MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – GILA INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT #2

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
GIFT Office

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Mr. B.K. Merriman, President
Mr. Eddie Bowman, Member
Mrs. Christie Brown, Member
Mrs. Sherry Carbajal, Member
Mr. Mark Claridge, Member
Mrs. Tamara Melton, Member
Mrs. Kim Waters, Member- Conf. call

Mr. Clay Emery, Superintendent
Mrs. Michele Johnson, Business Manager
Mrs. Brenda Garcia, Administrative Assistant

1. Adoption of the Agenda -The Governing Board reserves the right to reschedule, delete, or arrange items on the agenda, to efficiently conduct its business. **(Action)**
   Motion made by Mrs. Carbajal to adopt the agenda as presented by the administration. Motion seconded by Mrs. Melton. Motion carried 7/0.

Item #1				
Name	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters-Conf. call	X			

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – *None*

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - *None*

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS

2. Superintendent's Summary- ***Mr. Emery gave an informative report to the board.***

CONSENT AGENDA – Action

Approval of routine payroll and expense vouchers/routine matters.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.
   Recommendation to approve/ratify financial matters.
   A. Payroll and expense vouchers.

B. Cash balance reports.

Motion made by Mrs. Brown to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Melton. Motion carried 7/0.

Item #3				
Name	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters-Conf. call	X			

LEGAL/FINANCIAL

New Business

4. Discussion and consideration of a motion to convene a public hearing pursuant to A.R.S. §15-905.

The purpose of this Hearing is to Provide the Public the Opportunity for Questions and Discussion for the Proposed Maintenance and Operations and Capital Outlay Budget for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. (
n**Action**)

Motion made by Mrs. Carbajal to convene a public hearing pursuant to A.R.S. §15-905. Motion seconded by Mrs. Melton. Motion carried 7/0.

Item #4				
Name	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters-Conf. call	X			

5. Discussion and consideration of a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to Regular Session. **(Action)**

Motion made by Mrs. Carbajal to approve a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to Regular Session. Motion seconded by Mr. Bowman. Motion carried 7/0.

Item #5				
Name	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			

Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters-Conf. call	X			

6. Discussion and consideration of a motion to adopt the Proposed Maintenance and Operations and Capital Outlay Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. **(Action)**
Motion made by Mr. Claridge to adopt the Proposed Maintenance and Operations and Capital Outlay Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Mrs. Melton. Motion carried 7/0.

Item #6				
Name	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters-Conf. call	X			

BUSINESS/PERSONNEL

New Business

7. Review/confirm board meeting schedule.

Regular/Special Meetings for 2026-2027 School Year

--- Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 6 pm at GIFT Office
--- Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 6 pm at GIFT Office
--- Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 6 pm at GIFT Office

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at: 6:25 pm.

Chairman Signature **Date**