



**GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING**

February 17, 2026 - 5:30pm

Board Member Hugh Mehan Presiding

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pete Chodzko, Mari Cruz Avalos, Raphael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Edith Mendoza, Hugh Mehan, Jenny Parsons, Vincent Riveroll, Michael Rodrigues, Cecil H. Steppe and Viridiana Word.

**EXCUSED:**

Michelle Evans, and Myeisha Lobbins.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting to order at 5:30 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 December 16, 2025 and special January 13, 2026 board meetings.

*Motion to approve the December Minutes m/s/c Word/Hernandez- 8 In favor – 3 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: abstain; Chodzko: abstain; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: abstain; and Word: aye.*

*Motion to approve the January Special Minutes m/s/c Parsons/Mendoza- 8 In favor – 3 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: abstain; Chodzko: abstain; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: abstain; and Word: aye.*

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

Superintendent Riveroll introduced Chief Levenson to speak about the Action Items on today's agenda. The Director's Report is sent in advance to board members.

### 2a. Smartphone Policy:

Chief Levenson explained the CA requirement for a board approved Smartphone Policy. This policy formalizes our long standing *Electronic Device Policy*, which establishes limits on student smartphone use during the school day to reduce distractions, protect instructional time, and complies with the state requirements.

*Motion to approve the Smartphone Policy m/s/c Hurlbert/Word- 11 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Word: aye; Steppe: aye; and; Riveroll: aye.*

### 2b. Behavioral Health Policy:

Chief Levenson explained California requirement for a behavioral health policy for schools. This policy formalizes procedures for identifying and referring students who may need behavioral or mental health support, ensuring timely intervention, clear staff responsibilities, and compliance with new California requirements.

*Motion to approve the Behavioral Health Policy m/s/c Word/Chodzko- 11 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Word: aye; Steppe: aye; and; Riveroll: aye.*

### 2c. Mid-Year LCAP Report:

Chief Levenson explained the purpose of the Mid-year LCAP. This report provides the Board with a mid-year review of progress toward LCAP goals, including student outcome data and implementation status of funded actions. This report was reviewed previously to both GPA's SSC and ELAC/DLAC groups.

*Motion to approve the Mid Year LCAP Report m/s/c Chodzko/Parsons- 11 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Word: aye; Steppe: aye; and; Riveroll: aye.*

### 2d. 2026-27 Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP):

Chief Levenson explained the updates to the 2026-27 Comprehensive School Safety Plan to include new requirements. Annually the board must review and adopt the

CSSP. SSC reviewed the 26-27 CSSP at their February 9, 2026 SSC meeting and approved it to go to the board.

*Motion to approve the 26-27 Comprehensive School Safety Plan m/s/c*

*Hernandez/Rodrigues- 11 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Word: aye; Steppe: aye; and; Riveroll: aye.*

**2e. Title I, Part A Local Educational Agency (LEA) Parent and Family Engagement Policy:**

Chief Levenson explained this policy which was reviewed by SSC and ELAC/DELAC prior to bringing to the board. Chief Levenson highlighted the purpose of the policy, as well as the important role our parents and families have played for the past 21 years at GPA.

*Motion to approve the Title I, Part A Local Educational Agency (LEA) Parent and*

*Family Engagement Policy m/s/c Parsons/Rodrigues- 11 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Word: aye; Steppe: aye; and; Riveroll: 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 December 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/Chodzko- 11 In favor – 0*

*Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Word: aye; Steppe: aye; and; Riveroll: aye.*

**3b. 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 to approve the Form 990 m/s/c Hurlbert/Chodzko- 11 In favor – 0 Abstention*

*– None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye;*

*Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Word: aye; Steppe: aye; and; Riveroll: aye.*

**3c. 25-26 Independent Charter Auditor Selection:**

Chief of Staff Levenson presented the Independent Auditor Selection Certification, which has been provided in advance to board members. The approved auditor for 25-26 will be CliftonLarsonAllen. She then answered questions from board members.

*Motion to approve the 25-26 Independent Charter Auditor Selection m/s/c Word/Hurlbert- 11 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

**3d. Second Interim Report:**

Chief of Staff Levenson explained the informational item to the board and its being presented at the next finance meeting in March and will need to be approved at a special board meeting to meet the deadline.

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

No public comments were received.

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

*Motion to adjourn the meeting m/s/c Hurlbert/Chodzko- 11 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

**Meeting was adjourned at 6: 28 p.m.**

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