

**Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2023**  
**Canvassing - Special Meeting 5:00 P.M.**  
**Administrative Office Board Room**  
**1615 St Lawrence St., Gonzales, Texas**

**Board Members Present:** Ross Hendershot, III, President  
Justin Schwausch  
Josie Smith-Wright  
Sandra Gorden  
Glenn Menking  
Gloria Torres

**Board Member Absent:** Kimberly Strozier

**Item #1. Call to Order:**

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District met Thursday, May 11, 2023, at the Administrative Office Board Room, 1615 St Lawrence St., Gonzales, Texas. President Ross Hendershot, III called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

A quorum was declared with six members present.

**Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement**

Josie Smith-Wright gave the invocation, Sandra Gorden the pledge to the flag, and Glenn Menking read the mission statement.

**Item #2 Public Comments:** There were no public comments

**Item#3 Discuss and Consider Action to Canvass and Certify the Results of a General Election for Trustees in single Member District 3 and District 6.**

Dr. Avellaneda informed the board that it was time to canvass the elections. The board president had the board secretary read the Order declaring the results of the Gonzales ISD Trustee election that was held on May 6, 2023. The board canvassed and approved the Order declaring the results of the Gonzales ISD Trustee Election on May 11, 2023.

Sandra Gorden made a motion, with a second from Josie Smith-Wright, to approve the canvass of returns and approve the Order Declaring results of the Gonzales ISD Trustee Election held on May 6, 2023, as presented. The motion carried 6/0.

**Administer Certificate of Election and Statement of Elected Officer.**

The Superintendent recommended that the certificate of Election be presented to, Ross Hendershot, III (District 5), D'Anna Robinson (District 3) and Ashley Molina (District 6), and that they sign the Statement of Officer form.

The Statement of the Officer was read by the Administrative Assistant Maggie Holub to the three candidates. All three candidates, Ross Hendershot, III, D'Anna Robinson, And Ashley Molina swore and affirmed, the Statement of Officer.

Justin Schwausch made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking, to approve the recommendation that the Certificate of Election be presented to Ross Hendershot, III (District 5), D'Anna Robinson, (District 3) and Ashley Molina, (District 6) and that they sign the Statement of Officer form. The motion carried 6/0.

### **Administration of Oath of Office**

The Superintendent recommended that the Oath of Office be administered to the elected officers Ross Hendershot, III, (District 5), D'Anna Robinson, (District 3) and Ashley Molina (District 6) by a Notary Public, Maggie Holub.

The statement of the officer was read to the three candidates by Maggie Holub, a notary republic and they then had to swear or affirm the statement. All three candidates, Ross Hendershot, III, D'Anna Robinson and Ashley Molina swore and affirmed the statement.

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Glenn Menking to administer the Oath of Office to Ross Hendershot, III (District 5) D'Anna Robinson (District 3) and Ashley Molina (District 6). The motion carried 6/0.

### **Reorganization of Elected Officers**

The Superintendent informed the Board that at the first meeting after each election and qualification of Board members the members of the Board should organize by selecting a board president, a secretary, and any such other officers and committees as the board may deem necessary. The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the election of elected officers.

Gloria Torres made a motion, with a second from Sandra Gorden, that the current board officers remain the same with President, Ross Hendershot; Vice-President, Justin Schwausch; and Secretary, Josie Smith-Wright. The motion carried 6/0.

### **Adjourned to Closed Session:**

Under Texas Government Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.73 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift, Texas Government Code Section 551.074, (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee), Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberation regarding implementation of Security, personnel or devices) and Section 551.082: School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint, Section 551.083: Certain School Boards; Meeting Regarding Consultation with Representative of Employee Group, Section 551.084: Investigation; Exclusion of witnesses from a hearing.

The Board adjourned into a closed session at 5:17 P.M.

### **Reconvene into Open Session: The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session.**

The Board returned to the open session at 5:40 P.M

Josie Smith-Wright made a motion, with a second from Justin Schwausch, to approve the Gonzales ISD PD Chief of Police contract, as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Item #4 Adjourn**



Ross Hendershot, III, President  
Board of Trustees



Josie Smith-Wright, Secretary  
Board of Trustees