



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 April 22, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

BOT in attendance: Brown, Tucker, Masel, O'Neal, Lakin. Beeton at 6:16.

Staff in attendance: Post, Martello, Polzin, Patrick, Scott, Grant, Mueller, Bennet, Archer, LeDoux, Funk, Ramirez, Haney, Hardeman, Neighbors, Bly

1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. -6:00

Taking Item A of regular agenda due to the mayor being present. Proclamation read by the Mayor, Craig Brown.

2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. -6:00 *Led by Rowan Catarino, Angelina Martinez, Tarris Woods and Dona Barman our state Champion Career Pathways Human Services Team & SkillsUSA National Tournament Qualifiers,*

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. -6:07

Joe Jaworski – Thanked trustees and staff for helping Rosenberg Project get where they are today.

Ann Masel – Announced that the Ball High Choir has been selected to sing at Carnegie Hall and congratulations to Mr. Meniffee.

4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest.

A) District Reports -6:11

B) Superintendent's Report

1) Special Education presentation -6:11 *presented by Cathy LeDoux, director and Julia Funk.*

2) Robotics presentation -6:16 *presented by Kristen Hardeman, district robotics coordinator.*

C) Board Committee Reports

1) Facilities/Finance Committee -6:23 *presented by Jeff Martello, CFO*

5) Financial Reports and Budget Update *included with the Facilities/Finance Committee report.*

6) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items

A) Discuss and consider approval of resolution supporting students of military-connected families and District support of initiatives designed to meet those families' needs. -6:04 *Motion by Masel. Second by O'Neal. Motion passed 5-0, O'Neal, Tucker, Brown and Masel in favor. Beeton and Smecca were absent.*

B) Discuss and Consider Approval of CSP # 2026-26-030 for the completion of the New TOR Legacy Museum for the Ball High School North Project. -6:35 *Motion to approve by Masel. Second by O'Neal. Discussion. Approved 6-0 In favor: O'Neal, Tucker, Masel, Brown, Lakin, and Beeton. Smecca absent.*

C) Discuss and consider approval of proposed Superintendent's Report Framework - 6:37 *Introduced by Tucker. Discussion. Will be revisited next month.*

7) 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. -6:49

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.

- A) Consultation with Attorney (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.071) - Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation (social media litigation update, Ball High construction contracts), 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.
- B) 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.
- C) 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.
- D) 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.
- E) 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. -8:25
- 9) CONSENT AGENDA -8:25 *Consent Item X pulled. Motion by Beeton. Second by Masel. Approved 6-0. O'Neal, Tucker, Brown, Beeton and Masel in favor. Smecca was absent.*
- A) Consider approval of the minutes from the March 25, 2026, 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) Consider approval of Budget Amendments
- E) Discuss and consider accepting donations in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local.
- F) Discuss and consider granting permission to administration to apply to the Texas Education Agency for missed school day waivers for three of the district's 1882 partnership schools.
- G) Discuss and consider approval to transfer Tor Kids Moody Grant funds to MECC in the amount of \$100,000 to support summer camp programming for 2026 and the summer of 2027.
- H) Discuss and consider approval of Skyward Annual License Fee
- I) Discuss and consider approval of Annual Renewal of Microsoft Volume Licensing Agreement.
- J) Consider delegation of authority to purchase white fleet vehicles up to \$100,000.00
- K) Discuss and consider approval of the Interagency Agreement between Upward Hope Academy and GISD to provide educational services to students in a Drop-Out Prevention/Recovery Program.
- L) Discuss and Consider Amendment to Service Agreement with County of Galveston for Tax Assessment and Collection Services
- M) Discuss and consider approval of PK tuition for students who do not qualify for the PK program and provide GISD employees with a 25% discount for PK if their students do not qualify for the 2026-2027 school year.
- N) Discuss and Consider approval of the Ball High SKILLS USA students to attend trip in Atlanta, Georgia to compete at the SKILLS USA National Competition
- O) Discuss and consider approval of the MOU for Upbring Head Start for the 2026-2027 school year
- P) Discuss and Consider Approval of the proposed contractors for Bid Packages #7R1 (Steel Re-Bid) and 11 (Exterior HM Doors, Storefront, and Curtain Wall) for use on the Ball High School South Renovation Project.
- Q) Discuss and Consider Approval of the proposed contractor for Bid Packages #19 Main Switch Gear Replacement for use on the Ball High School South Renovation Project.
- R) Discuss and Consider Approval of the proposed contractor for Phase Two Rehabilitation for use on the GISD Transportation Project (Office Area).
- S) Discuss and Consider Approval of the proposed vendor for Materials Testing for use on the New Ball High School South and Renovation Project.

T) Discuss and consider implementation of a Virtual High School Program beginning August 2026 at AIM.

U) Discuss and consider the approval of the Math K-12 selection for an amount not to exceed \$650,000 using state instructional materials and open educational resources funds.

V) Discuss and consider the approval of the Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials Survey 2026-27, allowing Galveston ISD to use IMTA and IMRA funds through EMAT during the 2026-2027 school year.

W) Discuss and consider approval of Acknowledgement of GLO Grant and Acquisition of Approximately 164 acres of land for the acquisition of the Kahala Tract

X) Discuss and consider request for a variance from Section 4-1(a) of the Galveston City Code in regard to the sale of alcoholic beverages within three hundred feet of any school in the city. -8:26 *Introduced. Motion by Masel. Second by Lakin. Motion passed 6-0 O'Neal, Tucker, Brown, Lakin, Beeton and Masel in favor. Smecca was absent*

10) Suggested Future Agenda Items -8:30 *Presentation on Attendance. Update on Ten Commandments*

11) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -8:32

O'Neal Thanks to the district for allowing him and Justin Tucker to attend the NSBA conference.


Tucker echoed O'Neal.

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 -8:35

Approved on May 20, 2026



Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mindy Lakin, Secretary