



Press Release

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Galena Park I.S.D. Welcomes Two New Board Members

Houston, Texas: At the August Galena Park I.S.D. (GPISD) Board of Trustee meeting, Noe Esparza and Norma Hernandez were sworn in by Judge Joe Stephens to fill Position 6 and Position 7 of the GPISD Board. The vacancy in Position 6 was created by the resignation of Trustee Minnie Rivera. Position 7 became vacant upon the passing of long-time Board member, Dawn Fisher.

Noe Esparza, appointed to fill Position 6, is a graduate of Galena Park High School. He works as a Regional Director at the Donaldson Company, and has attended San Jacinto College-North and the University of Houston. Mr. Esparza is married, and is the proud father of two sons, both of whom have graduated from GPISD schools. He remarked, "I want to serve our community and see our children succeed."

Norma Hernandez, appointed to fill Position 7, is a graduate of Harlingen High School, the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, and Texas Southern University. She is a former teacher and registrar, having served 38 years at Galena Park High School until her retirement in 2017. She is married, and her two adult daughters are graduates of Galena Park High School. She looks forward to working with her new colleagues on the Galena Park I.S.D. Board of Trustees "to give back to the District that has played such an important part in [her] life."

The appointments of both Norma Hernandez and Noe Esparza were unanimously approved by the Board. Ramon Garza, Board President, stated, "While we will truly miss both Ms. Rivera and Mrs. Fisher and are forever grateful for their service to our students, the Board is excited to welcome our new colleagues, who bring their own perspectives, experiences and knowledge. We look forward to serving our great community with Mrs. Hernandez and Mr. Esparza as part of our Team of 8."



Pictured (left to right) Mr. Noe Esparza, Board Trustee; Mrs. Norma Hernandez, Board Trustee; and Judge Joe Stephens

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