



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING

April 21, 2026 - 5:30pm

Board Member Pete Chodzko Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mari Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Raphael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Edith Mendoza, Jenny Parsons, Vincent Riveroll, Michael Rodrigues and Viridiana Word.

EXCUSED:

Myeisha Lobbins, Hugh Mehan, and Cecil H. Steppe.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting to order at 5:34 pm and the roll was called.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Board members reviewed the agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS :

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1. Review of the Minutes

1a. Board members reviewed the minutes from the regular February 17, 2026 board meetings and the special March 10, 2026 board meetings.

Motion to approve the February Minutes m/s/c Word/Hernandez- 9 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: abstain; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

Motion to approve the March Special Minutes m/s/c Rodrigues/Word- 6 In favor – 3 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: abstain; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: 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 Action Items on today's agenda. The Director's Report is sent in advance to board members.

2a. Draft 2026-27 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 for feedback. Board discussed goals, metrics and action items. This is an information item and at this time, does not require any board action.

2b. 2026-27 School Year Calendar:

Chief Levenson explained that the 26-27 calendar was adjusted after feedback from staff to include an additional support week during the school year based on this year's powerful winter student support week.

Motion to approve the 2026-27 School Year Calendar m/s/c Parsons/Hernandez- 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

2c. 2026-27 Instructional Minutes:

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

Motion to approve the 26-27 Instructional Minutes: m/s/c Parsons/Hernandez- 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

2d. 2026-27 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educator:

Chief Levenson explained the Declaration of Need process. Our current DON expires on June 30, 2026 and this DON will begin on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Motion to approve the 2026-27 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educator: m/s/c Word/Mendoza- 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: 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 meetings.

3a. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Tamayo presented the February 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/Evans- 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

3b. Draft 2026-27 Budget:

Mr. Tamayo presented the 2026-2027 draft budget based on the May Revise. This is an information item and at this time, does not require any board action.

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

No public comments were received.

4. Adjournment of Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):

Motion to adjourn the meeting m/s/c Word/Parsons- 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6: 07 p.m.

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