



## Public Notice of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held August 25, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Biblioteca Las Americas' Lecture Hall via Video Zoom.

Audio Conferencing Notice: Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via video conference and/or audio conference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer or trustees will not be physically present at one location but a quorum will be required for the meeting on the video conference or phone. The public may access this meeting by clicking on the following link: [Zoom Link](#). An electronic agenda may be viewed at the following link [Electronic Agenda](#). A recording of the meeting will be available for viewing on the District's website. Attached is a link to a public comments form that must be completed and emailed to Amanda Odom, Administrator for Public Relations and Marketing at [amanda.odom@stisd.net](mailto:amanda.odom@stisd.net), prior to the beginning of the meeting if you wish to address the Board of Trustees on an agenda or non-agenda topic for regular meetings or an agenda item at a special meeting. All public comments shall be submitted in writing and distributed to the Board of Trustees for consideration so please note your comments on the form. [STISD Public Comments](#)

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Welcome.
2. Public Budget Hearing for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
4. Moment of Silence.
5. Board Meeting called to order.
6. Awards & Recognitions.
7. Approval of Consent Agenda.

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may act upon more than one item by a single vote through the use of consent agenda. Consent items shall be items placed on the Agenda marked with an asterisk (\*) for which no Board discussion is anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. Prior to the meeting, at the request of any member of the Board of Directors, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed and given individual consideration. Requests for individual consideration are made at least a half-hour prior to Board meetings and requests must be directed to either the Board President or the Superintendent.

8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
10. \*Action: Review and act on the August 4, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.
11. Policy & Curriculum - Sylvia S. Lopez & Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Action: Review and act on the administrators to hold ARDs for the 2020-2021 school year.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on list of appraisers for the 2020-2021 school year.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act on the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) Members for the 2020-2021 school year.
  - D. Action: Review and act on Policy Update 115, Final Reading.
  - E. Report on 2020 Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate scores.
12. Buildings & Grounds - Dr. Rick Villarreal & Mr. Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
  - A. Report on the following projects:
    1. Edinburg Exterior Restroom project
    2. Science Academy CATE Building Renovation Project
    3. Mercedes Complex Electronic Marquee
    4. Medical Professions Classroom Wing Addition
    5. New Central Office Building Renovation
  - B. Action: Review and act on approving the ranking of proposals for construction services for the Preparatory Parking Lot Expansion project.
13. Finance - Mr. Ramon Montalvo, III & Mr. Israel G. Quintanilla, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Report on checks written since last report.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on approving the 2020-2021 Extra-Curricular and Athletic Activities Resolution and Stipend Agreements.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act on removing obsolete capital assets from district inventory.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing bank signatures for Rising Scholars Academy.
  - E. \*Action: Review and act on contract with Moak, Casey & Associates for legislative services.
  - F. \*Action: Review and act on 2019-2020 General Fund Budget Amendment #2 (final).
  - G. Action: Review and act on approving the following Request for Proposals:
    1. Bus & Auto Parts (RFP 20-016)
    2. Mats & Linens (RFP 20-017)
    3. Pizza Products (RFP 20-018)
    4. Petroleum Products (RFP 20-019)
    5. Tow Truck Services (RFP 20-020)
  - H. Action: Review and act on Resolution adopting the tax rate for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
  - I. Action: Review and act on Resolution adopting the General Fund, Child Nutrition and Debt Service Budgets for the 2020-2021 school year.
14. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
  - A. \*Campus Reports
    1. Preparatory Academy - A. Castro
    2. Rising Scholars Academy - C. Rodriguez
    3. World Scholars - E. Garza
    4. Medical Professions - H. Goette
    5. Health Professions - M. L. Flores
    6. Science Academy - I. Castillo, Ed.D.

- B. \*Report on professional vacancies.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act on rescheduling the November 24, 2020 and January 26, 2021 board meetings.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on proposed Education Foundation of South Texas ISD Memorandum of Understanding for the 2020-2021 school year.
  - E. \*Action: Review and act on request for a Communications Media Specialist, a new non-professional position for the 2020-2021 school year and approval of announcement of vacancy.
  - F. \*Action: Review and ratify Missed School Days Waiver submitted to the Texas Education Agency by Superintendent of Schools, as per Resolution granting him the authority due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
  - G. \*Action: Review and ratify Administrator/Teacher Appraisal Waiver submitted to the Texas Education Agency by Superintendent of Schools, as per Resolution granting him the authority due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
  - H. \*Action: Review and act on Request to Extend the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year Transition Beyond the Four-Week Limit Waiver and submit to the Texas Education Agency.
  - I. \*Action: Review and act on Request for 40% Campus Hybrid Instruction for 9th-12th grade students Waiver and submit to the Texas Education Agency.
  - J. \*Superintendent's comprehensive report on district operations as approved by Resolution to act in place of the Board of Directors during an emergency closure.
15. \*Correspondence.
16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.084 and 551.001, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:
- A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting
    - 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2020-2021 school year.
      - a. Teachers
    - 2. Retroactive recommendation of professional staff for 2020 summer programs.
    - 3. Rescission of professional employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year.
17. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting
- A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters:
    - 1. Action: Review and act on recommendation for professional staff for the 2020-2021 school year.
      - a. Teachers
    - 2. Action: Review and retroactive approve professional personnel for 2020 summer programs.
    - 3. Action: Review and act on the rescission of professional employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year.
18. Adjournment.

*If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)] The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on August 21, 2020, at 7:40 p.m. For the Board of Directors by Carmen Noriega*