

**GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MINUTES**

Date: NOVEMBER 17, 2025 / Time: 4:00 PM PST

via Zoom

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ATTENDEES:

**Present: Salli Hale - Phil Johnson - Elmer Membreno - Reshon Moutra - Tammy Kemp
Karen Millom - Shirley Warren - Zerrona Williams**

Absent: AJ Alexander - Nancy Fertig - Rosie Gaspar - Crystal Hawkins - Anthony Jackson

1. **Call to Order** – Shirley Warren called the meeting to order at 4:11 PM.
2. **Approval of the Agenda** – Shirley made a motion to start the meeting by moving the following from new business: Principal Sonia Buenrostro, GHSAA Officer & Board Member Nominations for 2026, Black Student Achievement Program, December Meeting (End of Year Holiday Celebration); followed by the following from old business: California Fish Grill Fundraiser, Long Beach Grand Prix Decision, Homecoming Report. The remaining old & new business items will be tabled if there is no time to cover. The motion was seconded by Reshon. Shirley carried the motion. The ayes have it and it was so ordered.
3. **Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2025 & October 20, 2025** – Reshon made a motion to approve the August 18, 2025, minutes; Salli seconded the motion. Shirley carried the motion. The ayes have it and it was so ordered. Salli made a motion to approve October 20, 2025, minutes, Elmer seconded the motion. Shirley carried the motion. The ayes have it and it was ordered.
4. **New Business**
 - **Sonia Buenrostro** – Principal Buenrostro was not present
 - **Black Student Achievement** – Miesha Parker was not present
 - **GHSAA Officer & Board Member Nominations for 2026** – The resumes/bios of candidates David Morikawa, Carol Fresco, and Cheryl Nakata were discussed. These candidates have an adept level of experience in various fields. Phil made a motion to accept them as 2026 Board Members. The motion was seconded by Reshon. Shirley carried the motion. The ayes have it and it was so ordered. These new Board Members will be invited to the December holiday meeting. Salli nominated Shirley for the position of President for the 2026 year. The motion was carried by Zerrona. The ayes have it and it was so ordered.
The Secretary position was not filled and is still open for 2026. The position needs to be filled
Phil Johnson was nominated to fill the position of Treasurer for the year 2026.
Shirley made a motion to confirm Phil as the Treasurer for the year 2026. The motion was seconded by Salli. Shirley carried the motion. The ayes have it and it was so ordered.
 - **December Meeting (End of year celebration)** – the December meeting will be hosted by Phil & Rachel Johnson. Their address and the exact time will be confirmed within the next week or so.

- **California Fish Grill fundraiser (update)** – Salli reported that we had a profit of \$345.18 based on sales twenty-five (25%) of sales; \$120 worth of merchandise was sold, and we received \$23 in donations. The fundraiser was a success, and we hope to have another fundraiser with them.
- **Long Beach Grand Prix decision** – If we decide to proceed, volunteers are needed for the hours of 6am – 7pm. If the decision is made to proceed, we are allowed to decommit if needed. Training would begin in January. As previously discussed, the potential fundraising amount is potentially \$2,000 – 4,000. Shirley will put out feelers on Facebook to see if Alumni are interested in volunteering. A decision to commit will be made at the December meeting.
- **Homecoming Report** – Zerrona reported that overall, the event went well.
- **Discuss Potential Day & Time Change of Meeting** – a survey will be sent to Members to determine if the meeting day and time will be changed. The final results will be discussed in the December meeting.
- **Fundraising**
 - **Fundraiser Calendar (School Year)** – there was no update
 - **Double Good Fundraiser** – no Double Good fundraiser was set up
 - **California Fish Grill** – report previously given by Salli
 - **Mr. Fries** – still needs to be added to the calendar
 - **Fishbone** – still needs to be put on the calendar
 - **Local Restaurants Fundraising Opportunities** – continue to update calendar; AJ will follow up with possible fundraisers at McDonald, 85 degrees & In-N-Out
 - **Alumni Fundraising Gatherings** – still needs to be added to the calendar
 - **Long Beach Grand Prix Beer Booth** - previously discussed
 - **Fundraising Opportunity (Zag Fundraising)** – Philip Johnson - still need to add to the calendar
 - **Others** – Membership, Chipotle, Panda Express, Chik-Fil-A, Raising Cane's – still need to add to the calendar
 - **Membership Drive/Plan (update)**– the Membership Drive/Plan needs to start asap. In the At the previous meeting it was decided to proceed using Zeffy. This needs to happen asap.
 - **Merchandise** – there was no update
 - **GHSAA Membership Newsletter** – Zerrona agreed to work with new Board Member Carol Fresco if Carol accepts the offer. Carol had responsibility of publishing the newsletter for the original Alumni Association.
- **Senior Cabinet Advisory Board (potential internships)** – no update was given
- **Scholarship Committee** – Nancy has stepped down as a Board Member due to health challenges. Elmer will replace Nancy as Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Nancy will need to be replaced as a Scholarship Committee Member. Elmer will now head the committee.
- **2025 - 2026 Calendar** – there were no updates
- **Board Members Photos & Bios for website** – Members were reminded to submit a headshot photo to Anthony via email at learnmedia@gmail.com so that the website can be updated.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **Principal Sonia Buenrostro** – not present
- **Treasurer Report** – Shirley reviewed the Treasurer Report which was also sent to board members via email prior to the meeting. As of November 16th, the current balance is \$7,069.52
- **Technology / Website Committee Report** – no Technology Report was given
- **Social Media (updates)** – there were no updates

- **2026 Budget** – Budget proposals for 2026 will be submitted at the December meeting. Salli made a motion to increase the number of scholarship awards from two (2) to four (4) at \$1,000 each. Phil seconded the motion. Shirley carried the motion. The ayes have it and it was so ordered.
 - **Public Comments** – no guests were present
6. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Salli and seconded by Zerrona. Shirley carried the motion, the ayes have it, and it was so ordered. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.

Minutes submitted by Shirley Warren