



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 23, 2024, 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 Hearing: 2023 Federal Report Card and Texas Academic Performance Report.
6. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
7. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.

8. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of South Texas ISD Board of Directors in honor of School Board Recognition Month.
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 December 5, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
11. *Action: Review and act on the December 12, 2023 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes.
12. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez and Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D., Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on STISD Leader Monthly Newsletter.
 - B. *Report on the 2023 Federal Report Card.
 - C. *Report on 2023 Texas Academic Performance Report.
 - D. Action: Review and act on Proposed Actions for new TEA-approved CTE courses.
13. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Margarita Garcia and Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings.
 - B. Report on the following projects:
 1. District wide Camera and Access Controls
 2. Health Professions Parking Lot project
 3. Health Professions Gymnasium project
 4. 2023-2024 Capital Projects
14. Finance & Operations Committee - Adrian Garcia and Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D., 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 2023-2024 first quarter student activity accounts.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from the capital asset listing.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on approving bank resolutions for Preparatory Academy, World Scholars, Health Professions, and Science Academy.
 - G. Report on tax delinquent collection from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson.
 - H. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #4 to D. Wilson in the amount of \$114,804.65 for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.

2. Payment application #5 (final) to D. Wilson in the amount of \$20,565.00 for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
3. Payment application #4 (final) to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$7,434.51 for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
4. Payment application #6 to TelePro Communications in the amount of \$57,352.65 for the District wide Cameras and Access Controls project.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving the donation of Vipers Game tickets from Veronica Vizcarra for World Scholars Athletics and Exercise Health and Science students.
- J. Action: Review and act on extending Agreement with Pathfinder Public Affairs for RFP 24-001 Public Affairs and Governmental Relations.
- K. Action: Review and act on extending Luis Orozco, CPA, for RFQ 20-013 Independent Auditors for one year or authorize administration to advertise for qualifications.
- L. Action: Review and act on request for use of funds from MacKenzie Scott donation for CTE Programs at Health Professions, Medical Professions, Science Academy and World Scholars.
- M. Action: Review and act on requisition 117428 to Toolkit Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of a robotic pharmacy dispensing system for Health Professions in the amount of \$105,295.
- N. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendments:
 1. General Fund (199)
 2. Perkins V (244)
 3. Effective Advising Implementation Grant (244.03)
15. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantú and Hector Gonzales, Co-Chairs
 - A. Action: Review and act on Resolution to Employ or Accept as Volunteers Chaplains.
 - B. Report on potential special education CO-OP partnership with school districts.
 - C. Report on Career and Technical Education Partnerships.
 1. Ford Automotive Career Exploration (ACE)
 2. South Texas College CTE Dual Enrollment
 3. Texas State Technical College CTE Dual Enrollment
 - D. Report on new Fellowship Using the Science of Engagement (FUSE) partnership with The University of Texas at Austin.
 - E. Report on potential partnership with Horizon Montessori Public Schools.
 - F. Report on Strategic Planning for 2024-2029.
16. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Eduardo R. Rodriguez and Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
 - B. Report on Enrollment Process for 2024-2025 School Year.
17. 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 professional vacancies.
- C. *Action: Review and act on staff members to attend the following:
 1. AASA National Conference on Education, February 15-17, 2024 in San Diego, CA.
- D. Report: Celebrating Five Years of Service and Future Endeavors
- E. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for a New Professional Position for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 1. Chief of Police
18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 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. Post-Secondary Success Specialist (Grant-Funded)
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.076 Security
 1. Discussion and consideration regarding Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings.
 - C. Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.
 1. STISD Superintendent's contract and fringe benefits.
19. 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 school year.
 - a. Post-Secondary Success Specialist (Grant-Funded)
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - B. Action: Review and act on Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.
20. 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 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.***

Crystal D. Solís

For the Board of Directors