

**GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

Regular Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2025
Administration Building of Galena Park Independent School District
14705 Woodforest Blvd.
Houston, TX 77015
6:00 PM

The Board of Trustees of Galena Park Independent School District met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025 with the following members present: President, Ramon Garza; Vice President, Linda Clark Sherrard; Secretary, Jose Jimenez; Trustees: Adrian Stephens, Noe Esparza, Norma Hernandez, Amanda Erebia and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Elizabeth Valdez recorded the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:31 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session as authorized by Sections 551.001 through 551.084, et seq of the Texas Government Code pursuant to:

- A. **Section 551.071 Attorney/Client Consultation - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.**
- B. **Section 551.074 Personnel - Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee.**
 - 1. Consider Board Member responsibilities.
 - 2. Consider Superintendent responsibilities.
 - 3. Consider approval of the employment of contractual personnel as presented.

At 6:01 p.m., Mr. Garza announced that Executive Session was adjourned, and the Board would meet in Public Session for the following action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Garza called for a motion to approve the employment of contractual personnel.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Adrian Stephens. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

| Board Member | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Ramon Garza | ✓ | | | |
| Linda Clark Sherrard | ✓ | | | |
| Jose Jimenez | ✓ | | | |
| Adrian Stephens | ✓ | | | |
| Noe Esparza | ✓ | | | |
| Norma Hernandez | ✓ | | | |
| Amanda Erebia | ✓ | | | |

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:02 p.m., Mr. Garza called the meeting to order. Linda Sherrard opened the meeting with a prayer, Galena Park Middle School Army LOTC presented the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS:

- A. **Public Comment for Posted Agenda Items**
There were no public comments for posted agenda items.
- B. **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items**
Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of School delivered a public comment where he recognized and congratulated Jose Jimenez, Board Secretary for his role in TASB Leadership at this year's TASA/TASB Conference.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Ramon Garza recognized the following:

A. Parent Volunteer:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Ariana Sanches for being selected as the District 4 recipient of the 2025 Heroes for Children Award for the State Board of Education.

B. Student:

- 1. Galena Park ISD will recognize Cobb Sixth Grade Campus students, Elena Aleman Rios and Branden Sepulveda, and North Shore Middle School student, Juliet Butler, for participating in the Education in Action Summer 2025 Lone Star Leadership Academy.

BOARD COMMENTS: Noe Esparza, congratulated Jose Jimenez in his role of being in TASB Leadership. Linda Sherrard, congratulated all staff for all of their hard work in earning a B. Ramon Garza, wished his fellow board members good luck for the TASB Honor Board selection.

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Mechelle Epps, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support presented the District Spotlight.

REPORTS: Mr. Garza introduced Ed Martir, Director for Facility Planning & Construction, provided a 2016 and 2024 Bond Program and Facilities Construction update.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the Board resolution adopting the Verity Voting System manufactured by Hart InterCivic, Inc., as required by law.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve the Board Resolution as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

| Board Member | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Ramon Garza | ✓ | | | |
| Linda Clark Sherrard | ✓ | | | |
| Jose Jimenez | ✓ | | | |
| Adrian Stephens | ✓ | | | |
| Noe Esparza | ✓ | | | |
| Norma Hernandez | ✓ | | | |
| Amanda Erebia | ✓ | | | |

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the renewal for the Workers’ Compensation Insurance for the term of October 1, 2025, through October 1, 2026, from Texas Political Subdivisions Joint Self Insurance Fund via Contract # F0703 and Inter-Local Agreement for an annual premium of \$1,098,067.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the renewal for the Workers’ Compensation Insurance, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1.

| Board Member | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Ramon Garza | ✓ | | | |
| Linda Clark Sherrard | ✓ | | | |
| Jose Jimenez | ✓ | | | |
| Adrian Stephens | | | ✓ | |
| Noe Esparza | ✓ | | | |
| Norma Hernandez | ✓ | | | |
| Amanda Erebia | ✓ | | | |

CONSENT AGENDAS – ACTION: So that audience members might better understand the Consent Agenda process, Mr. Garza stated that the Board members receive Agenda Items prior to each Board meeting and are given adequate time to go through each Agenda Item thoroughly and to ask questions of the staff, if needed.

