

MULTI-ETHNIC COMMITTEE (MEC)

MEETING MINUTES

DATE	08/25/2025	TIME	6:31 - 7:40	CALL TO ORDER	Dr. Bonnie Martinez
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ATTENDEES		
GISD Representatives	MEC Committee Members	MEC Student Members
Dr. Lakisha Culpepper	Dr. Bonnie Martinez, MEC Chairman	GHS
	Dr. Patrick Cook, MEC Vice-Chairman	LCHS
	Ms. Vanessa VanPelt, MEC Secretary	RHS
	Dr. Joyce Miller	SHS
	Ms. Pauline Sias	GHS
	Mr. Timothy Robinson	

AGENDA

TIME	ITEM	OWNER
5 minutes	Call to Order	Dr. Martinez
5 minutes	Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	
5 minutes	Approve Meeting Minutes	MEC Board Members
10 minutes	Garland ISD Updates and NAACP Updates	Dr. Culpepper
5 minutes	Adjourn	Dr. Martinez

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 6:31

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recruitment Report Presentation

1. Opening
 - a. No election needed, Year 2 is just beginning.
2. GISD and NAACP Legislative Updates
 - a. Key Legislative Changes:
 - i. Districts can now deny admission to students with certain felony convictions.
 - ii. Schools can now remove kindergarten students for specific safety concerns.
 - iii. Districts may now expel students for assaulting staff (expulsions will continue to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis).
 1. Question raised: Have expulsions increased?
 - a. Response: Yes, more than desired.
 - iv. After assignment to AEC (Alternative Education Center), students may be moved to a different campus upon return.
 - v. Schools now have the option to offer online instruction with ADA compliance.
 - vi. Cell Phone Policy:
 1. Encourage increased socialization (e.g., during lunch).
 2. No metrics currently being collected to measure policy effectiveness.
3. Funding and Prop A Discussion
 - a. Schools require a \$1,500 per-student increase; however, only \$50 per student has been allocated.
 - b. Discussion: How can MEC help close the gap?
 - i. Attend Prop A meeting. These are meant to share information about potential impacts if the bond does not pass.

Prop A Meeting Schedule:

Date Location

9/2 NGHS

9/3 GHS

9/16 SGHS

9/17 SHS

9/24 NFHS

9/30 LCHS

10/1 RHS

10/8 GCTRC

4. NAACP Updates

- a. Partnering with Sellers to help monitor students before school and assist with support duties.
- b. Freedom Fun Brunch scheduled for September 20.
- c. Awards will be presented to students from each of the 7 high schools.
- d. Scholarships will also be awarded.
- e. Timothy will send an email with event details.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.