



Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

The Public Hearing to present the 2025– 2026 Proposed Budget and 2025 Proposed Tax Rate began at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX – 6:00pm presented by Jeff Martello Paused at 6:02 for technical sound issues. Resumed at 6:06

Members of the public may comment or ask questions about the budget. This hearing is legally mandated by the Texas Education Code and serves as the final opportunity for public review of the proposed budget. The public notice was published in the local newspaper as required by law.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District will be held Wednesday, August 27, 2025, immediately following the Public Hearing to discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

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.

BOT in attendance: Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, O'Neal. Absent: Tucker

Staff in attendance: Post, Martello, Polzin, Patrick, Scott, Temple, Old tennis coach, Grant, Mendoza, Longoria, Dudas, Neighbors, Beall, Bly

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. –6:32
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. –6:33 *Led by Miguel Mendoza, Ball freshman and track medalist.*
- 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. –6:35
Heather Larette- Spoke about nurses pay in GISD 6:38 questions by trustees.
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. –6:48 *none*
- 5) District Reports –6:48
 - A) Superintendent's Report –6:48
 - 1) Accountability and District Focus –6:48 *presented by Dr. Post*
 - B) Board Committee Reports –7:04
 - 1) Facilities/Finance Committee –7:04 *report given by Chair, Mr. Johnny Smecca*
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update –7:10 *report given by Johnny Smecca.*
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items –7:15
 - A) Discuss and consider approval of the 2025-2026 General Operating, Debt Service and School Nutrition budgets by fund and function. –7:15 *O'Neal requested item M get pulled from consent. Motion by Smecca. Second by Masel. Discussion. 7:39 motion approved unanimously*
 - B) Discuss and consider adoption of an order authorizing the defeasance and redemption of certain outstanding bonds; approving and authorizing the execution of an

escrow agreement; authorizing the engagement of a verification agent; and containing other provisions relating thereto –7:39 *Motion by Beeton. Second by Lakin. Discussion. Motion approved unanimously*

C) Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Tax Rate–7:41 *Motion by Brown. Second by Masel. Motion approved unanimously*

D) Discuss and consider the adoption of FD (LOCAL)– ADMISSIONS–7:44 *Motion by O’Neal to maintain the current policy. Second by Masel. Discussion. 8:03 Motion carries 5-1 Beeton opposed.*

Item M from the consent agenda Discuss and Consider approval to cancel the Regular School Trustee Election for District 2-B and 7-G for the November 4, 2025 School Board Election. –8:03 *Motion by O’Neal. Second by Lakin. Discussion. Motion carries unanimously.*

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. – 8:08pm

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 or past superintendents.

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. –9:22pm

Summary of closed session by Lakin

10) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items –9:22 *Motion by Masel. To approve excluding item M. Second by Lakin. Motion approved unanimously.*

A) Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the August 6, 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) Discuss and consider approval of monthly Budget Amendment (Under separate cover.)

- E) Discuss and consider accepting donations in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local.
- F) Discuss and consider the adoption of FM (LOCAL)– Student Activities
- G) Discuss and consider approval of Skyward Annual License Fee
- H) Discuss and consider approval of Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights
- I) Discuss and consider approval of T-TESS and T-PESS Administrative Appraisers for 2025-2026 school year.
- J) Discuss and consider approval of 10 nonbusiness days for inclusion in deadlines for responding to public information requests or to request Attorney General opinions.
- K) Discuss and consider minor roofing repairs for GISD Facilities for FY26 with Garland Roofing
- L) Discuss and consider acceptance of GCAD Certified Taxable Values and Tax Rolls for 2025 and Approve 2025 Estimated Collection Rate and 2024 Excess Debt Collections as presented by Cheryl Johnson, Galveston County Tax-Assessor Collector
- M) Discuss and Consider approval to cancel the Regular School Trustee Election for District 2-B and 7-G for the November 4, 2025 School Board Election. *Moved to Regular Agenda*
- N) Discuss and consider approval of negotiating contract with Galveston College to provide police services beginning December 1, 2025.
- O) Discuss and consider the Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding for the Coastal Alternative Program (CAP) for the 2025-2026 school year.
- P) Discuss and consider the renewal of the Shared Services Agreement for the Galveston-Brazoria Cooperative for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, GBCDHH Regional Day School Program for the Deaf and RDSPD – School Year 2025-2026.
- 11) Suggested Future Agenda Items –9:23 *none*
- 12) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES –9:23
O'Neal spoke about the new press box.
Lakin thanked everyone for all the school supplies
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 - –9:28

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on September 24, 2025

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mindy Lakin, Secretary