Mr. Garza asked the Board if any item from the General Consent Agenda should be removed for a separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the General Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

A. General Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Board Workshop and Regular Meeting held on August 11. The Board Workshop, Public Hearing, and Special Meetings held on August 26.
2. Consider approval of the resolution and adjunct faculty status of the named Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees as presented.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve the General Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

| Board Member | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Ramon Garza | ✓ | | | |
| Linda Clark Sherrard | ✓ | | | |
| Jose Jimenez | ✓ | | | |
| Adrian Stephens | ✓ | | | |
| Noe Esparza | ✓ | | | |
| Norma Hernandez | ✓ | | | |
| Amanda Erebia | ✓ | | | |

Mr. Garza asked the Board if any item from the Construction Consent Agenda should be removed for separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the Construction Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

A. Construction Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the tennis court resurfacing at Galena Park High School by Facilities Sources via Harris County Department of Education contract #23/016MR-16, for an estimated amount of \$80,000.
2. Consider approval of the award of CSP 25-600 for the North Shore Senior High School and Cobb Sixth Grade Campus Controls and Plant Replacement (Project B111) to American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$14,511,000, including a \$750,000 owner's contingency and a \$750,000 mechanical equipment allowance.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the Construction Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

| Board Member | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Ramon Garza | ✓ | | | |
| Linda Clark Sherrard | ✓ | | | |
| Jose Jimenez | ✓ | | | |
| Adrian Stephens | ✓ | | | |
| Noe Esparza | ✓ | | | |
| Norma Hernandez | ✓ | | | |
| Amanda Erebia | ✓ | | | |

Mr. Garza asked the Board if any item from the Financial Consent Agenda should be removed for separate vote. No item was requested for separate vote, and the Financial Consent Agenda was presented for a motion.

A. Financial Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the renewal of Raz-Plus digital literacy resources for the term of October 25, 2025, through October 25, 2027, from Learning A-Z, LLC via the State Board of Education Instructional Materials for Adoption at an estimated amount of \$349,000.
2. Consider approval of the purchase of the Verity Voting System and related services for the term of September 9, 2025, through August 31, 2026, from Hart InterCivic, Inc. via Buyboard Contract #710-23 at an estimated amount of \$250,000.
3. Consider approving the Resolution adopting an order approving the Galena Park ISD certified appraisal roll for the tax year 2025.
4. Consider approval of the purchase of Charter Bus & Student Group Travel Services for the term of September 9, 2025, through August 31, 2026, from Sam's Limousine and Transportation, Inc. via Klein ISD RFP #25-150 at an estimated amount of \$200,000.
5. Consider approval of the renewal of Teladoc services for the term of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, from Teladoc Health, Inc. via RFP 21-004 at an estimated amount of \$120,000.
6. Consider approval of the purchase of the management system for the term of September 9, 2025, through August 31, 2026, from SHI Government Solutions via DIR-TSO-5237 at an estimated amount of \$150,000.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Noe Esparza to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

| Board Member | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Ramon Garza | ✓ | | | |
| Linda Clark Sherrard | ✓ | | | |
| Jose Jimenez | ✓ | | | |
| Adrian Stephens | ✓ | | | |
| Noe Esparza | ✓ | | | |
| Norma Hernandez | ✓ | | | |
| Amanda Erebia | ✓ | | | |

INFORMATION: The following documents were presented for information:

A. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer, presented:

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes - June 2025
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary (June 2025)
3. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary (July 2025)

B. Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer, presented:

1. Tax Collection Report – July 2025
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of July 31, 2025
3. 2024 Bond Program Financial Report as of July 31, 2025

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Ramon Garza, President

ATTEST:

Jose Jimenez, Secretary