



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

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Gregory-Portland ISD receives Unofficial Election Results for School Board Trustees from San Patricio County

At approximately 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021, Gregory-Portland ISD received unofficial election results from San Patricio County to fill four seats on the district's Board of Trustees. Canvassing of the results is scheduled for the next regular board meeting on May 10th, and pending that process the top four candidates will be sworn in as newly-elected at-large members of the School Board.

"We want to extend our thanks to everyone in the community who made the effort to cast their votes in this election," said G-PISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos. "While we congratulate the individuals who will soon serve on the board based on these preliminary and unofficial results, we're also grateful each of the nine candidates whose names appeared on the ballot. Their active participation and engagement is a clear indicator that our students, families, teachers, and staff are highly valued, and have received the great honor of having several community leaders vie for the opportunity to voluntarily serve a great school community. They are all to be commended for their willingness to commit the time, energy, and talent required to serve, and I sincerely thank them all."

Cavazos said the seats made vacant for four newly-elected Trustees this year have been held by four long-time Trustees whose combined service to the district totals nearly 70 years. "It's incredible that a school community would have such long-standing commitments in these all-important roles, and while it's extremely difficult for us to see four Trustees roll off the board ... we know they each have plans for 'true' retirement, and well-earned family time that has been hard to come by in some cases as the result of their dedication to the board."

In order of their years of service, the following four members will leave the board when newly-elected candidates are sworn in as Trustees on May 10th:

- **Board Vice President Rey Rojas (23 total years of service)**
 - First elected May 1998, serving until May 2021
 - President, May 2004 through May 2012
 - Vice President, May 2017 through May 2021
- **Trustee Randy Eulenfeld (18 total years of service)**
 - First elected May 2003, serving until May 2021
 - President, May 2013 through May 2017
 - Vice President, May 2007 through May 2011
- **Trustee Dean Atkinson (15 total years of service)**
 - First elected May 2006, serving until May 2021
 - Vice President, May 2011 through May 2017
- **Trustee Gilbert Cortinas (14 total years of service)**
 - First elected May 2003, served until May 2009
 - Re-elected May 2013, serving through May 2021
 - *His father, Gilbert Cortinas I, served the G-PISD School Board from 1979-1982, and again from 1988-1993.*

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Unofficial results posted reveal the four candidates with the highest number of votes are: **Nicole Nolen, Mark Roach, Zachary Simmons, and Melissa Gonzales**. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view a copy of the unofficial results.

Media Invitation: The G-PISD regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021, will begin at 6 p.m. at the G-PISD Training Center at 1200 Broadway Blvd. in Portland (next to East Cliff Elementary). This meeting is not open to general attendees at this time due to health and safety precautions related to COVID-19, but will be streamed live for the public on the G-PISD website. Arrangements can be made for media representatives to attend in person, if desired, through the G-PISD Communications Office. *For more information, please contact Crystal Matern at 361-777-1091, ext. 1045, or at 361-332-1476 / email: cmatern@g-pisd.org. ##*