



Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held September 24, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

Board in Attendance: Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker, and

Staff in attendance: Post, Martello, Polzin, Patrick, Scott, Mizelle, Hein, old tennis coach????, Grant, Mueller, Le, Huang, Melendez, Giambelluca, Murphy, Dudas, Chambers, Beall, Bly, Edenfield

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. -6:00
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. -6:00
- 3) Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items. Please complete sign-up sheets available in the lobby prior to the start of the meeting. -6:02
Rebecca Jaworski spoke about Rosenberg
Gary Kaufmann spoke about the insurance renewal
Les McCullohan spoke about the Fentanyl problem
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. -6:12 none
- 5) District Reports -6:12
 - A) Superintendent's Report -6:12
 - 1) Campus/District Improvement Plans and Writing (Scott/Hein) -6:13 Report given by Hein 6:26 Questions from the board.
 - 2) Campus Recognitions -6:31 AIM, Oppe, Parker
 - B) Board Committee Reports -6:35
 - 1) Facilities/Finance Committee report given by Chair, Mr. Johnny Smecca -6:35
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update -6:39 Given by Smecca
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items -6:41
 - A) Discuss and consider for action directing the administration to retain a risk management consultant to review GISD's insurance policies, analyze the District's various risks, prepare an RFP for proposals for insurance coverage for 2025/2026, evaluate responsive proposals, and recommend insurance policies and other risk management best practices to the administration and the Board for 2025/2026. -6:41 Motion by Beeton. Second by Tucker. Presentation by Beeton. 6:54 Discussion. 7:05 Masel called the question. Beeton requested that Gary Kaufmann come to the podium to be asked a question. 7:08 Beeton in favor. 6 opposed.
 - B) Discuss and consider leasing a portion of 921 Madison Avenue in Bolivar to property owner on the peninsula. -7:09 Topic introduced by Neighbors. No action taken.
- 8) The Board may recess into Closed Executive Session in the Library as permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act Government Code Sections 551.071- 551.090 Subchapter D and E. -7:10

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed meeting then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- A) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or
- B) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.
 - C) Consultation with Attorney (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.071) - Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or matters in which the duty of the attorney to the school district under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the state's open meetings laws.
 - D) Personnel Matters (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.074) – Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or resignation of an employee or employees, including the Superintendent Evaluation.
 - E) Real Property (Tex. Govt Code Section 551.072) – Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate in which the discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the ability of the school district to negotiate with a third party.
 - F) Prospective Gifts or Donations (Tex. Govt Code Section 551.073) – Discuss prospective gifts or donations to the Galveston Independent School District and/or individual campuses, programs or facilities.
 - G) Network Security, Security Devices and Security Audits (Tex. Govt Code Sections 551.076 and 551.089) – Discuss Network security information; a security audit; the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices; or security assessment or deployments related to information resources technology.
- 8) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. -9:49
Brief report of the closed session was given by Lakin.

9) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items -9:50 Motion by Masel. Second by Lakin. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

- A) Consider approval of the minutes from the August 27, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting.
- B) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.
- C) Discuss and consider approval of payment of attorney fees.
- D) Discuss and consider accepting donations in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local.
- E) Discuss and Consider approval of Certification of Unopposed Candidate for the Regular School Trustee Election for District 2-B and 7-G
- F) Discuss and consider approval of claiming “good cause exception” per TEC Section 37.0814(c) related to armed security at each campus.
- G) Discuss progress toward School Board goals and the employment evaluation of the Superintendent.
- H) Discuss and consider approval to Purchase All-In-One Desktop computers for CTE through DELL.
- I) Discuss and Consider Approval of Purchase of Laptop Computers using Bond Funds for Ball High Teachers.
- J) Discuss and consider approval to Purchase HP Fortis 14G Chromebooks through Connection Public Sector Solutions.
- K) Discuss and consider adoption of a Board Resolution identifying Hazardous Traffic Routes
- L) Discuss and consider the approval to purchase Neuhaus Education Center’s supplies, materials, and professional development during the 2025-2026 school year using the Galveston Community Dyslexia Initiative grant funds for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.
- M) Discuss and consider approval of Employee Travel Reimbursement Rates for fiscal year 2025-2026
- N) Discuss and consider FMG-R –Student Travel
- O) Discuss and consider allowing Desiree Monges to represent Galveston ISD at National Association of State Boards of Education conference.

10) Suggested Future Agenda Items -9:50 Masel requested Narcan be discussed. Beeton asked if committee meetings can be indexed.

11) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -9:52

O’Neal requested moment of silence for Beverly Jackson Brown who died.

Masel condolences for Justin Tucker who lost his mother.

Smecca spoke of excitement to see Ball High Tors playing professional football.

Brown would like to note congratulations to the board for closing the LA Morgan Property.

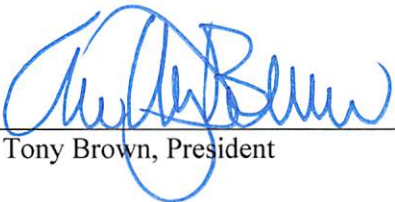
Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, Trustees may report on any of the following items:

1. Expressions of thanks, gratitude, and condolences
2. Information regarding holiday schedules
3. Honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen
4. Reminders regarding GISD events
5. Reminders regarding community events
6. Health and safety announcements

12) Adjournment -9:56

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on October 22, 2025



Mr. Tony Brown, President



Mindy Lakin, Secretary