



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 May 25, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Via Video Zoom.

NOTICE: Pursuant to Governor Abbott’s Temporary Suspension of the Open Meetings Act Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting may be conducted in-person, via audioconference or videoconference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer, or trustees may not be physically present at one location but a quorum will be required for the meeting to proceed via videoconference or audioconference. A recording of the meeting will take place and be available to the public.

The exclusive way to participate in public comment is to send an e-mail to public.audience@stisd.net attaching any public comment statement, in writing, to be shared with the board at the public meeting. All written public comment statements shall be sent no later than May 23, 2021 by 7:00 p.m.

District facilities where the board meeting will be broadcast from will be closed to the public and members of the public will not be permitted inside the board meeting room. The public may access the board meeting at <https://stisd-net.zoom.us/j/82857503737>

This virtual meeting method allows for two-way public communication as required by law. A recording of the public meeting will be posted on the District’s website. An electronic agenda packet will also be on the District’s website.

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 all four high schools for ranking among the best in the state and nation in the U.S. News & World Report 2021 Best U.S. High Schools.
 - B. Recognition of Virginia Leonardelli for her leadership and participation in the district's Educational Improvement Council during the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 school years, and for her commitment to the improvement of the district's planning, operation, supervision, and evaluation of the educational programs.
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 April 27, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.
 - 8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
 - 9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
 - 10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez & Rick Villarreal, DDS, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on Preliminary STAAR EOC Results.
 - 11. Finance & Operations Committee - Martin Castillo, DC & Henry LeVrier, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. Action: Review and act on revising the STISD Non-Exempt Compensation Plan for Bus Drivers due to Critical Shortage.
 - C. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 - 1. General Fund Budget Amendment #6
 - D. Action: Review and act on awarding the following Request for Proposals (RFPs):
 - 1. RFP 21-004 Special Education Contracted Services
 - 2. RFP 21-005 Security Guards
 - 3. RFP 21-006 Awards, Incentive, and Printed Materials
 - E. 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
 - 5. New Central Office Building Renovation project
 - F. Action: Review and act on Requisition 092490 to Carrier for new chiller system at Preparatory Academy.
 - G. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #9 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$254,311.20.
 - 2. Payment application #5 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the STPA Parking Lot expansion project in the amount of \$650.35

3. Payment application #4 to D. Wilson for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$11,685.
12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantu & Larry Cantu, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the May 2021 Review of Local Policies CNB (LOCAL) through CVB (LOCAL).
 - B. Action: Review and act on local policy updates to FFA(LOCAL), FNAA(LOCAL), and FNAB(LOCAL).
13. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane & Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
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 - J. Ortiz
 4. Medical Professions - J. Lucio
 5. Health Professions - M. Flores
 6. Science Academy - L. Madrigal
 7. Attendance Reports - J. Hembree
 - B. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
 1. TASB Summer Leadership Institute, June 2021, San Antonio/Ft. Worth, TX
 2. TASA/TASB Annual Convention, September 24-26, 2021 in Dallas, TX
 - C. *Action: Review and act on rescheduling July 27, 2021 board meeting date to August 3, 2021.
 - D. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - E. Action: Review and act on 2021 Summer Program Stipend.
 - F. Report on Texas Education Agency's notice of acceptance to the Virtual and Hybrid School Accelerator pending legislative approval.
 - G. Action: Review and act on request for New Professional Positions and approval of Announcement of Vacancies for the following:
 1. STISD Virtual School for the 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 school years
 2. World Scholars for the 2021-2022 school year
 - H. Action: Review and approve nomination of Dr. Sylvia S. Garza to the Region I, Position B seat on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board.
 - I. Action: Name delegate and alternate for the TASA/TASB Convention, September 24-26, 2021 in Dallas, TX.
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 remainder of 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.
 - a. ELA Coordinator
Math Coordinator
- 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 of professional staff for the remainder of 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.
 - a. ELA Coordinator
Math Coordinator
- 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 May 21, 2021, at 2:45 p.m..

Carmen Noriega
For the Board of Directors