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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – GILA INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT #2

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
EAC Cosmetology Building

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-Conf. call
Mr. Mark Claridge, Member
Mrs. Tamara Melton, Member
Mrs. Kim Waters, Member-Conf. call

, Superintendent
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. Brown 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-Conf. call	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 September 8, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Recommendation to approve/ratify financial matters**.**

A. Payroll and expense vouchers.

B. Cash balance reports.

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

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

LEGAL/FINANCIAL

New Business

4. Approve superintendent evaluation instrument. **(Action)**

Motion made by Mr. Bowman to approve superintendent evaluation instrument. 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. Move to recess to executive session. **(Action)**

Motion made by Mrs. Brown to recess to executive session. Motion seconded by Mrs. Melton. Motion carried 7/0. Time: 6:06 pm.

Item #5				
Name	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
Eddie Bowman	X			
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal-Conf. call	X			
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			

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B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters-Conf. call	X			

The Governing Board to meet in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (1) A. A.R.S. 38-431-.03 (A) (3)

- Discussion and possible action on upcoming GIFT Performance Audit. The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (A)(4) for legal advice. GIFt has been selected for a Performance Audit along with one other CTED and several public school districts in the state.
  All persons present are hereby reminded that it is unlawful to disclose or otherwise divulge to any person who is not now present, other than a current member of the Board, anything that has transpired or has been discussed during the executive session. To do so is a violation of A.R.S. §38-431.03 A.2, A.3. unless pursuant to a specific statutory exception.

6. Reconvene in open session. **Time: 6:26 pm**.

BUSINESS/PERSONNEL
New Business

Regular/Special Meetings for 2026-2027 School Year

--- Tuesday, December 8, 2026, 6 pm at GIFT Office
--- Tuesday, January 12, 2027, 6 pm at GIFT Office

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at: 7:19 pm.

Chairman Signature **Date**

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