



Public Notice of Meeting The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held December 8, 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 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.
6. Action: Reorganization of the Board of Directors.
 - A. Action: Election for President
 - B. Action: Election for Vice-President (newly elected President presiding)
 - C. Action: Election of Secretary₁
7. Action: Review and accept Financial Statements & Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, South Texas Independent School District/South Texas

Independent School District Public Facilities Corporation, for the year that ended August 31, 2020.

- A. Annual Financial Report
- 8. 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.
- 9. *Action: Review and act on the October 27 and November 17, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. 4
- 10. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
- 11. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
- 12. Policy & Curriculum - Sylvia S. Lopez & Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on revising Policy BBB (LOCAL) Board Members Elections. 17
 - B. Action: Review and act on the 2020-2021 District & Campus Improvement Plan (Final Reading). 21
- 13. Buildings & Grounds - Rick Villarreal, DDS & Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the following projects: 22
 - 1. Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility
 - 2. Preparatory Academy Parking Lot Expansion
 - 3. Edinburg Exterior Restroom project
 - 4. Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project
- 14. Finance - Israel G. Quintanilla, Co-Chair
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report. 23
 - B. *Action: Review and act on annual incentive program pay for qualified employees. 47
 - C. *Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing bank signatures for Health Professions and World Scholars. 48
 - D. *Action: Review and act on the (266) ESSER Grant, Budget Amendment #2. 52
 - E. *Action: Review and act on designating \$2,400,000 of fund balance for future projects. 55
 - F. Action: Review and act on awarding request for qualifications for Supplemental Benefits Third Party Administrator. 56
 - G. Action: Review and act on the following donation(s):
 - 1. \$1,000 from Humanities Texas for Medical Professions 60
 - 2. In-kind donation of a vehicle (valued at \$500-\$1,000) from Joe Lamas for Science Academy 62
 - H. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #²~~5~~ to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility project. 64

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| 2. | Payment application #4 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility. | 66 |
| 3. | Payment application #2 to Gonzalez Enterprise for the Preparatory Parking Lot Expansion project. | 75 |
| 4. | Payment application #2 to Gignac & Associates for the New Central Office Building Renovation project. | 79 |
| 15. | Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D. | |
| A. | *Campus Reports | |
| 1. | Preparatory Academy - A. Castro | 82 |
| 2. | Rising Scholars Academy - C. Rodriguez | 83 |
| 3. | World Scholars - J. Ortiz | 84 |
| 4. | Medical Professions - H. Goette | 85 |
| 5. | Health Professions - M. Flores | 86 |
| 6. | Science Academy - I. Castillo, Ed.D. | 87 |
| 7. | Attendance Reports - J. Hembree | 88 |
| B. | *Action: Review and act on re-adoption of Board of Trustees' Code of Ethics to include new board members. | 92 |
| C. | *Report on professional vacancies. | 93 |
| 16. | *Correspondence. | |
| 17. | <u>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:</u> | |
| 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. | 95 |
| a. | Teacher(s) | |
| 2. | Rescission of professional employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year. | 97 |
| 18. | 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. | |
| a. | Teacher(s) | |
| 2. | Action: Review and act on the rescission of professional employment contract for the 2020-2021 school year. | |

19. 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 December 2, 2020, at 5:20 p.m.