



## SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, December 19, 2022  
8:00 AM

### MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was held at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

The Santa Maria Independent School District offers reasonable accommodations for persons accessing its school facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special accommodations, please contact Ida Perez Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/District Receptionist, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

### CALL TO ORDER

President Adolfo Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

### ESTABLISH QUORUM

#### Present

Adolfo Hinojosa, President  
Javier E. Jimenez, Jr., Vice President  
Miguel Zavala, Member  
Casey Espinoza, Member

#### Absent

Michele Garcia, Member  
Marco Aleman, Member  
Andrew De La Rosa, Member

#### Present from the District

Mr. Martin Cuellar, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Elizabeth Stenhouse, Human Resources  
Eric Todd, School Attorney

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### OPEN FORUM

At regular meeting the Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. However, no one presentation shall exceed three minutes. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. The topics for discussion are limited to the topics listed on the posted agenda. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board



shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The presiding officer or designed shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

*It was noted to the Board President that no one signed up for public comment*

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **1. Public Hearings**

- 1) Accalia Solar Reinvestment Zone No. 1

*Presentation by Eric Williams, Accalia and Eric Todd, School Attorney*

- 2) Application of Accalia Point Solar (Comptroller Application No: 2035) for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code

*Presentation by Eric Todd, School Attorney*

### **1. Action Item**

- 1) Adopt resolution creating Accalia Solar Reinvestment Zone No. 1

*Motion made by Miguel Zavala to adopt the resolution creating Accalia Solar Reinvestment Zone No. 1 was, second by Javier Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously*

- 2) Adopt findings under the Texas Economic Development Act on the Application of Accalia Point Solar

*Motion was made by Javier Jimenez to adopt finding under the Texas Economic Development Act, as proposed by the District's Consultants and Counsel, on the Application of Accalia Point Solar, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously*

- 3) Discussion and possible Board action to consider the waiver of job creation requirement requested by Accalia Point Solar

*Motion was made by Miguel Zavala to approve the waiver of job creation requirement requested by Accalia Point Solar, second by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously*

- 4) Consider and approve Agreement with Accalia Point Solar, for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes

*Motion was made by Javier Jimenez because the Comptroller has specifically determined that the project "meets the requirements for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C" I move to approve Comptroller Application No: 2035 and to conditionally approve the Agreement with Accalia Point Solar, as recommended by counsel and the District's Consultants, and grant and extension of time for the final execution of this agreement until 30 days after the Comptroller's Office provides the economic impact evaluation required by Texas Tax Code 313.025(b), second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously*



**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discussion under the authority of Section 551, Texas Government Code: If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Notice, then such closed session as authorized by Section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Government Act) will be held by the Board after the commencement in open session of the meeting covered by this Notice. Such closed session may concern any or all of the subjects and be conducted for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through and including Section 551.084 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to, private consultation with the Board’s attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

- 1. A. Section 551.071—Consultation with Attorney on Any Permitted Subject Including, But Not Limited
  - 1) Discussion with School Attorney on Item(s) Exempted under Attorney-Client Privilege
- 2. B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- 3. C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
- 4. D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code And Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code
  - 1) Resignations, retirements, terminations, proposed terminations, appointments, evaluations, reassignments, duties and discipline of Professional, Paraprofessional and Non-Contract Employees; Teacher Substitutes and Substitutes for Maintenance, Transportation, and Cafeteria Department
  - 2) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent’s personnel recommendations
- 5. E. Section 551.076 – Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
- 6. F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
- 7. G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

- 1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session
- 2. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Miguel Zavala, second by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously at 8:15 a.m.*



This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 4:00p.m.



Adolfo Hinojosa  
Board President



Casey Espinoza  
Board Secretary

This notice has been publicly posted at the administrative offices of the Santa Maria Independent School District, 11119 Military Rd., Cameron County, Santa Maria, Texas, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the above mentioned meeting, as required by the following sections of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.084. During the regular school year, this notice is also posted in all schools in the District. The school district also posts its board meeting agendas on the District's internet web site ([www.smisd.net](http://www.smisd.net))

*Consent Agenda:* All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on a specific item(s), that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

**Board of Trustees**

**Adolfo Hinojosa, President**  
**Javier E. Jimenez, Jr., Vice-President**  
**Casey Espinoza, Secretary**  
**Marco Aleman, Member**  
**Andrew "Andy" De La Rosa, Member**  
**Michele Garcia, Member**  
**Miguel Zavala, Member**

