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**Tim Flinn, Carrie Gregory, and Lora DeLuna sworn in as Trustees  
of the Gregory-Portland ISD School Board through May 2027**

This week during a regular meeting of the Gregory-Portland ISD Board of Trustees, Tim Flinn, Carrie Gregory, and Lora DeLuna were sworn in to serve terms in at-large positions for the next four years through May 2027. Flinn and Gregory were re-elected as incumbents, while DeLuna is now serving as a new Trustee.

Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos stated the following in response to the swearing in of these three elected officials: “G-PISD is incredibly fortunate to have seven school board trustees who have true hearts for service and a genuine love for our Wildcats and community. Mrs. DeLuna is a former G-PISD employee and has been a highly-engaged parent of G-P students for many years. As of next year, her children will be enrolled in elementary, middle, and high school, which lends a unique perspective to the board in addition to the fact that her many talents, kind demeanor, and heart of service is well aligned with her fellow trustees.

“Every one of these leaders exemplifies through their actions what it means to be engaged and excited about what is happening throughout Gregory-Portland. Together they bring a wide variety of personal and professional backgrounds with dynamic perspectives within their fields of expertise, and I look forward to seeing what is in store for the district going forward thanks to their trusted and collaborative leadership.”

Prior to the swearing-in of these elected officials, Dr. Cavazos and the board publicly honored Trustee Dean Atkinson during the meeting with a custom work of art constructed by a local craftsman from the G-P community, Mr. Jay Hays. Atkinson was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2022 after previously “retiring” from 15 years of school board service in 2021. He has stated that in agreeing to fulfill the term, he had been planned to “retire a second time” this May. With the additional time on his hands Atkinson said he plans to enjoy moments with his wife Kay, their children, and grandchildren – all of whom have been part of the G-P community for decades and are “devoted Wildcats.”

“Mr. Atkinson has a heart of gold, and his presence in our community and on our board has been instrumental in many key decisions,” Cavazos said. “While his insight has been invaluable on our team, it must (also) be said that he is a giant of a human being in terms of community leadership, service, and pride. When we needed his expertise, he did not hesitate to provide it. He is a treasure in G-PISD, and we are thankful for him.”

*Media content (photos, broll) from the swearing in of Trustees and the presentation to honor Atkinson are available upon request. Please contact Crystal Matern at [cmatern@g-pisd.org](mailto:cmatern@g-pisd.org) or 361.777.1091, ext. 1045.*

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