

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2026

Board members gathered from 8:10-9:05 a.m.at the Granite Education Foundation distribution center to complete a service project.

A work session of the Board of Education of Granite School District convened at Cottonwood Country Club, 1780 Lakewood Drive, Holladay, Utah. President Nicole McDermott called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM, those in attendance:

Nicole McDermott	President
Kris Nguyen	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Kim Chandler	Board Member
Julie Jackson	Board Member
Clarke Nelson	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present:

Ben Horsley	Superintendent
Todd Hauber	Business Administrator
Mitch Nerdin	Chief of Staff

Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, was in attendance.

WORKING SESSION

Board Handbook Updates

President McDermott led this discussion. Board members shared suggestions to improve clarity in some sections of the board handbook. Board leadership will review the changes with Doug Larson and finalize the updates.

Committee Updates

Kris Nguyen facilitated this discussion. A description of the purpose of each committee could be added on the board page. It would be worth considering a legislative committee. With so much turnover on the board, adding committees should be a decision for the new board to make.

Policy and Procedure

Population Analysis Process: The board would like a summary of expectations for the work MGT was contracted to complete.

Transitions for school rebuilds and closures: Board members discussed that a process for school closures, consolidations and rebuilds that could be systematized would be helpful and should include engaging teachers, the school community council and students. The board wants to prioritize energy efficiency when we update facilities if it is practical and fiscally responsible.

District Community Council: It is worth reviewing this format before the current board leaves office.

Board Vacancy

Interview Format: Kris Nguyen will email sample interview questions to board members. She asked them to review the question, make suggestions or write new questions and reply to board leadership with their top three choices.

Appointment Timeline: The timeline for a first interview, tentative second interview and appointment was reviewed.

Board Member Onboarding and Training

President McDermott asked board members to email suggestions to board leadership.

Board Evaluation

Julie Jackson shared results from a survey that was sent to the executive leadership team.

ADJOURN

President McDermott concluded the working session of the meeting and instructed board members to gather for lunch and then meet outdoors for a pickleball tournament.

President Nicole McDermott adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/> and <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/2744>

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