

Regular Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026 5:30 PM Central

GISD Administrative Board Room
1615 St Lawrence St.
P O Box 157
Gonzales, Texas 78629

Naomi Brown: Present
Ashley Molina: Present
Jami Owens: Present
D'Anna Robinson: Present
Justin Schwausch: Absent
Josie Smith-Wright: Present
Gloria Torres: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Call to Order

Josie Smith-Wright called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

1.A. Roll Call

1.B. Invocation:

The Invocation was led by Miller Balfanz.

1.C. Pledge:

The pledge was led by Tilden Gray.

1.D. Mission Statement:

Ashlynn Clack read the Mission Statement.

2. Public Comments

One public comment was made by John Barfield.

3. New Business/Action Items

3.A. Consent Agenda

Discuss and Consider Action to approve the Consent Agenda

I move that the board approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by Jami Owens, Passed.

Justin Schwausch: Absent, Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea,
D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Arreola presented the Consent Agenda to the Board for consideration and approval. The Consent Agenda included the Board Meeting Minutes from August 10, August 17, and August 31, 2026.

Motion passed 6/0

3.A.1. Minutes of Meetings:

3.A.2. Budget Amendments:

3.B. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Members of the 2026-2027 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the member list as presented.". This motion, made by Ashley Molina and seconded by Jami Owens, Passed.

Justin Schwausch: Absent, Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mrs. Gibson went before the board to consider approval of the members of the 2026-2027 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC).

According to TEC, §28.004(a), the board of trustees of each school district shall establish a local SHAC to assist the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in the district's health education instruction.

The membership of SHAC should include people from multiple groups, including parents, community members, school district employees, and any other interested parties.

The first meeting for the 2026-2027 school year is tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2026 at 12:00 pm pending your approval of the membership list.

Motion Passed 6/0

3.C. Discuss and Consider Action to change the June 2027 Regular Board Meeting Date

"I move that the board approve changing the June 2027 regular Board Meeting date to June 21, 2027.". This motion, made by Gloria Torres and seconded by D'Anna Robinson, Passed.

Justin Schwausch: Absent, Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Arreola went before the board requesting to change the date of the regularly scheduled June 2027 board meeting date. The proposed alternative date of Monday, June 21, 2027, due a scheduling conflict with administration.

Motion passed 6/0

3.D. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve GISD's annual Certification of Compliance under Texas Education Code §39.008

"I move that the board approve GISD's annual Certification of Compliance under Texas Education Code §39.008.". This motion, made by Naomi Brown and seconded by Ashley Molina, Passed.

Justin Schwausch: Absent, Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Arreola went before the board seeking approval of GISD's annual Certification of Compliance under Texas Education Code 39.008 as established by Senate Bill 12. The

certification is in reference to the District's compliance with TEC §§11.005 regarding the prohibition of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) duties and §28.0022 regarding certain instructional requirements and prohibitions. The certification must be approved by the Board and submitted electronically to the Texas Education Agency by September 30, beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Motion passed 6/0

3.E. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Lone Star Governance Board Monitoring Calendar

"I move that the board approve the Lone Star Governance Board Monitoring Calendar as presented." This motion, made by Naomi Brown and seconded by Jami Owens, Passed. Justin Schwausch: Absent, Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Josie Smith-Wright went before the board seeking approval of the Lone Star Governance Board Monitoring Calendar as presented.

The Lone Star Governance (LSG) Board Monitoring Calendar outlines the schedule for reviewing progress toward district goals and constraints, ensuring regular and systematic monitoring of student outcomes and governance priorities. Approval of the calendar establishes a consistent framework for board oversight, aligns monitoring activities with the district's strategic goals, and supports transparency and accountability in governance practices throughout the year.

Motion passed 6/0

3.F. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve the Updates List of Teacher Appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year

"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the updated List of Teacher Appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented." This motion, made by D'Anna Robinson and seconded by Ashley Molina, Passed.

Justin Schwausch: Absent, Naomi Brown: Yea, Ashley Molina: Yea, Jami Owens: Yea, D'Anna Robinson: Yea, Josie Smith-Wright: Yea, Gloria Torres: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Ibeji went before the board seeking approval of the updated List of Teacher Appraisers for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Two additional administrators, Jennifer Molnoskey and Wanda Fryer were added. Two final administrators will be brought to the board meeting in October.

Motion passed 6/0

4. Reports

4.A. 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update

Casey Sledge went before the board to present the September 2026 Bond Monthly Update.

4.B. Superintendent Reports

Dr. Arreola - Superintendent Remarks

- **GJH August Attendance Incentive Winners**
Recognized the Gonzales Junior High August Attendance Incentive winners, with **200 students recognized** for their commitment to attendance.
- **High-Quality Instructional Materials**
Highlighted the **full implementation of our High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM)** across the district and the continued focus on providing students and teachers with strong instructional resources.
- **School Supply Donation**
Expressed appreciation to **McCoy's** for their generous school supply donation and continued support of Gonzales ISD students and staff.
- **Gather & Grow**
Reminded families and the community about the upcoming **Gather & Grow** event and encouraged participation.
- **Community Town Hall**
Reminded the community about the upcoming **Community Town Hall** and encouraged families and community members to attend and engage with district leadership.
- **Homecoming Reboot**
Shared a reminder about the upcoming **Homecoming Reboot**

4.C. Team Building Workshop-Discussion of Date

No discussion was had. Ms. Smith-Wright suggested to send an email out with several dates to choose from.

5. Board Business

5.A. Board Correspondence

There was no Board Correspondence.

5.B. Dates of Interest

September 18-Student Early Release

September 21-Gather & Grow 5-6:20pm

September 21-Community Town Hall Meeting 6:30-7:30pm

September 24-Tribal Treats

September 25-Homecoming Reboot

October 2-District Closed

October 5-Staff Development

October 7-Coffee & Connections @ Mi Lupita's

October 8-11-txEDCON

October 12-Regular Board Meeting

6. Adjourn to Closed session: Under Texas Government Code Chapter 551, The board will recess this open session and convene in a closed meeting to discuss items on the agenda. The board may conveniently meet in such a closed or executive session or meeting, concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Texas government code chapter 551:

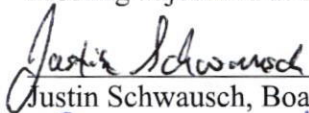
With no discussion, the Board determined that a closed session was not necessary.

6.A. Personnel

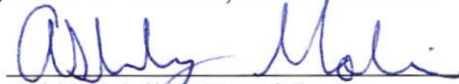
7. Reconvene to Open Meeting: The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm



Justin Schwausch, Board President



Ashley Molina, Board Secretary