



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 June 27, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 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. Receipt of appointment by Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez of Dr. Sandra Garza Ochoa to the South Texas ISD Board of Directors for the unexpired term of Hidalgo County Commissioners' Precinct 1.
6. Receipt of appointment by Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez of Dr. Noel Garza to the South Texas ISD Board of Directors for the unexpired term of Hidalgo County At-Large position.

7. Administer Oath of Office for newly appointed Board members.
8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
10. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Presentation of proclamation in memory and honor of board member Norberto “Beto” Salinas.
 - B. Recognition of Dr. Ricardo Ochoa for years of service as Board Member.
 - C. Recognition of retirees who have dedicated 25 years or more to STISD.
11. 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.
12. *Action: Review and act on the May 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
13. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Natividad Sosa and Rick Villarreal, DDS, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on 2023 STAAR Preliminary results.
 - B. Report on 2023 STAAR EOC results.
 - C. Report on Health and Safety Initiatives.
 - D. Action: Review and act on approving application for Virtual Academy Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) full-online waiver.
14. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Jaime Solis and David Torres, Co-Chairs
 - A. Discussion, update and possible action on the following items tabled from the May 23, 2023 Board meeting, as requested by Board Member, David Torres:
 1. Action: Review and act on approving requisition #110779 to D. Wilson for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
 2. Action: Review and act on approving requisition #110774 to D. Wilson for the Health Professions Window System project.
 - B. Action: Review and act on proceeding with the 2022-2023 Capital Project Health Professions Parking Lot project.
15. Finance & Operations Committee - Sylvia S. Garza, Ph.D. and Israel Quintanilla, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *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.
 - D. *Report on the 2022-2023 third quarter student activity accounts.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.

- F. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 - 1. General Fund budget amendment #6
 - 2. ESSER II #2
- G. Action: Review and act on approving the 2023-2024 Compensation Plan.
- H. Action: Review and act on approving the 2023-2024 Stipends.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving the 2023-2024 Benefits.
- J. Action: Review and act on approving requisition #111488 to Automated Logic for HVAC Controls in Edinburg and Mercedes.
- 16. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Hector Gonzales and Bobby Lerma, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Review Policy Update 121, first reading.
 - B. Discussion and review of Board Operating Procedures, first reading.
 - C. Action: Review and act on approving district policy CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues & Investments.
 - D. Action: Review and act on approving a vendor for the 2023-2028 Strategic Planning.
- 17. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Eduardo Rodriguez and Sasha Crane, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
 - B. Report: Update regarding marketing efforts for Virtual Academy and World Scholars.
- 18. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
 - A. *Campus and District 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
 - 8. Human Resources Report
 - B. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - C. *Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on staff travel to attend the GAPE/NEH Rethinking Gilded Age and Progressivisms Teacher Institute at Loyola University, July 8-28, 2023, in Chicago, IL.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on the Highland Hustlers 4-H Club request for the extended use of Rising Scholars Academy facilities.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to contract for school-related services.
 - G. Discussion and possible action on legal counsel/legal services, as requested by Board Member, David Torres.

19. **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 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Executive Director for Student Support
 - b. ELA Coordinator
 - c. Assessment and Accountability Coordinator
 - d. Teacher(s)
 - e. LSSP (Intern)
 - B. 551.071, 551.076, 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits and consultation with school attorney regarding Security Devices or Security Audits: Closed Meeting
 - 1. Discussion and consideration of Security Devices/Security Audits.
 - C. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney on legal issues regarding:
 - 1. Requisition #110779 to D. Wilson for Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
 - 2. Requisition #110774 to D. Wilson for Health Professions Window Systems project.
 - D. 551.071 Attorney consultation regarding Sam Garcia Architects, LLC
20. 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 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Executive Director for Student Support
 - b. ELA Coordinator
 - c. Assessment and Accountability Coordinator
 - d. Teacher(s)
 - e. LSSP (Intern)
 - B. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Security Devices/Security Audits.
 - C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Sam Garcia Architects, LLC
21. 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 **June 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

Crystal D. Solis

For the Board of Directors