



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 25, 2021, 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. District & Campus Texas Academic Performance Report Public Hearing.
6. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of South Texas Preparatory Academy and Rising Scholars Academy for being nominated for 2021 National Blue Ribbon Honors.

- B. Recognition of Mr. Harry Goette for his retirement and years of service as Medical Professions Principal.
- 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. *Action: Review and act on the February 2, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.
- 9. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
- 10. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
- 11. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez & Rick Villarreal, DDS, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report: District-wide Professional Development for the month of March.
 - B. Action: Review and act on the following Proposed Actions:
 - 1. Science Academy Course Additions: Digital Art Pathway (Art 1 - Art & Media Communications; Art 2 - Design I; and Art 2 - Digital Art & Media I)
 - 2. Health Professions Course Additions: Mathematics for Medical Professionals, Principles of Diagnostic Healthcare, Introduction to Imaging Technology, Princ. Of Agriculture, Small Animal Management, Advanced Animal Science, Veterinary Medical Application, Financial Mathematics, Equine Science and Emergency Medical Tech-Basic
 - 3. World Scholars Course Additions: Principles of Cosmetology Design and Color Theory; Introduction to Cosmetology; Principles of Human Services; Entrepreneurship II; Audio Video Production II; Practicum of Audio/Video Production; Practicum in Graphic Design and Illustration; Practicum in Animation; and Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
- 12. Finance & Operations Committee - Martin Castillo, DC & Henry LeVrier, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing bank signatures for Health Professions, Medical Professions, Science Academy and World Scholars.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on removing capital assets from district inventory.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on the following budget amendments:
 - 1. (199) General Fund, Budget Amendment #3
 - 2. (244) Perkins Reserve Grant, Budget Amendment #1
 - E. Action: Review and act on requisition #090997 to Longhorn Bus Sale for the purchase of new school buses.
 - F. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #7 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility project.
 - 2. Payment application #6 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility.

3. Payment application #4 to Gonzalez Enterprise for the Preparatory Parking Lot Expansion project.
 4. Payment application #4 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Preparatory Parking Lot Expansion project.
 5. Payment application #4 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project.
 6. Payment application #4 to Gerlach Builders for the Science Academy CATE Renovation project.
 7. Payment application #4 to Gignac & Associates for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 8. Payment application #2 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project.
 9. Payment application #1 to D Wilson for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project.
- G. Action: Review and act on the following donation(s):
1. \$608.14 from Dr. & Mrs. Ricardo Ochoa to Health Professions
- H. Action: Review and act on awarding Property, Liability and Auto Insurance proposals.
- I. Report on the following projects:
1. Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility
 2. Edinburg Exterior Restroom project
 3. Preparatory Academy Parking Lot Expansion
 4. Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project
- J. Action: Review and act on the Electrical Easement and Right for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility as proposed by AEP Texas Inc.
- K. Action: Review and act on Change Order #2 to the betterment fund for the Preparatory Parking Lot Expansion project.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantu & Larry Cantu, Co-Chairs
- A. *Action: Review and act on Policy Update 116, Final Reading.
 - B. *Review and act on revisions to Policy DCE (LOCAL) - Employment Practices/Other Types of Contract.
14. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane & Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
15. 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 - J. Ortiz
 4. Medical Professions - H. Goette
 5. Health Professions - M. Flores

6. Science Academy - L. Madrigal
 7. Attendance Reports - J. Hembree
 - B. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on approving wage payments to district employees for time missed due to severe weather conditions and power outage.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on request for new non-professional positions for an HVAC Technician, Electrician and Plumber, for the 2020-2021 school year and approval of announcement of vacancies.
 - E. Action: Annual review and approval of revisions to update the Board Operating Procedures.
 - F. Action: Review and approve Missed School Days Waiver to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency by Superintendent of Schools.
 - G. Action: Review and select a nominee from the board to the Region I, Position B seat on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board.
16. *Correspondence.
 17. **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. Counselor
 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. Counselor
 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 February 22, 2021 , at 5:50 p.m.

Carmen Noriega
for the STISD Board of Directors