

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
The Board of Trustees  
Gregory-Portland ISD**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gregory-Portland ISD was held Monday, February 23, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Gregory-Portland ISD Administration Building, 1200 Broadway, PORTLAND, TX 78374.

I. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm by Tim Tlinn, President. Members present: Mark Roach (left the meeting at 7:15 pm), Nicole Nolen, Carrie Gregory, Zachary Simmons, Lora Deluna. Members absent: Melissa Gonzales (arrived at 6:13 pm). Others present: Dr. Michelle Cavazos, Dr. Ismael Gonzalez III, Penny Armstrong, Dr. Michael Norris, Brittney Soliz-Sandoval, Deborah Garza, Michael Thieme, Melinda Pena, Wesley Sanchez, Alton Alexander, Robin Rice, Elizabeth Schubert, Chef, Dr. John Trevino, Atanislao Acosta, Buffy Longoria, Albert Silguero, Kyle Jones, Denise Blanchard, Robin Rice, and Amy Malone.

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CLOSED SESSION 5:57 P.M.  
OPEN SESSION 6:26 P.M.  
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- II. The time is now 5:57 and we will convene in Closed Session, As Authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, 551.084, 551.087, 551.129 et seq.
- A. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee or employees, including but not limited, to resignation and employment of personnel [551.074]
  - B. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code
  - C. Deliberations regarding security devices or security audits [551.076]
- III. Open Session Action, If Any, on Closed Session Deliberations Regarding:
- A. Consider Resignations of Personnel and Review Vacancy Report

No Action Taken

- B. Consider Employment of Personnel

It was recommended that the board accept the administrative recommendation as presented in closed. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Carrie Gregory; motion carried 7/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- IV. Invocation was given by Mark Roach.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nicole Nolen.
- VI. Reading of the Gregory-Portland ISD Vision, Mission & Belief Statements and Board Meeting Norms
- VII. Recognitions / Presentations
  - A. Recognize Elected Officials & Honored Guests
  - B. Community Recognition
  - C. Student Recognition
    - 1. Vighnesh Kar, Max Betz, Mathew Ho, Raegan Betz, Camila Sullivan, Liam Franco, Lyric Hollan, Hayden Johnson, Samuel Dykes, Hunter Garza, Karys Jones, Christopher Serna, Maddie Priddy, Vaslen Rieder, Kingston Pena, Maggie Joseph, Rylan Lambert, Luke Gonzalez, Jeremiah Lara, Jose Garza, Aidyn Bode, Caleb Becak, Regan Randall, Destiny Quesada, Lanz Amarille, Abubrey Conner, Ernesto Martinez, Gianna Rohr, Melina Vicencio, Erin Thorn, Cody Adame, Julian Ortiz, Jeremiah Vaughn, Mila Grace Garza, Jordyn Yebra
  - D. Employee Recognition
    - 1. Daniel Strakos
    - 2. Nancy Hernandez
    - 3. Jared Schmidt
- VIII. Comments from Public in Open Forum – No Public Comment

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.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- IX. Consent Agenda
  - A. Receive and Approve Minutes
  - B. Consider Ratification of Payment of Bills
  - C. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments
  - D. Consider Approval of Donations
  - E. Consider Approval of Library Materials Under Consideration for Acquisition

It was recommended that the board approve Items A through E as one item. Mark Roach made the motion, which was seconded by Nicole Nolen; motion carried 7/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	X		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

X. Regular Business Action Items

- A. Discuss and Take Possible Action regarding SB11 Resolution: Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text

It was recommended that the Board approve Option B, shall not adopt a policy requiring every campus of Gregory-Portland ISD to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Education Code 25.0823. Carrie Gregory made the motion, which was seconded by Lora Deluna; motion carried 6/1.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach		X	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

B. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Budget Planning Guide/Calendar for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

It was recommended that the Board accept the recommendation by administration to approve the budget planning guide and calendar for the 2026-2027 school-year. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Lora Deluna; motion carried 5/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	-		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

C. Discuss and Take Possible Action for CSP# 2526-05 East Cliff Elementary Playground Improvements (BOND 2025 Project)

Do I have a motion for the Board to accept Administration’s recommendation and make a motion to approve and award a contract to the top-ranked proposer for CSP# 2526-05 Construction of East Cliff Elementary Playground Improvements, including potential improvements at additional campuses as determined necessary. The proposer was selected through the Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) process and evaluated in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Texas Education Code §44.031, and all applicable local board policies. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

It was recommended that the Board amend the previous motion to include the name of the top-ranked proposer. Do I have a motion for the Board to accept Administration’s recommendation and make a motion to approve and award a contract to Barcom Construction, the top-ranked proposer for

