



Public Notice of Regular Meeting - Amended

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held September 27, 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 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.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.129, the Board of Trustees may use a telephone conference call, video conference call or communications over the internet to conduct a public consultation with its attorney in an open meeting of the governmental body or a private consultation with its attorney in a closed meeting of the governmental body.

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 STISD students for being named Semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

6. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
7. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
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 August 23, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D. and Ricardo Ochoa, MD, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on 2022 College Entrance Scores.
 - B. Report on 2022 Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate scores.
 - C. Report on STISD Leader Monthly Newsletter.
11. Finance & Operations Committee - Israel Quintanilla and Ruth Villarreal, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Report on school district investments:
 1. Investments owned by the district.
 2. Investments held by Wilmington Trust for the South Texas ISD Public Facilities Corporation.
 - C. *Report on the 2021-2022 fourth quarter student activity accounts.
 - D. *Report: Update on change orders 41, 42, and 43 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on a bank resolution for Science Academy.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on proposed calendar for South Texas ISD Audit.
 - G. *Action: Review and act on Hidalgo County Appraisal District's agreement for the allocation of quarterly payments.
 - H. *Action: Review and act on Resolutions/Interlocal Agreements to participate in the following cooperatives:
 1. Region One ESC and South Texas Cooperative
 2. Harris County Department of Education Purchasing Co-op (Choice Partners)
 3. Houston- Galveston Area Council Buy Co-op (H-GAC)
 4. OMNIA Partners National IPA & US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance
 5. Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE)
 6. Region 14 ESC National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)
 7. Region 19 ESC Allied States Cooperative
 8. Region One Purchasing Cooperative, ESC Library, PEIMS, Cafeteria & Food and Transportation Co-ops, South Texas Cooperative- Child Nutrition Program
 9. Region III ESC Purchasing Cooperative of America (PCA)
 10. Region VIII ESC TIPS Purchasing Cooperative

11. Texas Association of School Boards Purchasing Co-op (BUYBOARD)
 12. Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)
 13. Texas SmartBuy Membership Program
 14. Sourcewell Coopertive
 15. 791 Purchasing Cooperative (Region 15)
- I. *Action: Review and act on carrying forward the following federal funds for 2021-2022:
1. 211 Title I Part A
 2. 212 Title I Part C Migrant
 3. 255 Title II Part A
 4. 263 Title III Part A
 5. 289 Title IV Part A
 6. 240 Supply Chain Assistant Grant
 7. 240 NSLP Equipment Assistant Grant
 8. 281 ESSER II
 9. 282 ESSER III
 10. 397 AP/IB Incentive Program
 11. 410 Instructional materials Allotment
 12. 279 & 429 Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Support (TCLAS)
- J. *Action: Review and act on the following budgets for the 2022-2023 federal funds:
1. 211 Title I Part A
 2. 212 Title I Migrant
 3. 224 IDEA B
 4. 244 Carl Perkins
 5. 255 Title II Part A
 6. 263 Title III Part A
 7. 289 Title IV Part A
- K. *Action: Review and act on South Texas ISD's Emergency Operations Plan.
- L. Action: Review and act on the TASB Risk Management Interlocal Participation Agreement.
- M. Action: Review and act on authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a contract with the Architect(s) for the 2022-2023 Capital Projects.
- N. Report on the following projects:
1. New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 2. New Rising Scholars Academy project.
 3. New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 4. Edinburg Complex Fencing project.
- O. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
1. Change order #45 to the contract in the amount of \$39,738.60 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 2. Change order #46 to the contract in the amount of \$25,978.70 for the New Central Office Renovation project.

3. Change order #47 to the contract in the amount of \$22,173.80 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 4. Change order #48 to the contract in the amount of \$4,697.55 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 5. Change order #49 to the contract in the amount of \$1,760.00 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 6. Change order #50 to the contract in the amount of \$59,147.46 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 7. Change order #51 to the contract in the amount of \$6,853.00 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 8. Change order #52 to the contract in the amount of \$3,025.00 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 9. Change order #53 to the contract in the amount of \$87,621.16 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 10. Change order #54 to the contract in the amount of \$185,562.67 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 11. Change order #55 to the contract in the amount of (\$15,978.23) for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 12. Change order #56 to the contract in the amount of \$3,487.00 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 13. Change order #57 to the contract in the amount of \$65,872.26 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 14. Change order #58 to the contract in the amount of \$3,050.30 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- P. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
1. Payment application #14 to D. Wilson for the New Central Office Renovation project in the amount of \$341,958.79.
 2. Payment application #1 to The Warren Group for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project in the amount of \$78,000.
12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Eduardo R. Rodriguez and E. Larry Cantu, Co-Chairs
- A. *Action: Review and act on appointing School Health Advisory Council Members for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - B. Discussion and consideration on options for the STISD Employee Longevity Incentive.
 - C. Action: Review and act on revising district policy DEC(LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits Leaves and Absences: Medical Certification.
13. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Jaime Solis and David Torres, 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 - M. Zamora

2. Rising Scholars Academy - R. Rodriguez, Ed.D.
 3. World Scholars - C. Chairez, Ed.D.
 4. Medical Professions - C. Rodriguez
 5. Health Professions - M. Flores
 6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
 7. Virtual Academy - M. Valdez
- B. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
1. NSBA's Advocacy Institute January 29 - January 31, 2023 in Washington, DC.
 2. NSBA Annual Conference, April 1-3, 2023, Orlando, FL.
- C. *Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
- D. Report on district updates.
- E. Action: Review and accept the Certification (Election Code 2.052) of Unopposed Candidates for Election to the office of South Texas ISD School Board of Directors:
1. Robert Julius Lerma - Cameron County Precinct 1
 2. Eduardo L. "Larry" Cantu - Cameron County Precinct 3
 3. David Briones - Cameron County Precinct 4 (remainder of the unexpired term through 2024)
 4. Abiel J. Cantú - Willacy County Precinct 1
 5. Douglas Earl Buchanan - Willacy County Precinct 4
- F. Action: Review and act on a Resolution declaring each unopposed candidate, as per certification, elected to the office of School Board of Directors, ordering the cancelation of election, and authorize an issuance of election to each candidate (Election Code 2.053).
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 remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. Counselor(s)
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - B. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal updates and legal issues related to Gignac Architects.
 - C. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to Contract with Sam Garcia Architect, LLC.
 - D. Board self-evaluation.
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 remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. Counselor(s)

b. Teacher(s)

B. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Gignac Architects.

C. Discussion and Possible action regarding Sam Garcia Architect, LLC.

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 September 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Carmen H. Noriega

For the Board of Directors