

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 4, 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, May 4, 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 5:31 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 list of Chapter 21, List 1 probationary and term contract recommendations beginning in 2026-2027 and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.
 - 4. Consider approval of the list of Chapter 21, List 2 term contract recommendations beginning in 2026-2027 and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.
 - 5. Consider approval of the list of Non-Chapter 21, List 1 probationary and term contract recommendations beginning in 2026-2027 and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.
 - 6. Consider approval of the list of Non-Chapter 21, List 2 term contract recommendations beginning in 2026-2027 and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.

At 6:00 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 list of Chapter 21, List 1 probationary and term contract recommendations beginning in 2026-2027 and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.

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	✓			

Mr. Garza called for a motion to approve the list of Chapter 21, List 2 term contract recommendations beginning in 2026-2027 and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Amanda Erebia. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-3.

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 list of Non-Chapter 21, List 1 probationary and term contract recommendations beginning in 2026-2027 and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services to notify the related employees of the contract recommendations.

A motion was made by Adrian Stephens and seconded by Noe Esparza. 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	✓			

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A motion was made by Amanda Erebia and seconded by Adrian Stephens. 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	✓			

REGULAR MEETING: At 6:04 p.m., Mr. Garza called the meeting to order. Jose Jimenez 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**
There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

RECOGNITION: Dr. Moore and Adrian Stephens recognized the following:

A. Student:

1. Galena Park ISD will recognize 28 second-grade students from across the District who scored in the 98th percentile or higher on the quantitative section of the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), placing them in the top 2% nationwide. The following young scholars were recognized by National Math Stars:
Cimarron Elementary School: Jacob Escobar Lopez
Cloverleaf Elementary School: Angel Jeronimo Chavez, Isaac Guzman
Galena Park Elementary School: Daniel Herrera, Marian Espinoza Saldivar, Lucia Tillis
Havard Elementary School: Roberto Briones, Weston Brown, Elijah Kee, Oliver Santiago
Jacinto City Elementary School: Omar Rocha Cepeda, Scarlett Galvan, Ximena Guevara, Ava Jones

MacArthur Elementary School: Ximena Aguirre, Leyla Balandran-Carreón, Richard Espinoza, Christopher Villarreal Villarreal
 North Shore Elementary School: Ezra Chavez, Jorge Mendoza, Luz Robles Peña, Edwin Portillo, Yoel Tesfa
 Pyburn Elementary School: Monica Diaz
 Sam Houston Elementary School: Montserrat Mendoza Aguilar
 Williamson Elementary School: Andrew Ha, Bani Toure
 Woodland Acres Elementary School: Ariemmy Garcia

- Galena Park ISD will recognize North Shore Senior High School student Jordan Flores-Silva for competing in the Advanced Accounting event at the Texas Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Round Rock, Texas, where he advanced to the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference, to be held in San Antonio, Texas, in June.
- Galena Park ISD will recognize Maureen Alvarez of Williamson Elementary School, Guadalupe Chavarria of Cobb Sixth Grade Campus, and Jeshua Puente of CTE Early College High School for outstanding achievement in Spanish spelling competitions at the district and regional levels.

BOARD COMMENTS: Adrian Stephens commented to the students for a job well done and to continue to do what they were doing and that she was very proud of them. Ramon Garza wished everyone to have a safe summer.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

Mr. Garza asked the Board if there was a motion to approve the appointment of Arnold Magana as the Chief of Police for Galena Park ISD Police Department effective July 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Amanda Erebia to approve the appointment of Arnold Magana as the Chief of Police for Galena Park ISD Police Department 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 giving the Superintendent, or his designee, the authority to negotiate and execute the contract with Harris County Constable Precinct 2 for one additional officer.

A motion was made by Jose Jimenez and seconded by Adrian Stephens to approve giving the Superintendent, or his designee the authority to negotiate and execute the contract with Harris County Constable Precinct 2 for one additional officer, 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 of Property/Windstorm/Terrorism Insurance for the period of June 1, 2026, through June 1, 2027, from McGriff MMA via Region 14 OMNIA Partners Co-Op Contract Number 159337 for the estimated premium of \$3,194,438.

A motion was made by Linda Sherrard and seconded by Norma Hernandez to approve the renewal of Property/Windstorm/Terrorism 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 Special Meeting, Board Workshop and Regular Meeting held on April 13.
2. Consider approval of the Proposed Five-Year District Goals for the 2026-2031 school years.
3. Consider approval of the amendment to the academic calendar for the 2026–2027 school year.
4. Consider approval of the list of library materials that have been donated or proposed by the administration for procurement.
5. Consider approval of the 2026-2027 Early Head Start Federal Non-Competing Continuation Application submission, which includes Board Approval Letter and United States Department of Health and Human Services Certifications and Assurance.

A motion was made by Noe Esparza and seconded by Amanda Erebia 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 a job order contract to Pieper-Houston Electric L.P., via TIPS contract #26010402, for new exterior lighting poles and fixtures at Galena Park High School, for an estimated amount of \$310,000.
2. Consider approval of the award of CSP 25-608 for Roofing Projects R4 Phase I – Tice Elementary School and Becker Early Childhood Center (Project B110) to TADCO Houston, LLC, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$2,804,198, including a \$625,000 owner's contingency.

A motion was made by Norma Hernandez and seconded by Linda Sherrard 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 out-of-state proposal for North Shore Senior High School band students to travel to Orlando, Florida, for the term of March 4, 2027, through March 9, 2027, from Texas Music Festivals Enterprise, Inc. via Region 19 Allied States Cooperative contract number 25-7519 at an estimated amount of \$250,000.
2. Consider approval of the purchase of i-Ready Assessment and Personalized Instruction for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, from Curriculum Associates via Buyboard 748-24 at an estimated amount of \$259,570.
3. Consider approval of the purchase of McMurry University dual credit online courses for the term of August 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, from McMurry University by the Memorandum of Understanding at an estimated amount of \$250,000.
4. Consider approval of the purchase of i-Ready Toolbox for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, from Curriculum Associates via Buyboard Contract 748-24 at an estimated amount of \$255,000.
5. Consider approval of the purchase of Benchmark Phonics for the term of June 9, 2026, through June 8, 2028, from Benchmark Education Company via the State Board of Education instructional materials eligible for adoption at an estimated amount of \$650,000.
6. Consider approval of the renewal of Skyward for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, from Skyward Inc. via Region 19 Contract # 24-7490 at an estimated amount of \$203,000.
7. Consider approval of the award of RFP 26-008 Equipment, Parts, Supplies, and Services for the term of May 5, 2026, through April 30, 2027, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000 with the following vendors:
Commercial Kitchen Parts & Service
General Parts, LLC
Hunton Distribution
Kommercial Kitchens
Parts Town, LLC
Singer NC, LLC
8. Consider approval of the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of April 2026.

A motion was made by Amanda Erebia 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 2024-2025 Annual Report
2. Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes - March 2026
3. Early Head Start 2025-2026 Self-Assessment and Action Plan
4. Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary - March 2026

B. Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer presented:

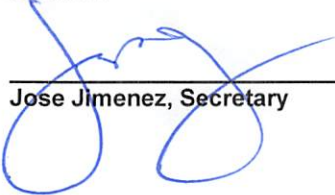
1. Tax Collection Report - March 2026
2. 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of March 31, 2026
3. 2024 Bond Program Financial Report as of March 31, 2026
4. Quarterly Investment Report for the period of December 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026

There being no other business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Ramon Garza, President

ATTEST:



Jose Jimenez, Secretary