

**VILLAGE OF GALATIA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
February 3, 2026 at 5:00pm**

The Galatia Village Board of Trustees met for a special board meeting on February 3rd of 2026 at 5:00 pm. The Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm. Board Members present were: Corey Toler, Perry Whitlock, Darlene Higgins, Derrick Fletcher. Not present for Roll Call: Bill Campbell. Also, present was Shannon Mitchell, Barbara Marks, Justin Aud, Rick Thiedig, Andrea weeding, Jeron Farley, D.J. Newsome, T.J. Varble, Amanda Varble, Johnathan Cantrell, Janet Harris, John Eaton, Sue Eaton, David Grant, Gaylon Parks, Gary Schwarts, Suzanne Gulley, Brenda Davis, Debbie Clark, Brooke Carlton, Brittany Adams, Holly Tate, Matt Pluta, Merlina Pritchett, Jennifer Peyton, Kevin Peyton, Jerod Campbell, Linda Mohler, Dennis Gauger.

A request for a motion for a pro-tem mayor was made by Jersey. This is required for the purposes of running the remainder of the meeting. Johnathan Cantrell addressed the reasonings for this to the audience and Board Members.

Corey Toler recommended Derrick Fletcher, who agreed.
A motion was made by Corey Toler and seconded by Derrick Fletcher, to vote on Derrick Fletcher as the mayor pro-tem for the purposes of running the meeting.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1. Motion Carries

Motion to Accept Paul Wiggins' resignation letter. Motion made by Darlene Higgins and seconded by Corey Toler.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: Cambell. Motion Carries

Appointment of new Mayor – Derrick Fletcher briefs the position options in the event of appointment and their choice to keep their Trustee seat, or fulfill full mayor powers.

Donation of time to hear from the audience members present, of who they would like to have as their mayor. Public comments were shared for 7 minutes.

Of the audience members, Derrick Fletcher and Darlene Higgins were recommended to be voted on as Mayor.

Motion to Appoint Trustee Darlene Higgins as mayor. Motion made by Derrick Fletcher and seconded by Corey Toler.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 2. Nays: 2. Absent: Cambell. Motion Fails.

Motion to Appoint Trustee Derrick Fletcher as mayor. Motion made by Derrick Fletcher and seconded by Corey Toler.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 3. Nays: 1. Absent: Cambell. Motion Carries

Derrick Fletcher Accepts position as mayor.

Motion to Remove Paul Wiggins from Legence Bank accounts. Motion made by Darlene Higgins and seconded by Corey Toler.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: Cambell. Motion Carries

Motion to Add Derrick Fletcher as newly appointed mayor to Legence Bank accounts.
Motion made by Corey Toler and seconded by Darlene Higgins.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: Cambell. Motion Carries

Motion to Add Jersey Hesse, Village Clerk, to be added to all Legence Bank accounts and safe deposit box. Motion made by Corey Toler and seconded by Darlene Higgins.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: Cambell. Motion Carries

Johnathan presents sworn oath to be presented to Derrick Fletcher.

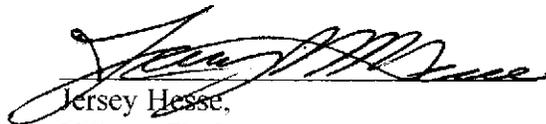
Jersey Hesse swore Derrick Fletcher into the office of Mayor, under oath. Signed and dated.
February 3, 2026.

April of 2027 Election

Addressed the vacancy of the board seat. On Metting Agenda for February 9th, 2026 at 6:00pm. Derrick Fletcher discussed.

Motion to Adjourn meeting. Motion made by Corey Toler and seconded by Darlene Higgins.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: Cambell. Motion Carries

Meeting Adjourned at 5:23pm.


Jersey Hesse,
Village Clerk


Derrick Fletcher
Mayor