

GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2026

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, March 2, 2026 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 5:01 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. Discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation.

4. Discuss and consider approval of the Superintendent's Employment Contract.

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 Superintendent's evaluation.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Jose Jimenez. 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 called for a motion to approve the Superintendent's Employment Contract.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Norma Hernandez. 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. Ramon Garza opened the meeting with a prayer, Woodland Acres Middle School Navy 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

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Amanda Erebia recognized the following:

A. Employee:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center Principal, Mr. Kenneth Bryant, for being named the 2025–2026 Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators Principal of the Year.

B. Student:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize North Shore Senior High School band students Gabriel Marquez, Diego Palacios, and Justin Sandoval for earning positions in the 2026 Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band and Orchestra.
2. Galena Park ISD will recognize Alma Villegas, a senior at Galena Park High School, for earning a spot in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's 2026 School Art Auction. Her artwork, "Saddled Up and Ready to Ride," was chosen from thousands of student entries across the Houston area.

BOARD COMMENTS: Ramon Garza wished everyone a Happy Spring Break and to be safe over the break.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: Elizabeth Nava, Principal of Galena Park Middle School presented the Spotlight.

REPORTS: Mr. Garza introduced Jerid Link, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, presented the district policies CH (LOCAL) Purchasing and Acquisition, and CV (LOCAL) Facilities Construction as presented for Board of Trustees review at first and final reading.

Mr. Garza then 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 revisions to district policy CH (LOCAL) Purchasing and Acquisition at first and final reading.

A motion was made by Linda Sherrard and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve the revisions to district policy CH (LOCAL), 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 revisions to district policy CV (LOCAL) Facilities Construction at first and final reading.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the revisions to district policy CV (LOCAL) 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 to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 2, 2026, Board of Trustees Election as presented for Positions 5, 6, and 7.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates, 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 upon acceptance of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates, the Order of Cancellation for the May 2, 2026, Board of Trustees Election and declaring the following unopposed candidates elected: Jose Jimenez for Position 5, Noe Esparza for Position 6, and Norma Hernandez for Position 7. A copy of this order will be posted on election day at each polling place that would have been used in the election. These candidates will begin their new term following the regular canvass period and qualification for office.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Linda Sherrard to approve the Order of Cancellation for the trustee election, 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	✓			

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 Regular Meeting held on February 9.
2. Consider approval of the submission of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for the following: Staff Development Minutes Waiver. Waiver application will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency upon Board approval.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Noe Esparza 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 selection of UES Professional Solutions 44, LLC, as the Professional Services firm for testing services at Galena Park High School – Phase 3B.
2. Consider approval of the selection of Engineered Air Balance Co., Inc., as the Professional Services firm for testing and balancing services at Cimarron Elementary School.
3. Consider approval of the selection of Beam Professionals as the Professional Services firm for design services for HVAC and roof upgrades at the Transportation Building and the Maintenance Building.
4. Consider approval of the LED lighting upgrade at Williamson Elementary School by Unify Energy Solutions via BuyBoard contract #757-24 for an estimated amount of \$200,000.
5. Consider approval of the award of CSP 25-607 for the North Shore Senior High School, North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center, and Cobb Sixth Grade Campus Roofing Upgrades (Project B113) to Sea-Breeze Roofing, Inc., for an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,960,850, including a \$150,000 owner's contingency.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Jose Jimenez 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 purchase of musical instruments for the term of March 3, 2026, through August 31, 2026, from Swicegood Music via Buyboard contract # 712-23 at an estimated amount of \$160,000.
2. Consider approval of the purchase of uniforms for the term of March 3, 2026, through August 31, 2026, from Fred J. Miller, Inc. via Buyboard contract # 773-25 at an estimated amount of \$210,000.
3. Consider approval of the purchase of musical instruments for the term of March 3, 2026, through August 31, 2026, from Steve Weiss Music via Buyboard contract # 712-23 at an estimated amount of \$95,000.
4. Consider approval of the purchase of Texas StudySync for the period of August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, from McGraw Hill via TIPS 240804, at an estimated total cost of \$150,000.
5. Consider approval of the purchase of STEMScopes Math for the term of June 9, 2026, through June 8, 2027, from Accelerate Learning via the State Board of Education instructional materials at an estimated amount of \$63,000.
6. Consider approval of the purchase of STEMScopes Math for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, from Accelerate Learning via the State Board of Education instructional materials at an estimated amount of \$153,000.
7. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of February 2026.
8. Consider approval of a one-year engagement letter with Whitley Penn, LLP to conduct the Annual Financial and Compliance Audit for fiscal year 2025-2026 for an estimated annual expenditure of \$89,000.
9. Consider approval of renewal RFP 26-005 Truancy and Dropout Prevention and Intervention System for the term of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, with RaaWee K12 Solutions for an estimated amount of \$75,000.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Norma Hernandez 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:

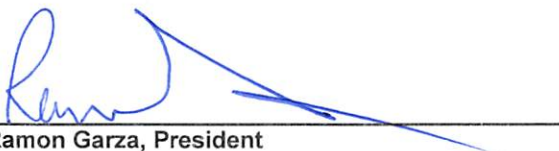
A. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer, presented:

1. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes - January 2026
2. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary - January 2026

B. Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer presented:

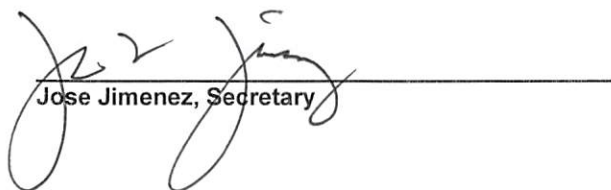
1. Tax Collection Report - January 2026
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of January 31, 2026
3. 2024 Bond Program Financial Report as of January 31, 2026

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Ramon Garza, President

ATTEST:



Jose Jimenez, Secretary