



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 June 18, 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 all four high schools for ranking among the best in the state and nation in the U.S. News & World Report 2024 Best U.S. High Schools.
 - B. Recognition of Natividad Sosa for years of service on the South Texas ISD Board of Directors.
 - C. Recognition of retirees who have dedicated 25 years or more to STISD.
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 May 28, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Rick Villarreal, DDS, and David Briones, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on 2024 STAAR Preliminary results.
 - B. Report on the 2024-2025 District and Campus Improvement Plans (First Reading).
11. Buildings and Grounds Committee - David Torres and Ruth Villarreal, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on the following projects:
 - 1. Health Professions Parking Lot project
 - 2. Athletic Fields project
 - 3. Roofing project
 - 4. Health Professions Gymnasium project
 - B. Action: Review and act on approving commissioning services for the Health Professions Gymnasium project.
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Israel G. Quintanilla and Rudy Ramirez, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *Report on the 2023-2024 third quarter student activity accounts.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - E. Report on the district's Public Notice to Apply for 2024-2025 ESSA Federal Grant Funding.
 - F. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #5 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$5,736.62 for the Health Professions Parking Lot project.
 - 2. Payment application #5 to Noble Texas Builders in the amount of \$298,286.70 Health Professions Parking Lot project.
 - 3. Payment application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$282,276.01 for the Athletic Fields project.
 - 4. Payment application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$83,180.47 for the Roofing projects.

5. Payment application #6 to The Warren Group in the amount of \$2,989.20 for the Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 6. Payment application #1 to Gerlach Builders, LLC. in the amount of \$171,151.84 for the Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 7. Invoice #512093 to Automated Logic in the amount of \$247,078.66 for the replacement of the HVAC automation system.
 8. Invoice #2321 to Tri-County Communications in the amount of \$1,040,000 for the Signal Booster project.
- G. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
1. SAFE Grant Cycle 2 (429)
- H. Action: Review and act on extending RFP 23-007 Worker's Compensation for one year.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving the revised Memorandum of Understanding developing a Special Education Co-Op.
- J. Consideration and possible approval of an order authorizing the exercise of the option to purchase pursuant to a lease agreement and effectuating the defeasance and optional redemption of the South Texas Independent School District Public Facility Corporation school facility lease revenue bonds, taxable series 2013 (direct-pay subsidy bonds), and other matters related thereto.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Robert J. Lerma and Noel Garza, DDS., Co-Chairs
- A. Annual review of district policy CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues & Investments.
14. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane and Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
 - B. Report: Update regarding STISD's 60th Celebration.
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 Report
 9. Human Resources Report
 - B. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to contract for school-related services.
 - D. Report on potential partnerships with surrounding districts.
 - E. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for New Professional Positions for the 2024-2025 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:

1. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op (1)
 2. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Co-Op (1)
 3. Speech Language Pathologist Co-Op (1)
 4. Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Co-Op (1)
 5. Executive Director for Special Programs (1)
 6. Career and Technical Education Coordinator (1)
- F. Action: Review and act on the resignation of Javier Farias from the South Texas ISD Board of Directors.
16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.084 and 551.001, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**
- A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting
 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - a. Chief of Police
 - b. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
 - c. Assistant Principal(s)
 - d. Counselor
 - e. School Nurse
 - f. Teacher(s)
17. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting
- A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters:
 1. Action: Review and act on recommendation of professional staff for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - a. Chief of Police
 - b. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
 - c. Assistant Principal(s)
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 - e. School Nurse
 - f. Teacher(s)
18. 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 June 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Crystal D. Solís
For the Board of Directors