



Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

The Public Hearing to present the 2026 – 2027 Proposed Budget and 2026 Proposed Tax Rate began at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX *presented by Jeff Martello, CFO. No questions or comments from the public. Concluded at 6:16pm.*

Members of the public may comment or ask questions about the budget. This hearing is legally mandated by the Texas Education Code and serves as the final opportunity for public review of the proposed budget. The public notice was published in the local newspaper as required by law.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held Wednesday, August 26, 2026, immediately following the Public Hearing to discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. -6:16

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Trustees in attendance: Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker, and O'Neal

Staff in attendance: Beaird, Martello, Post, Patrick, Scott, Beafneaux, Chambers, Grant, Le, Burson, Norfolk, Dudas, Raphael, Ives, Pruitt, Neighbors and Bly.

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. -6:16
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. -6:17 *Led by coaches Brantley and Norfolk.*
- 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. -6:16
Robert Quintero – Spoke on behalf of LULAC in regard to a bilingual position.
Tiffany Perkinz – Spoke about Ten Commandments in schools
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. -6:26 *None*
- 5) District Reports -6:26
 - A) Superintendent's Report -6:26
 - 1) Optional Flexible School Day -6:27 *presented by Sherman Beafneaux and L Chambers.*
 - B) Board Committee Reports
 - 1) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca -6:41
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update -6:46
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items -6:52
 - A) Discuss and consider approval of the 2026-2027 General Operating, Debt Service and School Nutrition budgets by fund and function. -6:52 *Motion by Beeton that the board*

approve the 2026-2027 General Operating, Debt Service and School Nutrition budgets by fund and function and the stipend list as presented. Second by Masel. Discussion. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker and O'Neal in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B) Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Tax Rate -6:48
Presented by Brown. Motion by Masel that the board of trustees adopt a Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate of \$0.676900, and an Interest & Sinking Tax Rate of \$0.164600 for a total tax rate of \$0.841500 for Tax Year 2026. I move that a proposed rate to pay debt service of \$0.164600 per \$100 of taxable value be approved. This rate exceeds the district's debt service rate determined under Texas Education Code section 44.004(c)(5)(A)(ii)(b) of \$0.172813 by \$-0.008213. Second by Smecca. Discussion. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker and O'Neal in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 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. -6:56

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)

- 1. Address legal questions or issues raised by Trustees.
- 2. Cause No. 25-CV-2117, State of Texas v. Galveston Independent School District et al
- 3. Request for Mediation by Gilbane Building Company - Ball High North Roofing Remediation

B) Personnel Matters (Tex. Govt. Code Section 551.074)

- 1. Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or resignation of an employee or employees, including the Superintendent.

9) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. -9:41

10) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items -9:42 *Motion by Beeton to accept as presented. Second by Masel. Discussion. Discussion. Smecca, Beeton, Lakin, Brown, Masel, Tucker and O'Neal in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the August 5, 2026, Special and 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 approval for the purchase of student driving lessons through South Region Driving School for the 25-26 school year and the Summer 2026 program, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, using Texas ACE Afterschool grant funds.
- G) Discuss and consider the adoption of Local District Update 127 affecting the policies listed below.
- H) Discuss and consider the submission of the application for Optional Flexible School Day for AIM College and Career Preparatory Academy.
- I) Discuss and Consider approval to cancel the Regular School Trustee Election for District 5-E and 6-F for the November 3, 2026 School Board Election.
- J) Discuss and Consider Approval to purchase an Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) Anatomage Table for the Ball High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Health Science program.
- K) Discuss and consider approval of RFQ Vendor Pool for Asbestos Consultant Services CSRFQ 2025-06-001
- L) Discuss and consider minor roofing repairs for GISD Facilities for FY27 with Garland Roofing
- M) Discuss and consider acceptance of GCAD Certified Taxable Values and Tax Rolls for 2026 and Approve 2026 Estimated Collection Rate and 2025 Excess Debt Collections as presented by Cheryl Johnson, Galveston County Tax-Assessor Collector
- 11) Suggested Future Agenda Items -9:44 *Masel asked about school revenue partners.*
- 12) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -9:45
Smecca spoke about lunch and how well it went and encouraged the other trustees to see for themselves.
Masel agreed with Smecca.
O'Neal applauded the football and volleyball coach and invited everyone to come out and support our students.
Brown announced people can order spirit gear online at the Tor Store and pick up from the front desk. He thanked Dr. Ramirez and her staff at Austin. He said he went by the second week of school and everything was running really well. Finally, next week a combined group of student are going on a field trip to the port to see different port jobs.
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
- 13) Adjournment 9:59pm

Approved on September 23, 2026

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mindy Lakin, Secretary