



## Public Notice of Meeting Agenda

### The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held July 30, 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](mailto: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. Receipt of appointment by Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez of Oscar Salinas to the South Texas ISD Board of Directors for the unexpired term of Hidalgo County At-Large position.

6. Administer Oath of Office for newly appointed Board member.
7. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
8. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
9. Awards & Recognitions.
  - A. Recognition of STISD and campuses for earning spots in the Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll for 2023.
10. 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.
11. \*Action: Review and act on the June 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
12. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Rick Villarreal, D.D.S. and David Briones, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Action: Review and act on the administrators to hold ARDs for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on the appointment of Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) Members for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - C. Report on the 2024-2025 Schedule of Formal Grade Reporting.
  - D. Report on 2024 Advanced Placement scores.
  - E. Report on 2024 CTE Summer Programs.
  - F. Report on 2024-2025 Teacher Incentive Allotment Handbook.
  - G. Action: Review and act on the 2024-2025 District and Campus Improvement Plans (Final Reading).
13. Buildings and Grounds Committee - David Torres and Ruth Villarreal, Co-Chairs
  - A. Report on the following projects:
    1. Health Professions Gymnasium
    2. Health Professions Parking Lot
    3. Roofing project
    4. Cameras & Access Controls district-wide
    5. ERRC DAS System and Cell Phone Signal Boost
  - B. Action: Review and act on approving the Health Professions Parking Lot project as substantially complete.
  - C. Action: Review and act on approving the ranking of proposals received for Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) 25-010 Athletic Fields Edinburg project, and authorizing Administration and the Board President to negotiate and proceed with developing a contract in accordance with the approved ranking.
  - D. Action: Review and act on approving the ranking of proposals received for Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) 25-011 Athletic Fields Mercedes project, and

authorizing Administration and the Board President to negotiate and proceed with developing a contract in accordance with the approved ranking.

14. Finance & Operations Committee - Israel G. Quintanilla and Rudy Ramirez, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Report on checks written since last report.
  - B. \*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.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on approving the following donation(s):
    1. Donation of gift cards totaling \$100.00 from CJ Trevino, Trevino's Digital Photography to the CTE Department for Seniors who attended the STISD Senior Summit.
  - E. \*Action: Review and act on approving 13 paychecks for new employees.
  - F. \*Action: Review and act on 2024-2025 school lunch and breakfast prices.
  - G. Review proposed preliminary general fund budget.
  - H. Action: Review and act on setting a date for a public meeting to discuss the 2024-2025 budget and proposed tax rate to be published on the notice of the public hearing.
  - I. Action: Review and act on approving the 2024-2025 Compensation Plan.
  - J. Action: Review and act on approving the 2024-2025 Benefits.
  - K. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
    1. Payment application #1 to TADCO in the amount of \$912,190 for the Roofing project.
    2. Payment application #2 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$16,358.83 for the Roofing project.
    3. Payment application #6 to Noble Texas Builders in the amount of \$78,757.85 for the Health Professions Parking Lot project.
    4. Payment application #7(final) to Telepro Communications in the amount of \$684.45 for the Cameras and Access Controls project.
    5. Payment application #2 to Gerlach Builders in the amount of \$323,600.29 for the Health Professions Gymnasium project.
15. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantú and Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Action: Review and act on the 2024-2025 STISD Student Code of Conduct.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on Policy Update 123.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act on the following Memorandum of Understanding related to the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on the Board Operating Procedures.
  - E. Report on the staff per diem and student meal allowance.
16. 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.
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 Report
    - 9. Human Resources Report
  - B. \*Report on professional vacancies.
  - C. \*Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on the appointment of Campus Appraisers for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - E. Action: Review and act on Superintendent's Performance Appraisal Instrument.
18. **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. Assistant Principal(s)
      - b. Career and Technical Education Coordinator
      - c. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op
      - d. Educational Diagnostician
      - e. Executive Director for Special Programs
      - f. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Lead Co-Op
      - g. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Co-Op
      - h. School Nurse
      - i. Special Education Counselor Lead
      - j. Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Co-Op
      - k. Speech Language Pathologist Co-Op
      - l. Teacher(s)
  - B. Pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney concerning possible legal issues in connection with DGBA Level III grievance of J.A.
    - 1. Consideration and possible action regarding DGBA Level III Grievance of J.A.
19. 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. Assistant Principal
    - b. Career And Technical Education Coordinator
    - c. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op
    - d. Educational Diagnostician
    - e. Executive Director for Special Programs
    - f. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Lead Co-Op
    - g. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Co-Op
    - h. School Nurse
    - i. Special Education Counselor Lead
    - j. Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Co-Op
    - k. Speech Language Pathologist Co-Op
    - l. Teacher(s)
- B. Consideration and deliberation of DGBA Level III Grievance of J.A.
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 July 25, 2024, at 6:15 p.m.

*Crystal D. Solís,*

For the Board of Directors