



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 December 6, 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. Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report.
3. Board Meeting called to order.
4. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
5. Moment of Silence.

6. Action: Receive and declare the results of the November 8, 2022 Election from the County Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.
7. Receipt of appointments of directors at large to the South Texas ISD Board of Directors from Hidalgo and Cameron County Judges.
8. Report on the Statement of Officer Oaths filed in our office for the newly elected/appointed Board members.
9. Administer Oath of Office for newly elected and newly appointed Board Members.
10. Action: Reorganization of the Board of Directors.
 - A. Action: Election of President
 - B. Action: Election of Vice-President (newly elected President presiding)
 - C. Action: Election of Secretary
11. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
 - B. Recognition of retirees who have dedicated 25 years or more to STISD.
 - C. Recognition of former Board Members for their years of service to STISD.
12. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
13. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
14. 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.
15. *Action: Review and act on the October 25, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
16. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D. and Ricardo Ochoa, MD, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on Honors, Advanced Placement Program, Dual Enrollment and IB Enrollment.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on approving a revision to the 2022-2023 academic calendar.
 - C. Report on STISD Cabinet Monthly Newsletter.
 - D. Report on STISD Leader Monthly Newsletter.
 - E. Report on campus demographics for Virtual Academy.
 - F. Report on the feasibility of Cosmetology Program of Study at World Scholars.
 - G. Action: Review and act on the 2023-2024 Campus Course Offerings for the following:
 1. World Scholars
 2. Virtual Academy
 - H. Action: Review and act on school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year and legend.

17. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Henry LeVrier, Co-Chair
 - A. *Report on the Change Order log for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - B. Report on the following projects:
 1. New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 2. New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 3. 2022-2023 Capital Projects
18. Finance & Operations Committee - Israel Quintanilla and Ruth Villarreal, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from the capital asset listing.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on annual incentive program pay for qualified employees.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on approval of a bank resolution for a new account for South Texas ISD.
 - E. Report on tax delinquent collection from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson.
 - F. Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
 1. \$8,000,000 from Mackenzie Scott for South Texas ISD.
 2. \$1,000 from Sombrero Festival for Medical Professions.
 - G. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 1. General fund (199) budget amendment #2.
 - H. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
 1. Change order #62 to the contract in the amount of \$5,833.84 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 2. Change order #63 to the contract in the amount of \$25,256 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 3. Change order #64 to the contract in the amount of \$1,921.70 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 4. Change order #65 to the contract in the amount of \$2,137.15 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - I. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #16 to D. Wilson Construction in the amount of \$100,426.20 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 2. Payment application #8 (partial) to Sam Garcia Architect in the amount of \$255,150 for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
 - J. Action: Review and act on approving the cost analysis and additional services for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project
19. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Eduardo R. Rodriguez and Robert Lerma, Co-Chairs
 - A. Action: Review and act on revising Policy BBB (LOCAL) Board Members Elections.
 - B. Action: Review and act on revising district policy CO(LOCAL) Food and Nutrition Management: Meal Charges.
20. 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.
21. 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 appointment of members to the Safe and Supportive School Program Team for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on re-adoption of Board of Trustees' Code of Ethics to include new board members.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on request from Board Member Javier Farias for reimbursement of 2022 board approved travel.
 - E. Discussion, consideration and action to establish a special committee of the board to address and share priorities with legislators for the 88th legislative session.
 - F. Discussion on securing a firm for the 2023-2028 Strategic Design planning.
 - G. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for a New Professional Position for the 2022-2023 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 - 1. College Career and Military Readiness Specialist
22. **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. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney
 - 1. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding legal issues pertaining to architect contract with Sam Garcia and construction of New Rising Scholars Academy.
 - 2. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding legal issues pertaining to architect contract with Gignac Architects and construction of the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
23. 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. Teacher(s)

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding architect contract with Sam Garcia and construction of New Rising Scholars Academy.

24. 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 December 2, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

Crystal D. Solis

For the Board of Directors