



## 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 19, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550. -6:01

*Staff in attendance: Martello, Post, Dudas, Polzin, Patrick, Scott, Grant, Fisher, Pruitt, Edenfield, Neighbors, Bly*

*Board members in attendance: Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker, O'Neal*

The subjects 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.

- 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 *Led by the Central Dancing Dolls. They announce their dance recital information and passed out tickets to the board.*
- 3) Administer Oath of Office to Single-Member Districts 2B and 7G by Judge Rebecca Millo of the 10th Judicial District Court of Galveston County Texas. -6:03
- 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. -6:08  
*Carol Derragon spoke about Ten Commandments*  
*Sandra Sullivan thanked the board for their vote concerning the Ten Commandments.*  
*Russell LaForte thanked the board for voting as they did and spoke about the Ten Commandments.*  
*Sean Foley spoke about the Ten Commandments.*  
*Harvey Rice spoke about the Ten Commandments.*  
*Lodie Massey supported the Board's vote to defer posting the Ten Commandments.*  
*Dr. Jackie Cole thanks the board for voting to not hang the Ten Commandments for now.*  
*Pamela Denny supports the board's decision to delay hanging the Ten Commandments.*
- 5) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. -6:26 *none*
- 6) District Reports -6:26
  - A) Superintendent's Report
    - 1) District Reading Report (Mizelle) -6:26  
*Mike Dudas announced that the Share Your Christmas Food drive will be December 2, 2025, from 8am to 12 noon.*
  - B) Board Committee Reports -6:48
    - 1) Facilities/Finance Committee Report given by Chair, Mr. Johnny Smecca -6:48
- 7) Financial Reports and Budget Update -6:53
- 8) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items -6:59

- A) Discuss and consider reorganization of Officers of the GISD Board of Trustees. - 8:31 *Motion by Masel to retain the current slate of officers: Anthony Brown as President, Johnny Smecca as Vice president and Mindy Lakin as secretary. Second by O'Neal. Discussion. Motion passed. Smecca, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker and O'Neal in favor. Beeton opposed.*
- B) Discuss and consider legal and procedural options in response to Attorney General lawsuit regarding SB10 and display of Ten Commandments posters in classrooms. -6:59 *Deferred until after closed session.* -8:34 *Statement read by Neighbors, "In regard to the posting of the Ten Commandments posters, the Galveston ISD board heard community input and finds state law currently conflicts with long standing federal law and existing interpretations of the Constitution regarding the posting of the Ten commandments in public school classrooms. We are disappointed we must use district resources to defend this local decision against state action. The United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit plans to hear this case in January. Until then, Galveston ISD will continue to seek legal counsel and will navigate next steps in light of other ongoing litigation, Galvani ISD remains committed to maintaining the safety and well-being of every student in our care, so for now, the Board is not reversing its current course of action."*
- C) Discuss and consider casting votes for the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. -7:00 *Motion by Smecca to cast 666 votes for Thomas Farmer. Second by Lakin. Discussion. Motion Passed. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, and O'Neal in favor. Tucker abstained.*
- D) Discuss and Consider Approval of GMP New Ball High School South Building Addition Package #7C. -7:02 *Motion by Masel that the Board of Trustees approve GMP South Building Addition Package #7C in the amount of \$7,099,395, bringing the total for BHS South new construction GMP amount to date at \$196,512,525. Further, that the Board of Trustees approve the authorization to allow the administration the ability to negotiate a final GMP South Building Addition Package #7C Contract. Second by Smecca. Discussion. Motion passed 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. -7:08

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.

- No. 25-CV-1117, State of Texas vs. Galveston ISD et al.
  - 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.
    - Status of conveyance of Rosenberg Elementary Property.
  - 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. -8:31
- 11) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items -8:33 *Motion by Beeton. Second by Masel. No discussion. Motion approved unanimously.*
- A) Discuss and Consider approval of the minutes from the October 22, 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) Consider approval of the Ball High Choir Out-of-Country trip to Cozumel, Mexico for performances and clinic opportunity.
  - G) Discuss and consider plumbing, electrical, and HVAC supply purchases from Coburn Supply for the GISD Facilities Department in FY26.
  - H) Discuss and consider electrical purchases from Crescent Electrical for the GISD Facilities Department in FY26.
  - I) Discuss and consider electrical and HVAC supply purchases from City Electric for the GISD Facilities Department in FY26.
  - J) Discuss and consider approval of the purchase of thirteen tool chest units for the automotive program at the new Ball High School.
  - K) Discuss and consider approval of resolution adopting the prevailing wage rates for the renovation and refurbishing of existing portions of Ball High School and remaining Proposition C renovation projects related to the Bond 2022 Construction Projects supplementing previously approved PBK wage rates.
  - L) Discuss and consider allowing GISD police chief to appoint reserve police officers.
  - M) Discuss and consider retention pay for nurses who did not qualify for Teacher Retention Allotment passed by State Legislature in 2025.

N) Discuss and consider approval of the purchase of cabinet units for the welding program at the new Ball High School.

O) Discuss and consider the approval of the updated GISD Regulation GKD-R – Use of School Facilities

12)Suggested Future Agenda Items

13)COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -8:34

*O'Neal asked for a moment of silence for Carolyn Crocket Smith and Spurgeon Wynn. He also announced Mike Evans 4th annual Thanksgiving luncheon.*

*Masel announced that Ball High theater is doing their musical production of Grease!*

*O'Neal also reminded the board of the Dancing Dolls program at Central.*

*Tucker thanked the board for a year of service with them.*

*Lakin wished the community a happy Thanksgiving*

*Smecca wished condolences to Cathy Van Ness on the loss of her husband*

*Brown spoke about the need for a trained workforce.*

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

14)Adjournment -8:54

Approved on December 17, 2025

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Mr. Tony Brown, President

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Mindy Lakin, Secretary