



## 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 October 25, 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.

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 the district and campuses for ranking among the best in the state and nation for the ninth consecutive year in the Niche Best Schools Rankings.

- B. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
  - C. Recognition of Human Resources Staff in honor of Texas Education Human Resources Day, October 12.
  - D. Recognition of principals in honor of Principals' Month.
  - E. Recognition of Board Secretary Sylvia Sánchez Garza for her recent reelection to a three-year term on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors, representing TASB Region 1, Position B.
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 September 27, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
  10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D. and Ricardo Ochoa, MD, Co-Chairs
    - A. \*Action: Review and act on proposed admission qualifications for students and campus target populations for 2023-2024 school year.
    - B. Report on the Bilingual ESL Program Evaluation for 2021-2022.
    - C. Report on STISD Leader Monthly Newsletter.
    - D. Action: Review and act on the 2022-2023 Gifted/Talented Manual.
    - E. Action: Review and act on the 2023-2024 Campus Course Offerings for the following:
      1. Rising Scholars Academy
      2. Preparatory Academy
      3. Health Professions
      4. Medical Professions
      5. Science Academy
  11. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Henry Levrier, Co-Chair
    - A. 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. 2022-2023 Capital Projects
    - B. Report on the Change Order log for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    - C. Report on the pending change orders for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    - D. Report on the following project timelines:

1. New Central Office Building Renovation project timeline.
  2. New Rising Scholars Academy project timeline.
  - E. Action: Review and act on approving the Design Development documents for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Israel Quintanilla and Ruth Villarreal, Co-Chairs
- A. \*Report on checks written since last report.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on a bank resolution for Virtual Academy.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
    1. General fund (199) budget amendment #1.
    2. TCLAS (279, 429) budget amendment #1.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on removing assets from the capital asset listing.
  - E. 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 Building Renovation project.
    2. Change Order #46 in the amount of \$25,978.70 and change order #60 in the amount of (\$25,978.70) to the contract for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    3. Change order #47 to the contract in the amount of \$22,173.80 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    4. Change order #48 to the contract in the amount of \$4,697.55 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    5. Change order #49 to the contract in the amount of \$1,760.00 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    6. Change order #50 to the contract in the amount of \$59,147.46 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    7. Change order #51 to the contract in the amount of \$6,853.00 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    8. Change Order #53 in the amount of \$87,621.16 and change order #61 in the amount of (\$87,621.16) to the contract for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    9. Change order #54 to the contract in the amount of \$185,562.67 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    10. Change order #56 to the contract in the amount of \$3,487.00 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    11. Change order #57 to the contract in the amount of \$65,872.26 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    12. Change order #58 to the contract in the amount of \$3,050.30 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    13. Change order #59 to the contract in the amount of (\$93,433.99) for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
  - F. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
    1. Payment application #15 to D. Wilson Construction in the amount of \$340,376.28 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
    2. Payment application #14R to Gignac Architects in the amount of \$56,871.05 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.

3. Payment application #15R to Gignac Architects in the amount of \$7,278.62 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
  4. Payment application #8 to Sam Garcia Architects in the amount of \$127,575 for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
  5. Payment application #9 to Sam Garcia Architect in the amount of \$21,300 for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
  6. Payment application #12 to Sam Garcia Architect in the amount of \$13,112.52 for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
  7. Payment application #1 to The Warren Group in the amount of \$78,000 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
  - G. Action: Review and act on executing a contract with the Architect(s) for the 2022-2023 Capital Projects.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Eduardo R. Rodriguez and Robert Lerma, Co-Chairs
    - A. Action: Review and act on Resolution of Board to Convene the District's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to recommend Curriculum Materials for Human Sexuality Instruction and Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking.
    - B. Action: Review and act on changes to district policy BDB(LOCAL) Board Internal Organization: Internal Committees.
    - C. Action: Review and act on revising district policy DEC(LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits Leaves and Absences: Employee Longevity Incentive.
  14. 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.
  15. 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 the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) request for the extended use of Health Professions facilities.
    - C. \*Action: Review and act on approval of Board delegates to attend the NSBA's Advocacy Institute, January 29-31, 2023, Washington, DC.
    - D. \*Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
    - E. Report on South Texas ISD Board member training continuing education credit report.
  16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.082, 551.084 and 551.001, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**

- A. 551.073 Prospective Gift
    - 1. Discussion and consideration regarding potential donation to District.
  - B. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters
    - 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
      - a. Assistant Principal
      - b. Counselor(s)
      - c. Teacher(s)
    - 2. Discussion and consideration of filing a written complaint with the State Board of Educator Certification regarding the resignation of an Educator's 2022-23 term contract without good cause pursuant to Board Policy DFE (LEGAL), (J.R.).
    - 3. Superintendent's Evaluation: Discussion of Superintendent's performance as requested by Board Member, Sylvia Lopez.
    - 4. Discussion on naming a possible Acting/Interim Superintendent as requested by Board Member, Sylvia Lopez.
  - C. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney
    - 1. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to Gignac Architects.
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 the 2022-2023 school year.
      - a. Assistant Principal
      - b. Counselor(s)
      - c. Teacher(s)
    - 2. Discussion and possible action to file a written complaint with the State Board of Educator Certification regarding the resignation of an Educator's 2022-23 term contract without good cause pursuant to Board Policy DFE (Legal), (J.R.).
    - 3. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's Evaluation: Superintendent's performance as requested by Board Member, Sylvia Lopez.
    - 4. Discussion and possible action on naming an Acting/Interim Superintendent as requested by Board Member, Sylvia Lopez
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding Gignac Architects.

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 October 21, 2022, at 5:45 p.m..

Crystal D. Solis

For the Board of Directors