

Action Sheet

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adding protective film to sky bridge across Ave O connecting Ball North to Ball South as a deterrent to birds flying into structure.

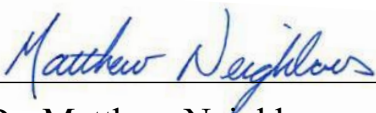
Houston Audubon Society and Galveston ISD have a MOU regarding the birding trail at Crenshaw Elementary and Middle School. The Audubon Society has requested GISD consider adding protective film to the future sky bridge to be constructed over Ave O connecting Ball North and Ball South.

The Board of Trustees must decide whether to incur the expense of the added protective layer in advance of the Audubon Society completing fundraising for the project.

Because the bird-friendly film is installed on the exterior face of the glass, the film installation must occur **after the bridge has been completed and cleaned**. This is due to the glazing subcontractor using suction cups to install the glass, which could potentially damage the film if it were applied prior to the glazing installation.

Estimated expense is \$55,266.13 for non-solar bird film material and installation.

RECOMMENDATION: I move the Board of Trustees approve the application of protective bird film with a commitment from the Houston Audubon Society to raise as much as possible toward the expense by December 2027.


Dr. Matthew Neighbors
Superintendent


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Trustee