



Agenda of Regular Meeting - Amended

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held August 22, 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. Public Budget Hearing for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
6. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
7. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
8. Awards & Recognitions.

9. 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.
10. *Action: Review and act on the August 1, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
11. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Natividad Sosa and Rick Villarreal, DDS, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the Leader Monthly Newsletter.
 - B. Report on the 2022-2023 State Assessment Results.
 - C. Report on status of Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH).
12. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Jaime Solis and David Torres, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the following projects:
 1. Cameras and Access Controls
 2. Preparatory Academy Pavilion
 3. Health Professions Window System
 4. Health Professions Parking Lot project
 - B. Action: Review and act on the facilities/capital improvement projects for the 2023-2024 school year, pending approval of budget.
 - C. Action: Review and act on hiring Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year projects or go out for Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for architectural services.
13. Finance & Operations Committee - Sylvia S. Garza, Ph.D. and Israel Quintanilla, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on Bank Resolution for Preparatory Academy and Medical Professions campuses.
 - D. Action: Review and act on designating fund balance for future projects.
 - E. Action: Review and act on Resolution adopting the tax rate for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
 - F. Action: Review and act on Resolution adopting the General Fund, Child Nutrition and Debt Service Budgets for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - G. Action: Review and act on extending the TASB Risk Management Unemployment Compensation program for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - H. Action: Review and act on revising the 2023-2024 stipend listing.
 - I. Action: Review and act on request for use of funds from McKenzie Scott donation for Virtual Academy.
 - J. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 1. General Fund (199) Budget Amendment #7 (Final)
 - K. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #19 to Gignac & Associates Architects LLP in the amount of \$119,856.99 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project tabled at the August 1, 2023 board meeting.
 2. Payment application #1 to D. Wilson in the amount of \$38,357.83 for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
 3. Payment application #1 to D. Wilson in the amount of \$17,985.40 for the Health Professions Window Replacement project.

14. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Hector Gonzales and Bobby Lerma, Co-Chairs
15. 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. Discussion and possible action to consider and approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding designation of ten non-business Public Information Act days for Public Information Act requests received beginning September 1, 2023 and continuing throughout the 2023 and 2024 calendar years.
16. 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 - J. Lucio
 5. Health Professions - M. Guajardo, Ph.D.
 6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
 7. Virtual Academy - M. Valdez
 8. Enrollment & Attendance Report
 9. Human Resources Report
 - B. *Report on the 2023-2024 Board Meeting dates.
 - C. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - D. *Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on staff and student travel to attend the HOSA Washington Leadership Academy, September 23-26, 2023 in Washington, DC.
 - F. Action: Name delegate and alternate for the TASA/TASB Convention, September 29 - October 1, 2023 in Dallas, TX.
 - G. Action: Review and act on extending Agreement with Pathfinder Public Affairs for Public Affairs and Governmental Relations.
 - H. Action: Review and act on a contract for legal services with The Law Office of Javier Villalobos, P.C. as General Counsel (RFQ 24-012).
 - I. Action: Review and act on approving the request for New Non-Professional Positions for the 2023-2024 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 1. Child Nutrition Worker (1)
 2. Custodian (2)
17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**
 - A. 551.071, 551.074 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting
 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Assistant Principal(s)
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - 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 regarding pending litigation for Elva C. Villarreal vs. South Texas Independent School District, Cause No. CL-22-2425-G.

18. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting
 - A. 551.071, 551.074 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 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Assistant Principal(s)
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - B. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Security Devices/Security Audits.
 - C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation for Elva C. Villarreal vs. South Texas Independent School District, Cause No. CL-22-2425-G.
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 August 19, 2023, at 3:45 p.m.

Carmen H. Noriega
For the Board of Directors