



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 January 24, 2023, 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. Board Meeting called to order.
3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
4. Moment of Silence.
5. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
 - B. Recognition of South Texas ISD Board of Directors in honor of School Board Recognition Month.
 - C. Recognition of Mr. Douglas Buchanan for years of service as Board President.

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 December 6, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
10. *Action: Review and act on the December 13, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes.
11. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Sylvia S. Lopez, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on STISD Leader Monthly Newsletter.
 - B. Action: Review and act on the following Proposed Actions:
 1. Health Professions: Practicum in Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, Dental Equipment & Procedures, Pharmacy II, Pharmacology, Leadership & Management in Nursing, and Medical Interventions Evaluation & Research.
 2. Medical Professions: Dental Equipment & Procedures, Pharmacy II, Pharmacology, Leadership & Management in Nursing, and Medical Interventions Evaluation & Research.
 3. World Scholars: Web Communications, Audio/Video Production II w/ Lab, and Practicum in Audio/Video Production.
 4. Virtual Academy: Animation II w/ Lab and Practicum in Animation.
 5. Science Academy: Manufacturing Engineering Technology I, Manufacturing Engineering Technology II, and Computer Science I -P-TECH course Dual enrollment TSTC.
12. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Larry Cantu and Margarita Garcia, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings.
 - B. Report on the following projects:
 1. New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 2. New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 3. 2022-2023 Capital Projects
 - C. Action: Review and act on approval of the schematic design for the New Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
 - D. Action: Review and act on approving the updated rendering for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
13. Finance & Operations Committee - Javier Farias and Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Report on first quarter 2022-2023 District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - C. *Report on 2022-2023 first quarter student activity accounts.
 - D. *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.

- E. *Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
 - 1. \$300 from Improved Order of Red Men Omaha Tribe #25 for Health Professions HOSA.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on authorizing Administration to advertise for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Public Affairs and Government Relations.
 - G. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 - 1. Carl D. Perkins (244) budget amendment #1.
 - H. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
 - 1. Change order #66 to the contract in the amount of \$477.40 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - 2. Change order #67 to the contract in the amount of (\$4,650) for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - I. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #17 to D. Wilson Construction in the amount of \$155,473.39 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - 2. Payment application #18 to D. Wilson Construction in the amount of \$442,450.15 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - 3. Payment application #18 to Gignac & Associates Architects in the amount of \$6,016.63 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - J. Action: Review and act on contract with Moak, Casey & Associates for Financial Data Modeling and Revenue Estimating.
 - K. Action: Review and act on approving a proposal for Absolute Business Consulting Group for Public Relations and Communication.
 - L. Action: Review and act on approving proceeding with the Health Professions Window System Replacement project, and approving a procurement method with a do not exceed amount.
14. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Doug Buchanan and Abiel J. Cantu, Co-Chairs
- A. *Action: Review and act on Policy Update 120.
15. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane and Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
16. 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 following out of district student/staff travel:
 - 1. Chess National High School (K-12) Championship, March 31-April 2, 2023, in Washington, DC.
 - 2. BPA International Leadership Conference, April 25-30, 2023 in Anaheim, CA.

- C. *Action: Review and act on approval of Board delegates to attend STISD Day at the Capitol, March 6-7, 2023 in Austin, TX.
 - D. *Report on 2023-2024 Committee and Co-Chair Assignments for the Board of Directors.
 - E. Discussion, consideration and possible action on legislative priorities for the 88th Legislative Session.
 - F. Discussion, consideration and possible action on priorities for the \$8 million dollar gift received from Mackenzie Scott.
 - G. Action: Review and act on extending the contract for legal services with Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Russo & Kyle PC (RFQ 19-010) or authorize the administration to advertise for legal services.
17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.084 and 551.001, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**
- A. 551.076 Security
 - 1. Discussion and consideration regarding Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings.
 - B. 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)
 - C. Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.
 - 1. STISD - Superintendent contract and fringe benefits
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 remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. Teacher(s)
 - B. Action: Review and act on Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.
 - 1. Action: STISD - Superintendent contract and fringe benefits
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 January 20, 2023, at 5:45 p.m.

Crystal D. Solís

For the Board of Directors