



## 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 February 22, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Biblioteca Las Americas' Lecture Hall, 300 Med High Drive, Mercedes, TX 78570.

Individuals who wish to address the Board during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by submitting an email to [public.audience@stisd.net](mailto:public.audience@stisd.net) and attaching the District's Public Audience Sign- in Sheet available on the District's website.

During the course of a board meeting the Board may discuss any item on the agenda in a closed meeting if permitted under the Texas Open Meetings Act. 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, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E.

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.
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 January 27, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
9. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
10. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
11. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Richard Fleming, MD and Natividad Sosa, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Report on 2021 Federal Report Card
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Javier Farias and Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Report on checks written since last report.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on proposed 2022-2023 budget calendar.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act on extending the lease agreement with Karle Farms for the maintenance of the orange grove on the Mercedes grounds.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
  - E. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
    1. General Fund Budget Amendment #2
  - F. Report on the following projects:
    1. New Central Office Building Renovation project
    2. New Rising Scholars Academy project
  - G. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
    1. Payment application #2 to Sam Garcia Architect for the New Rising Scholars Academy project in the amount of \$31,891.88.
    2. Payment application #7 to D. Wilson Construction for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$646,401.58.
  - H. Action: Review and act on approving the bank resolution for a new bank account for South Texas ISD Virtual Academy.
  - I. Action: Review and act on extending Luiz Orozco, CPA for Request for Qualifications (RFQ-20-013) Independent Auditors or authorize the Administration to go out for Request for Qualifications for Independent Auditors.
  - J. Action: Review and act on extending Request for Proposals (RFP 20-001) Benefit Brokerage Services with First Financial Group.
  - K. Action: Review and act on awarding Request for Proposals (RFP 22-001) for Property, Liability and Auto Insurance proposals.
  - L. Action: Review and act on rejecting Request for Proposals (RFP 22-022) for Landscaping and Maintenance.
  - M. Action: Review and act on a resolution by the Board of Directors of the South Texas Independent School District authorizing district staff, Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor to proceed with the issuance of lease purchase obligations to finance the construction and equipment of school buildings and approval of other matters related thereto.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Hector Gonzales and Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
  - A. Report: Update on current policy, projects, planning, and partnerships.

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action to recommend approval of Resolution granting additional employee paid leave for COVID-19 isolation and/or quarantine, as requested by Board Member, Sylvia Lopez.
14. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Margarita Garcia and Yolanda Kamel, 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 - J. Ortiz
      3. World Scholars - J. De Luna, Ph.D.
      4. Medical Professions - C. Rodriguez
      5. Health Professions - M. Flores
      6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
      7. Virtual Academy - M. Valdez
    - B. \*Report on staff ethnicity, gender and degree status.
    - C. Action: Review and Act on request for a New Professional Position and approval of the Announcement of Vacancies for the following:
      1. Data Analytics Director
    - D. Action: Review and act on a Resolution nominating Dr. Marco A. Lara, Jr. to the 2022 Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent of the Year.
  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 2021-2022 school year.
        - a. Deputy Superintendent
        - b. District Student Wellness Specialist
        - c. Teacher(s)
    - B. Discussion and consideration of Former Employee's request to withdraw resignation. Item tabled from January 27, 2022 Board Meeting.
  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 2021-2022 school year.
        - a. Deputy Superintendent
        - b. District Student Wellness Specialist
        - c. Teacher(s)

B. Discussion, consideration, and possible action of Former Employee's request to withdraw resignation. Item tabled from January 27, 2022 Board Meeting.

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 18, 2022 at 10:45am.

Crystal Solis

For the Board of Directors