koch.*

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 -7:55

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on February 18, 2026

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Mr. Tony Brown, President

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Mindy Lakin, Secretary