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## **Minutes of Special Called Meeting**

### **The Board of Directors South Texas ISD**

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A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD was held December 13, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Biblioteca Las Americas' Lecture Hall, 300 Med High Drive, Mercedes, TX 78570.

1. Welcome.

Henry LeVrier, Board President, welcomed the guests, staff and fellow Board members.

2. Board Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order by Henry LeVrier, Board President at approximately 6:15 p.m. at which time he was assured by Superintendent, Dr. Marco A. Lara, Jr. that notices of the meeting were posted properly according to the laws of Texas and that a quorum of the Board was present.

The following board members were present:

David Briones	La Feria
Abiel J. Cantú	Raymondville
Eduardo L. "Larry" Cantu	Los Fresnos
Sasha Crane	McAllen
Adrian Garcia	Brownsville
Margarita Garcia	San Juan
Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D.	Edinburg
Hector Gonzales	Lyford
Robert J. Lerma	Brownsville
Henry LeVrier	Brownsville
Yolanda Kamel	McAllen
Rodolfo "Rudy" Ramirez	Edinburg
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville
Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
Norberto "Beto" Salinas	Mission
Natividad Sosa	Mission
David Torres	Edinburg
Ruth Villarreal	Mission

The following Board members were absent:

Douglas E. Buchanan	Raymondville
Javier Farias	McAllen
Sylvia S. Lopez	Brownsville
Ricardo Ochoa, MD	Weslaco
Israel G. Quintanilla	Raymondville
Rick Villarreal, D.D.S.	Brownsville

The following staff members were present:

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.	Janie Sicairos
Efrain Garza	Lidia Faz
Lissa Frausto	Ramon Longoria
Marla Knaub	Carmen Noriega
Nereyda Trevino, Ed.D.	
Jaime Faz	
Marissa Vaiz	
Reynaldo Cantu	

3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.

The pledges were led by Ms. Sasha Crane.

4. Moment of Silence.

The Board held a moment of silence.

5. Awards & Recognitions.

No awards or recognitions were presented.

6. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

The Board did not receive any requests to address the Board of Directors on any agenda topics for this meeting.

Mr. Henry LeVrier, Board President, recommended moving Item #7 *Action: Review and accept Financial Statements & Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, South Texas Independent School District/South Texas Independent School District Public Facilities Corporation, for the year that ended August 31, 2022* to the end of the meeting for consideration. A motion was made by Jaime Solis, seconded by Rudy Ramirez, approving the recommendation to move the item. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Action: Review and accept Financial Statements & Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, South Texas Independent School District/South Texas Independent School District Public Facilities Corporation, for the year that ended August 31, 2022.

## A. Annual Financial Report

Luis C. Orozco, CPA, auditor, reported on the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2022. A report titled South Texas Independent School District Annual Financial Report was distributed, discussed, and accepted. Mr. Orozco reported the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of South Texas ISD, as of August 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In short, Mr. Orozco reported there were no findings for this audit report and the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide the basis for their audit.

Board President, Henry LeVrier thanked Ms. Marla Knaub and her staff for a job well done.

A motion was made by Jaime Solis, seconded by Rudy Ramirez, to accept the Financial Statements & Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, South Texas Independent School District/South Texas Independent School District Public Facilities Corporation, for the year ended August 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

### 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.

Board President, Mr. Henry LeVrier announced a recommendation to to pull item #10. *\*Action: Review and act on Resolution to Maintain the Integrity of the Legislative Intent and Purpose for the Operation of the South Texas Independent School District* from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Abiel J. Cantú, seconded by Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza, approving the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

### 9. \*Action: Review and act on Bank Resolution authorizing bank signatures for new officers.

Approved with consent agenda.

### 10. \*Action: Review and act on Resolution to Maintain the Integrity of the Legislative Intent and Purpose for the Operation of the South Texas Independent School District.

Item was pulled from the consent agenda. The Board held a discussion on the current legislative priorities for the district.

A motion was made by Rudy Ramirez, seconded by Yolanda Kamel, approving a Resolution to Maintain the Integrity of the Legislative Intent and Purpose for the Operation of the South Texas Independent School District. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Jaime Solis, seconded by Larry Cantu, adjourning the board meeting at 7:03 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.