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Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD was held December 12, 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 6:30 p.m., at which time he was assured by Superintendent Dr. Marco Antonio 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
Douglas E. Buchanan	Raymondville
Abiel J. Cantú	Raymondville
Adrian Garcia	Brownsville
Margarita Garcia	San Juan
Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D.	Edinburg
Hector Gonzales	Lyford
Yolanda Kamel	McAllen
Henry LeVrier	Brownsville
Sylvia S. Lopez	Brownsville
Israel G. Quintanilla	Raymondville
Natividad Sosa	Mission
David Torres	Edinburg
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville

The following Board members were absent:

Eduardo L. “Larry” Cantu Los Fresnos

Sasha Crane	McAllen
Javier Farias	McAllen
Noel Garza, DDS	Mission
Robert J. Lerma	Brownsville
Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.	Weslaco
Rodolfo “Rudy” Ramirez	Edinburg
Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
Rick Villarreal, DDS	Rancho Viejo
Ruth Villarreal	Mission

The following staff members were present:

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.	Mathew Maciel
Efrain Garza	Ramon Longoria
Lissa Frausto	Luis Flores
Marla Knaub	Reynaldo Cantu
Amanda Odom	Marissa Vaiz
Marcos Flores	Delia Moreno
Nereyda Trevino, Ed.D.	Carmen Noriega
Reynaldo Rodriguez, Ed.D.	
Michele Guajardo, Ph.D.	

3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.

The pledges were led by Henry LeVrier.

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. Awards & Recognitions.

A. Recognition of retirees for their dedicated years of service to STISD.

On behalf of the Board, Amanda Odom recognized and congratulated Ms. Mardonnia Silva and Jaime Faz, on their retirement and thanked them for their years of service to STISD.

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, 2023.

A. Annual Financial Report

Luis C. Orozco, CPA, auditor, reported on the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2023. 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, 2023, 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 Yolanda Kamel, seconded by David Briones, 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, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Eduardo Rodriguez arrived to the Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

8. Action: Review and act on approving a Contractor for the Health Professions Parking Lot project.

A motion was made at the December 5th meeting that was not correctly posted according to policy BE (LEGAL). As per legal recommendation, this item was brought back to the Board for action.

A motion was made by Doug Buchanan, seconded by Yolanda Kamel, approving Noble Texas Builders as the Contractor for the Health Professions Parking Lot project. The motion passed with two abstentions (Eduardo Rodriguez and David Torres).

9. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Hector Gonzales, seconded by Israel Quintanilla, adjourning the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.