Minutes of Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Graham ISD

A Special Meeting/Board Workshop of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday, March 25, 2026, called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Chris Blanton, and it was noted that the meeting was held in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Brandon Bates, John Brown, Chris Blanton, Kristina Pettus, Brandon Joy, Jason Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauren Mahaney

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Anne Routon, Robert Loomis, and Joe Gordy

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner

SPECIAL SESSION

HUMAN RESOURCES

A. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN UPDATE TO THE 2025-2026 CALENDAR TO REFLECT AN EARLY RELEASE DAY ON MAY 21, 2026**

   A motion by Brandon Joy , seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of an update to the 2025-2026 Calendar to reflect an early release day on May 21,2026. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus and Jason Smith voting in favor.

ADJOURN

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the Special Session and go into Board Workshop at 5:33 pm. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Brandon Joy, Jason Smith, and Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

BOARD WORKSHOP

A. District Bond Capacity Presentation
Jake Lawrence, Senior Vice President, Government Capital Securities, presented information regarding Graham ISD's bond capacity. This information will help inform the recommendations of the GISD Facilities Planning Committee.

B. Strategic Plan Update
Anne Routon, Robert Loomis, Gary Browning and Joe Gordy presented an update to the Board of Trustees on the District's Strategic Plan.

C. Budget Update
Gary Browning, Chief Financial Officer, shared with the Board of Trustees information regarding the current year (2025-2026) budget outlook and additional data that will inform 2026-2027 budget planning.

CLOSED SESSION
The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. under the Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:32 p.m.

Closed Session: Under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, the Board will enter into closed or Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property Gov't Code 555.072, Deployment or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices Gov't Code 551.076, and Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071

A. Real Property
To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person (Texas Government Code 551.072)

B. Personnel
To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Board members, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee (Texas Government Code 551.074)

C. Consultation with Attorney
To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including Board Members, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, including mid-contract termination of probationary contract employee. (Texas Government Code 551.074)

D. Security Devices or Security Audits

To deliberate the development, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel devices or a security audit (Texas Government Code 551.076)

Reconvene in Open Session to take any necessary action on items discussed in Closed Session to discuss Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074 and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Gov't Code 555.072 or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, Gov't Code 551.076, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071

ACTION ITEM OPEN SESSION

STUDENT SERVICES

A. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GUARDIAN LIST UPDATED MARCH 2026**

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of Guardian List Updated March 2026. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith and Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

ADJOURN

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the Special Session. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Brandon Joy, Jason Smith, and Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

APPROVED

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Chris Blanton, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

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Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary
Board of Trustees
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