

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

The Public Hearing to present the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) began at 6:28 pm in the Board Room at the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

BOT in attendance: Brown, Beeton, Tucker, O'Neal, Masel, Lakin. Smecca absent

The subjects 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.

- 1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. -6:00
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. -6:00
- 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. -6:05
*Jerald Temple presented donations from the Mike Evans Family Foundation
Cindy Roberts commented on academic achievement and school discipline
Nathan Watkins introduced himself as a candidate for HD23*
- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. -6:12 none
- 5) District Reports -6:12
 - A) Superintendent's Report
*-Principals of the year announced as Sara Giambelluca - Elementary Principal of the Year and Michelle Hammonds - Secondary Principal of the Year.
-Rick Bailey - Galveston Sand Crabs – Autism awareness and community involvement focus
-TAPR - Gabriel Flores and Dr. Post - Summary of school report card – TAPR to be posted on District website*
 - 1) Math - Presented by Robin Sanders and Courtney Cochran *BOT “Boardwalk” for math scheduled for February 25*
 - B) Board Committee Reports
 - 1) Curriculum Committee presented Chair, Ms. Ann Masel 6:37 pm - *Curriculum Committee Meeting Report (met Wednesday, February 4)*
 - 2) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Johnny Smecca
- 6) Financial Reports and Budget Update *Presented by Jeff Martello 6:37 pm*
- 7) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items -6:54pm
 - A) Discuss and approve the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar - *Presented data from student, staff, and parent surveys. Motion to approve Option B by Masel. Second by Lakin. Motion passed unanimously 6-0, Smecca absent.*
Discussion about Consent Agenda Item K- -7:13 pm
- 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. -7:41 pm

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, 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.
- 9) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees. -8:30 pm
- 10) Appointment of Committee Members -8:30 pm
Finance Committee: Johnny Smecca, Chair - Mindy Lakin - Ann Masel
Curriculum Committee: Ann Masel, Chair - Dr. Justin Tucker, Elizabeth Beeton, Dr. Julia Ramirez, Dr. Stephanie Mendoza
Policy Committee: David O'Neal, Chair - Mindy Lakin - Elizabeth Beeton
Facilities Committee: Johnny Smecca, Chair - Ann Masel - Elizabeth Beeton
- 11) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items -*Item K and item P pulled by President Brown. Motion to approve items A-J and L-O by Masel. Second by Lakin. Approved unanimously 6-0, Smecca absent.*
- A) Consider approval of the minutes from the January 21, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting and the February 4, 2026, Special 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 the revision of CKE (LOCAL) Safety Program/Risk Management/Security Personnel
 - G) Discuss and consider approval of EF Tours trip to Japan for eligible 9th-12th grade students at Ball High school, March 8-16, 2026.
 - H) Discuss and consider approval of the 2026-2027 Budget and Staffing Calendar
 - I) Discuss and consider applying to Texas Education Agency for a temporary delay of certification requirements through 2029-30.
 - J) Discuss and Consider the approval of the Automobile, School Liability, General Liability, and Privacy/Information Security Insurance Renewal
 - K) Discuss and Consider Approval of Property Insurance Renewal for CSRFP #2022-23-004 with Galveston Insurance Associates (GIA) -*8:32 Approval for property insurance renewal with GIA motion to approve by Masel. Second by O'Neal. Comments by Beeton. Call for the question by Masel. Call approved 6-0 (Smecca absent). • Motion to approve property insurance renewal approved 5-1 (Beeton against, Smecca absent)*
 - L) Discuss and consider approval for the Targeted Improvement Plan for Central Middle School.
 - M) Discuss and consider Section 25.0823 of the Texas Education Code.
 - N) Discuss and consider approval for the Targeted Improvement Plan for Burnet School.
 - O) Discuss and Consider campus leadership incentive plan for campus improvement and performance for the 2025-26 academic school year.

- P) Discuss and consider approval of the TOR Baseball Field Facility Rental Contract for the Cowboy Collegiate Baseball League -8:52 pm *President Brown modified the motion to "Approve authorizing staff to conclude/conduct negotiations for final contract with Cowboy Collegiate League." Second by Tucker. No further discussion. Approved 6-0 unanimously. Smecca absent.*
- 12) Suggested Future Agenda Items *Tucker - Insurance policy – understanding risk district has taken on with current coverages*
- 13) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Comment: O'Neal - Old Central Center - Play honoring Jack Johnson with blues singer Betsy
Comment: Masel- Galveston Educational Foundation Soiree March 5 @ 6pm at Moody Garden.
Comment: Tucker - Follow up with Mr. O'Neal comment *Comment: Lakin - Project Graduation*
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
- 14) Adjournment -8:58 pm

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on March 25, 2026

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mindy Lakin, Secretary