CSP# 2526-05 Construction of East Cliff Elementary Playground Improvements, including potential improvements at additional campuses as determined necessary. The proposer was selected through the Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) process and evaluated in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Texas Education Code §44.031, and all applicable local board policies. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Lora Deluna; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

D. Discuss and Take Possible Action for CSP# 2526-04 Construction High School Parking Lot and Back Drive Additions

It was recommended that the Board approve the selection and award of a contract to the top-ranked general contractor for the Construction of the High School Parking Lot and Back Drive, as determined through the Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) process conducted in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Texas Education Code §44.031, and all applicable local board policies. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Flinn; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

It was recommended that the Board amend the previous motion to: It was recommended that the Board accept Administration’s recommendation and make a motion to approve and award a contract to AZ Rebar, the top-ranked proposer for CSP# 2526-04 Construction of High School Parking Lot and Back Drive, selected through the Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) process and evaluated in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Texas Education Code §44.031, and all applicable local

board policies. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Flinn; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	6	0	0

E. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Approval of a Change Order for a Playground Addition and Associated Budget Increase to the Operation and Family Resource Center Project

It was recommended that the Board approve a budget amendment and budget increase to the Bond 2023 Operations and Family Resource Center project for a total amount of \$715,000, and to authorize the associated change orders with Weaver & Jacobs Constructors for the addition of a playground at the facility, graphics package additions, and exterior signage improvements, with funding to be provided from the existing Bond 2023 project and available Bond residual funds. Mark Roach made the motion, which was seconded by Lora Deluna; motion carried 5/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	Stepped out		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	Left early		
<b>Totals</b>	5	0	0

F. Discuss and Take Possible Action for Approval of a Resolution relating to establishing the District’s intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds relating to constructing and equipping various District improvements from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be issued by the District for authorized purposes; authorizing other matters incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date

It was recommended that the Board accept the recommendation by administration to adopt a reimbursement resolution for \$7,000,000.00,

whereas, Gregory-Portland ISD intends to reimburse itself for the prior lawful capital expenditure of funds from the proceeds of one or more series of tax-exempt obligations. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	6	0	0

G. Discuss and Take Possible Action of Budget Parameters MEMO for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

It was recommended that the Board accept the recommendation by administration to approve the annual budget parameters memorandum for the 2026-2027 school-year. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	6	0	0

H. Discuss and Take Possible Action of Contract Renewal for RFP #260003261 Leased Lit Fiber - IA

It was recommended that the Board accept the administration's recommendation of awarding a contract renewal to Spectrum to provide Leased Lit Fiber - IA for the district in accordance with RFP#260003261 beginning July 1, 2026, for a period of three years with two additional consecutive one-year, voluntary extensions. Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Lora Deluna; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		

Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	6	0	0

I. Discuss and Take Possible Action for Purchase of Chromebooks for T.M. Clark Elementary Utilizing Approved Cooperative Vendors

It was recommended that the Board accept the recommendation by administration to approve the purchase of Chromebooks at T M Clark Elementary utilizing approved cooperative vendors. Lora Deluna made the motion, which was seconded by Nicole Nolen; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	6	0	0

J. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution to Approve Compensation of District Employees During a Delayed Start Resulting from Extremely Low Temperatures

It was recommended that the Board accept the recommendation by administration to adopt a resolution to approve compensation of district employees during a school two-hour delayed start, resulting from extremely low temperatures and hazardous travel conditions, and that this expenditure is necessary in the conduct of the public schools as provided by Texas Education Code §45.105(c). Nicole Nolen made the motion, which was seconded by Zachary Simmons; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		

<b>Totals</b>	6	0	0
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K. Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve Nicole Nolen to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors

It was recommended that the Board approve Nicole Nolen to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors. Zachary Simmons made the motion, which was seconded by Lora Deluna; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	6	0	0

It was recommended that the Board amend the previous motion to read approve the nomination of Nicole Nolen to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors. Zachary Simmons made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Flinn; motion carried 6/0.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Lora Deluna	X		
Zachary Simmons	X		
Carrie Gregory	X		
Tim Flinn	X		
Melissa Gonzales	X		
Nicole Nolen	X		
Mark Roach	-		
<b>Totals</b>	6	0	0

- XI. Reports/Discussion Items
  - A. Board Scorecard Report
    - 1. Review Board Calendar
  - B. Superintendent's Report
    - 1. Legislative Update

XII. Board Instructions to President/Superintendent on Items of Discussion

NONE

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 PM

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Board President, Tim Flinn

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Board Secretary, Melissa Gonzales