

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA  
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
JULY 31, 2025

The special meeting of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Paul Jennings, with the following persons in attendance, Joan Menard of Fall River, Richard Manuels of Fall River, and Donald DiBiasio of Somerset and Jeffrey Begin of Swansea.

Absent: William Flanagan of Fall River

Also in attendance were: Brian Bentley, Superintendent/Director, Gregory Brilhante, Legal Counsel, and Stephanie Ferreira, Human Resources Coordinator.

Several faculty members were also in attendance.

Mr. Jennings called for the roll call.

Mr. Jennings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no Citizen Input.

Mr. Jennings introduced Ms. Madison Costa as the first candidate for the Director of Finance position interview. Ms. Costa's interview started at 5:02 pm. and ended at 5:15 pm. Ms. Costa thanked the School Committee for the opportunity. The School Committee members each asked a question. Ms. Costa answered the questions accordingly. Ms. Costa, in her closing remarks, thanked everyone in attendance for their time.

Mr. Jennings introduced Ms. Irene Houle as the second candidate for the Director of Finance position interview. Ms. Houle's interview started at 5:25 pm. and ended at 6:01 pm. Ms. Houle thanked the School Committee for the opportunity. The School Committee members each asked a question. Ms. Houle answered the questions accordingly. Ms. Houle, in her closing remarks, thanked everyone in attendance for their time.

A short break was taken before the next interview.

Mr. Jennings introduced Ms. Shannon Shepherd as the third candidate for the Director of Finance position interview. Ms. Shepherd's interview started at 6:21 pm. and ended at 6:45 pm. Ms. Shepherd thanked the School Committee for the opportunity. The School Committee members each asked a question. Ms. Shepherd answered the questions accordingly. Ms. Houle, in her closing remarks, thanked everyone in attendance for their time.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Helena S. Neves (SF)*

Helena S. Neves, Executive Secretary

**Materials Included:**

Candidate Resumes  
Interview Questions