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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 August 29, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 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 7:00 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:

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
Sylvia S. Lopez	Brownsville
Yolanda Kamel	McAllen
Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.	Weslaco
Israel G. Quintanilla	Raymondville
Rodolfo “Rudy” Ramirez	Edinburg

Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
Natividad Sosa	Mission
David Torres	Edinburg

The following Board members were absent:

David Briones	La Feria
Douglas E. Buchanan	Raymondville
Javier Farias	McAllen
Noel Garza, DDS	Mission
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville
Rick Villarreal, DDS	Rancho Viejo
Ruth Villarreal	Mission

The following staff members were present:

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.	Ramon Longoria
Efrain Garza	Carmen Noriega
Marla Knaub	

3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.

The pledges were led by Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza.

4. Moment of Silence.

The Board held a moment of silence.

5. 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.

6. 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).

The Board held a discussion on the proposed contract for legal services with The Law Office of Javier Villalobos, P.C. as General Counsel (RFQ 24-012). A motion was made by Natividad Sosa, seconded by Sasha Crane, approving the contract for legal services with the The Law Office of Javier Villalobos, P.C. as General Counsel (RFQ 24-012) with a flat rate of \$15,000 per month. The motion passed with six against (Adrian Garcia, Sylvia S. Lopez, E. Larry Cantu, Robert J. Lerma, Abiel J. Cantu, and Hector Gonzales).

7. Adjournment.

A motion was made by E. Larry Cantu, seconded by Jaime R. Solis, adjourning the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.