



## **GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

May 20, 2025 - 5:30 pm

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Maria Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Raphael Hernandez, Jerent Hurlbert, Edith Mendoza, Bud Mehan, Vincent Riveroll, Michael Rodrigues, Cecil H. Steppe, and Viridiana Word.

### **EXCUSED:**

Michelle Evans, Myeisha Lobbins, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock, and Anne Spitzberg.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chair Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and the roll was called.

### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

Board members reviewed the agenda items and agreed to discuss the finance portion of the meeting before the Superintendent's Report.

### **ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS :**

#### **1. Review of the Minutes:**

1a. Board members reviewed the minutes from the March 18, 2025 board meeting.

There were no changes needed.

*Motion to approve May 20, 2025 minutes m/s/c Evans/Chodzko - 7 In favor  
- 1 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye;  
Hernandez: abstained Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and  
Word: aye.*

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

Superintendent Riveroll introduced Chief Levenson to speak about the next items. The Director's Report is sent in advance to board members.

2a. Draft 2025-26 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP):

Chief Levenson explained the draft version of the LCAP must be presented at a Public Hearing prior to board adoption. The draft version has been previously been reviewed by SSC and DLAC for feedback. This is an information item and at this time, does not require any board action.

2b. 2025-2026 School Year Calendar:

Chief Levenson explained the the draft 25-26 calendar follows the same structure as this year.

*Motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar m/s/c Word/Chodzko 8 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: abstention; Chodzko: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

2c. 2026-2026 Instructional Minutes:

Chief Levenson explained the the draft instructional minutes exceed the state requirements and provide excess minutes for flexibility.

*Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Instructional Minutes m/s/c Hurlbert/Word 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

**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. Form 990:

Mr. Tamayo presented our Form 990 which was prepared by CLA in collaboration with ExEd for our taxes. The Finance committee recommended board approval.

*Motion for approval of Form 990 as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Chodzko 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

3b. Draft 2025-2026 Budget:

Mr. Tamayo presented the 2025-2026 draft budget based on the May Revise. Although there is a shortfall, the reserve is able to cover the reserve and maintain well over the reserve requirement.

**3c. Tennis Courts:**

Finance Chair Word presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to fund the additional costs associated with the resurfacing of the lower tennis courts during this phase of construction not to exceed \$350,000 . GPA is working with community organizations to supplement the costs as well.

*Motion for approval of the Tennis Courts as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Chodzko 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

**4. Board Affairs Committee Report (Board Chair Steppe)**

**4a. New Member Nomination:**

Ms. Word brought forward the nomination of new board member, Ms. Jenny Parsons. Ms. Word discussed Ms. Parson's biography and nomination form.

*Motion for approval of Jenny Parsons as our new GPA Board Member m/s/c Word/Mehan 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

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

No public comments were received.

**6. Adjournment of Regular Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):**

Dr. Steppe asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Motion for adjournment of regular meeting m/s/c Steppe/Mehan 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye..*

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm**

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