



**GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING**

December 16, 2025 - 5:30pm

Board Member Jenny Parsons Presiding

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Raphael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Edith Mendoza, Hugh Mehan, Jenny Parsons, Michael Rodrigues, Vincent Riveroll, and Viridiana Word.

**EXCUSED:**

Mari Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, and Cecil H. Steppe.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting to order at 5:33 pm 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 regular October 21 and special December 9, 2025 board meetings.

*Motion to approve the October Minutes m/s/c Word/Mendoza- 6 In favor – 3 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: abstain; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: abstain; Rodrigues: abstain; Riveroll: aye; and Word: aye.*

*Motion to approve the December Special Minutes m/s/c Word/Hurlbert- 8 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: abstain; Mehan: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Word: aye.*

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

Superintendent Riveroll introduced Chief Levenson to speak about the AB 699. The Director's Report is sent in advance to board members.

### **2a. AB 699 Board Resolution:**

Chief Levenson explained that AB 699 is a California law, also called the "Safe Schools for Immigrant Students Act," that protects immigrant students by prohibiting schools from collecting citizenship/immigration info, restricting immigration enforcement on campuses, and requiring districts to adopt policies ensuring schools are safe havens for all students, regardless of status, building on the foundation of the California Safe Haven Schools Act.

*Motion to approve the AB 699 Board Resolution m/s/c Hurlbert/Hernandez- 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Riveroll: 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. Monthly Financials:**

Ms. Word introduced Mr. Tamayo who explained the schools monthly financials. Mr. Tamayo presented the October financials, which have been provided in advance to board members. He then answered questions from board members.

*Motion to approve the Monthly Financials m/s/c Word/Lobbins- 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Word: aye.*

### **3b. Arts Music Instructional Materials Block Grant:**

Ms. Word introduced Mr. Tamayo who explained that the grant is funding for LEA's to obtain standards-aligned professional development and instructional materials in specified areas, improve school culture, develop diverse and culturally relevant book collections, and other specified uses.

*Motion to approve the Arts Music Instructional Materials Block Grant m/s/c Word/Rodrigues- 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Word: aye.*

**4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Board Member Jenny Parsons)**

No public comments were received.

**5. Adjournment of Meeting (Board Member Jenny Parsons):**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting m/s/c Hurlbert/Lobbins- 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Word: aye.*

**Meeting was adjourned at 5: 59 p.m.**

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