

MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – GILA INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT #2

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Morenci High School

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
Mrs. Christie Brown, Member
Mrs. Sherry Carbajal, Member
Mr. Mark Claridge, Member
Mrs. Tamara Melton, Member

Mr. Clay Emery, Superintendent
Mrs. Brenda Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Mr. Eddie Bowman, Member
Mrs. Kim Waters, Member

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 Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 5/0.

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				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 August 11, 2026, Regular Meeting.
Recommendation to approve/ratify financial matters.

A. Payroll and expense vouchers.

B. Cash balance reports.

Motion made by Mrs. Melton to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion seconded by Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 5/0.

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				X

LEGAL/FINANCIAL

New Business

4. Discussion and approval of OSHA 10 construction instructor for 2026. **(Action)**

Motion made by Mrs. Melton to approve OSHA 10 construction instructor for 2026.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried 5/0.

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				X

5. Discussion of proposed board policies, second reading. **(Action)**

Policy BEDB – Agenda

Policy CBA – Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent

Policy DJ – Purchasing Ethics

Policy DJE – Bidding / Purchasing Procedures

Policy IHA – Basic Instructional Program

Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements

Policy KFA – Public Conduct on School Property

Policy DGD – Credit Cards

Motion made by Mr. Claridge to approve board policies. Motion seconded by Mrs. Carbajal. Motion carried 5/0.

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				X

6. Discussion of Proposed board policies, first reading. **(Discussion Only)**
7. Discussion and possible adoption of return to work procedure for individuals who retire and are employed by a third party. **(Action)**
Motion made by Mrs. Brown to approve adoption of return to work procedure for individuals who retire and are employed by a third party. Motion seconded by Mrs. Claridge. Motion carried 5/0.

Item #7				
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				X

BUSINESS/PERSONNEL

New Business

8. Review/confirm board meeting schedule.
Regular/Special Meetings for 2026-2027 School Year
- Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 6 pm at GIFT Office
 - Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 6 pm
 - Tuesday, December 8, 2026, 6 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 pm.

Chairman Signature

Date