



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 February 2, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM Via 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.
 - A. Recognition of South Texas ISD Board of Directors in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

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. *Action: Review and act on the December 8, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. 5
8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
10. Policy & Curriculum - Sylvia S. Lopez & Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on proposed admission qualifications for students and campus target populations for 2021-2022 school year. 13
 - B. *Report on Policy Update 116, First Reading. 16
 - C. Action: Review and act on changes to district policy BDB(LOCAL) Board Internal Organization: Internal Committees. 34
 - D. Report on District of Innovation activities. 38
 - E. Action: Review and act on the following Proposed Actions: 41
 1. Course Additions (Health Professions): Sports Medicine I & Sports Medicine II
 2. Dual Enrollment Pathway for Medical Office Specialist (Health Professions)
11. Buildings & Grounds - Rick Villarreal, DDS & Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on extending the lease agreement with Karle Farms for the maintenance of the orange grove on the Mercedes grounds. 47
 - B. Report on the following projects: 49
 1. Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility
 2. Edinburg Exterior Restroom project
 3. Preparatory Academy Parking Lot Expansion
 4. Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project
12. Finance - Israel G. Quintanilla, Co-Chair
 - A. *Report on first quarter 2020-2021 District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures. 52
 - B. *Report on school district investments: 54
 1. Investments owned by the district.
 2. Investments held by Wilmington Trust for the South Texas ISD Public Facilities Corporation.
 - C. *Report on checks written since last report. 57
 - D. *Report on the 2021-2022 budget calendar. 70
 - E. *Report on 2020-2021 first quarter student activity accounts. 71
 - F. *Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing bank signatures for new officers. 73
 - G. *Action: Review and act on extending the Landscaping and Maintenance (RFP 17-008) for one year. 74
 - H. Action: Review and act on removing assets from the district asset listing. 75
 - I. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:

1.	Payment application #6 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility project.	78
2.	Payment application #5 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility.	80
3.	Payment application #3 to Gonzalez Enterprise for the Preparatory Parking Lot Expansion project.	89
4.	Payment application #3 to Gignac & Associates for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.	93
5.	Payment application #3 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Preparatory Parking Lot Expansion project.	96
6.	Payment application #3 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project.	98
7.	Payment application #3 to Gerlach Builders for the Science Academy CATE Renovation project.	100
8.	Payment application #1R to Gignac & Associates for the Medical Professions wing addition.	107
J.	Action: Review and act on extending the independent auditor's contract (RFQ 20-013) for one year or authorize the administration to advertise for independent auditor's qualifications for the 2020-2021 audit.	109
K.	Action: Review and act on the following donation(s):	
1.	\$1,000 from United Way to South Texas ISD	110
2.	\$300 from Dr. & Mrs. Ricardo Ochoa to STPA	112
3.	\$100 from Mrs. E. Hernandez to Rising Scholars	114
4.	\$300 from Dr. & Mrs. Ricardo Ochoa to World Scholars	116
13.	Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.	
A.	*Campus Reports	
1.	Preparatory Academy - A. Castro	118
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C.	*Report on staff ethnicity, gender and degree status.	135
D.	*Action: Review and act on request to approve acting principal at Science Academy and salary adjustment.	138
E.	*Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.	139
F.	Action: Review and act on legal services contract with Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Russo & Kyle PC (RFQ 19-010) or authorize the administration to advertise for legal services qualifications.	141
G.	Action: Review and act on Resolution regarding Extension of Time to Use Emergency Paid Sick Leave for the 2020-2021 School Year.	142
14.	*Correspondence.	

15. **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. 145
 - a. Teacher(s)
 - b. School Nurse
 - c. Assistant Principal
 2. Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.
 - a. STISD - Superintendent contract and fringe benefits
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.
 - a. Teacher(s)
 - b. School Nurse
 - c. Assistant Principal
 2. Action: Review and act on Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.
 - a. Action: STISD - Superintendent contract and fringe benefits
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 January 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

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