



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING

October 21, 2025 - 5:30pm

Vice Chair Hugh Bud Mehan Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mari Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Raphael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Edith Mendoza, Hugh Mehan, Vincent Riveroll, and Viridiana Word.

EXCUSED:

Michelle Evans, Myeisha Lobbins, Jenny Parsons, Michael Rodrigues, and Cecil H. Steppe.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting to order at 5:39pm and the roll was called.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Board members reviewed the agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS :

1. Review of the Minutes

1a. Board members reviewed the minutes from the August 19 and September 8, 2025 board meetings.

*Motion to approve the August Minutes m/s/c Word/Hernandez- 7 In favor – 1
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: Abs; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye;
Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Word: aye.*

*Motion to approve the September Minutes m/s/c Word/Mendoza- 6 In favor – 2
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: Abs.; Hernandez: Abs;
Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Word: aye.*

2. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Riveroll/GPA Leadership)

Superintendent Riveroll showed the board members a clip of GPA Teacher Sean Bentz who won the Classroom Super Hero for 2025. In Addition, the board discussed 2025 CAASPP achievement data, highlighting significant increases in ELA, math, and Science data overall as well as sub group data. Superintendent Riveroll then introduced Chief Leverson to speak about the next items. The Director's Report is sent in advance to board members.

2a. Williams Settlement Report:

Informational Item- Chief Leverson explained the Williams Settlement Report. Explained how members of SDCOE Williams Team came to visit our campus to ensure our students have "sufficient" instructional materials and clean and safe facilities. They had no concerns with GPA's materials or facilities and gave positive feedback to GPA. Elements of their report will be included in our SARC report.

2b. 2025-26 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan (ELOP):

Informational Item- Chief Leverson introduced that the 2025-26 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan (ELOP) has not been updated since it was last approved last year. This plan needs approval every 3 years, but recommended board approval every year. In addition to outlining the Encore program, the plan includes Saturday Academy at Gompers.

3. Finance Committee Report (Finance Chair Word/Consultant L. Tamayo)

Finance Chair Word explained how items are added to the agenda in the finance section after being completely vetted, in advance, by the Finance Committee in their monthly meetings

3a. Monthly Financials:

Ms. Word introduced Mr. Tamayo who explained the schools monthly financials. Mr. Tamayo presented the August financials, which have been provided in advance to board members. He then answered questions from board members. Superintendent Riveroll shared that GPA is currently working on enrolling students for Q2.

Motion to approve the Monthly Financials m/s/c Word/Chodzko- 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Word: aye.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Board Chair Steppe)

No public comments were received.

5. Adjournment of Special Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):

Motion to adjourn the meeting m/s/c Word/Mendoza -8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Word: aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6: 19 p.m.

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