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## Public Notice of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held October 27, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM 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. Any person who wishes to address the Board of Trustees for public comment or public audience shall sign up by submitting an email to [public.audience@stisd.net](mailto:public.audience@stisd.net) 48 hours before the board meeting and attaching the [STISD Public Audience Sign-In Sheet \(posted on the district website\)](#), along with a public comment statement in writing to be shared with the Board. The written statement is required only while we are conducting video conference board meetings. For questions or assistance with the process, please call (956) 565-2454.

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. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Board Meeting called to order.
5. Awards & Recognitions.
  - A. Recognition of Health Professions senior for selection as KVEO "More than an Athlete" honoree.
  - B. Recognition of Medical Professions senior for selection as KRGV "Student of the Week."
  - C. Recognition of Science Academy student for her drive and commitment to completing her high school coursework no matter the obstacles faced.
  - D. Recognition of Medical Professions teacher Elizabeth Carr for receiving the 2020 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award.
  - E. Recognition of Human Resources Staff in honor of Texas Education Human Resources Day, October 14.
  - F. Recognition of Dr. Barbara Heater for her retirement and years of service as Health Professions Principal.

G. Recognition of principals in honor of Principals' Month.

H. Recognition of all four high schools for receiving 2020 College Success Awards from GreatSchools.

I. Recognition of the district and all six campuses for ranking among the best in the state and nation for the seventh consecutive year in the Niche Best Schools Rankings.

6. 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.

7. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

8. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.

9. \*Action: Review and act on the September 22, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

10. Policy & Curriculum - Sylvia S. Lopez & Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs

A. \*Report on gender and ethnicity of all students.

B. \*Report on home districts of all students.

C. \*Report on College Entrance Scores.

D. \*Report on Honors, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and IB Enrollment.

E. \*Action: Review and act on revisions to Policy BED(LOCAL).

F. Report on the 2020-2021 District Improvement Plan (First Reading).

11. Buildings & Grounds - Rick Villarreal, DDS & Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs

A. \*Action: Review and act on extending the lease agreement with Delfino Cornejo, Jr. for the San Benito property.

B. \*Action: Review and act on authorizing the administration to go out for Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSPs) for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.

C. Report on the following projects:

1. Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility
2. Preparatory Academy Parking Lot Expansion
3. Edinburg Exterior Restroom project
4. Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project
5. New Central Office Building Renovation project

D. Report on the South Texas ISD 2019-2020 Safety and Security Audit Report.

E. Action: Review and act on South Texas ISD's Emergency Operations Plan.

12. Finance - Ramon Montalvo, III & Israel G. Quintanilla, Co-Chairs

A. \*Report on checks written since last report.

B. Action: Review and act on Requisition #088577 to Caldwell County Chevrolet for the purchase of two trucks for the district.

C. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendments:

1. 266 ESSER Grant, Budget Amendment #1

2. 199 General Fund, Budget Amendment #2

D. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:

1. Payment application #3 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility project.
2. Payment application #2 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility.
3. Payment application #1 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project.
4. Payment application #1 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project.

E. Annual report on tax delinquent collection from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson.

13. 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. Flores
6. Science Academy - I. Castillo, Ed.D.
7. Attendance Reports - J. Hembree

B. \*Report on professional vacancies.

C. Report on South Texas ISD Board member training continuing education credit report.

D. Superintendent's report on district activities August thru October.

14. \*Correspondence.

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**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
  - b. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
  - c. Assistant Principal
  - d. Principal
  - e. Human Resources Specialist

16. 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 of professional staff for the 2020-2021 school year.
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  - b. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
  - c. Assistant Principal
  - d. Principal
  - e. Human Resources Specialist

## 17. 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 October 23, 2020, at 4:25 p.m.

Carmen H. Noriega  
For the Board of Directors