



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 February 27, 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 Comments for Agenda Topics.
6. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
7. Awards & Recognitions.

- A. Recognition of STISD students and staff for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
8. 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.
 9. *Action: Review and act on the January 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
 10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez and Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D., Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on STISD Leader Monthly Newsletter.
 - B. Report: Update on the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA).
 11. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Margarita Garcia and Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the following projects:
 1. District wide Cameras and Access Controls
 2. Health Professions Parking Lot project
 3. Health Professions Gymnasium project
 4. 2023-2024 Capital Projects
 - B. Action: Review and act on approving the ranking of proposals received for Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) 25-001 Health Professions Gymnasium project, and authorize Administration and the Board President to negotiate and enter into a contract in accordance with the approved ranking.
 12. Finance & Operations Committee - Adrian Garcia and Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D., 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 proposed 2024-2025 budget calendar.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on private bid submitted by the City of Alton for subject property in Cause No. T-087-09-A (Property ID 318408) in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 34.05(i) and approval of resolution to execute the tax resale deed conveying the approved property.
 - E. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #3 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$9,822.22, for the District wide Cameras and Access Controls project.
 2. Payment application #4 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$7,963.96, for the District wide Cameras and Access Controls project.
 3. Payment application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$18,060.00, for the Health Professions Parking Lot Project.
 4. Payment application #2 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$14,720.79, for the Health Professions Parking Lot Project.

5. Payment application #1 to Noble Texas Builders in the amount of \$22,258.50, for the Health Professions Parking Lot Project.
- F. Action: Review and act on budget amendment for Safety and Facilities Enhancement Grant (SAFE) Cycle 1 (429).
- G. Action: Review and act on awarding Request for Proposals (RFP 25-002) for Property, Liability and Auto Insurance proposals.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantú and Hector Gonzales, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on Policy EIC (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Class Ranking.
 - B. Report on partnership with Parent ProTech to provide safety resources for STISD families.
 - C. Action: Review and act on a revision to policy DNA (LOCAL) Performance Appraisal: Evaluation of Teachers.
14. 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.
15. 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 staff ethnicity, gender and degree status.
 - C. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district staff and student travel:
 1. US Chess 2024 National High School Championship, April 5-7, 2024 in Baltimore, MD.
 2. #House of Code Congressional App Challenge National Recognition, April 10-11, 2024, in Washington, D.C.
 3. Leadership Institute for Transformative Education, April 23-25, 2024, in Longmont, CO.
 4. U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl, April 25-29, 2024, in Leesburg, VA.
 5. BPA National Leadership Conference, May 10-14, 2024, in Chicago, IL.
 6. Professional Human Capital Leader in Education, June 11-12, 2024, Hamilton County ESC in OH.

7. 2024 Future Focused Schools Conference, June 24-26, 2024, in Washington, D.C.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
 1. Region One School Board Association Conference, May 17-18, 2024, South Padre Island, Texas.
 2. TASB Summer Leadership Institute, June 12-15, 2024 in San Antonio, TX or June 19-22, 2024 in Fort Worth, TX.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on rescheduling the April 23, 2024, June 25, 2024, and July 23, 2024 Board Meeting dates.
 - G. Action: Review and act on a Resolution approving the Formation of a Police Department for the District.
16. 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 **February 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**

Crystal D. Solis,
For the Board of Directors