



**SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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**Minutes of Special Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees  
South San Antonio ISD**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, June 2, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1450 Gillette Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78224.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Trustee	Present	Absent	Late Arrival/Departed Early
Stacey Alderete		X	
Gilbert Rodriguez		X	
Connie Prado	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arellano Jr.	X		
Gina Villagomez	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER
- CALL TO ACTION

Led by Brad Domitrovich, Public Relations Consultant

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Arrellano, Board President, read board meeting rules of decorum aloud.  
None

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President, addressed the Board and audience regarding the uplifting South San Antonio High School graduation ceremony today. He expressed his gratitude to be part of such a proud moment. Mr. Arrellano addressed some items from the meeting prior to this one. He addressed the implication of a coup d'état. He informed that BDA(legal) indicates that the board may organize at other times, and that's what we did on 24<sup>th</sup> of May. He stated that the Board had a discussion and a vote, a democratic vote and the results are in the recording of the last meeting Monday. He stated that the Board does not support TEA's oversight, as that has been the Board's position in the past and continues to be, contrary to the emotional claims recently made. He also stated that Dr. Puig's status and tenure are not in jeopardy. He stated that Dr. Puig received a 4-year contract with an increase in pay and this board does not have any intent on going back on that. He stated that Dr. Puig received a good evaluation. Mr. Arrellano readdressed the fact that he voted no

on the extension, and it was for a little more time to see some data and some other points. I wanted more time, not that I didn't want Dr. Puig. He stated, again the Board is in full support of Dr. Puig, the vision, the magnet schools, the board is in full support of those things. He stated we may move a little slower on some of these to allow our budget some time to breath. He stated that the Superintendent does not need protection from this Board. He stated that nobody here has said that they want to get rid of Dr. Puig. He stated that he had a meeting with Dr. Puig on Tuesday that was not predicted. He stated that we will continue to move forward, he is not suspended, he is not having a buyout, he will be here for quite some time. Mr. Arrellano stated that as a show of force, he joined Dr. Puig visiting 9 of those schools. He shared that they had great visits with the staff, another sign that we are moving forward, and hopefully everybody joins us. He stated that this Board fully supports West Campus as a high school but we are looking at a balanced approach not only for the whole district but for West Campus itself. He said as a growing school there will be growing pains. He stated that we just feel it's best to use those precious budget dollars for academics first. He stated that predictions are that West Campus is going to grow rapidly and we need to make sure our academics is ready for that. He stated that he is hesitant to say that community because there is one overall community and there is pride for both high schools. He stated that when that day finally comes, he will be the first one at West Campus' graduation just like today. He shared that this district is near and dear to his heart, and that this week marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his graduation from South San Antonio High School. He announced the following appointments to existing Board Committees effective immediately: the Budget Committee will consist of Connie Prado as chair, Homer Flores and myself as members. Facilities committee will consist of Homer Flores as chair, Mrs. Prado and Gina Villagomez as members.

**CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Board will return to open session and take appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in closed session. No Action will be taken in closed session. Further, Board Members are reminded that all items discussed in closed session must remain confidential so as to avoid liability to the district. The Board will consider and discuss, the following items:*

**Closed Meeting pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code §§ 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, and 551.0821**

Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Discuss possible employment of administrators, including CFO, principals and directors.

Start time: 6:16 PM.

End time: 9:40 PM.

**OPEN SESSION**

Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session

Item #2: Dr. Puig recommendation: Tony Kingman for the Chief Financial Officer position Ibarra, seconded by Villagomez

Ms. Ibarra moved to approve the recommendation as presented, Ms. Villagomez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve. Motion passed.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Gina Villagomez	X		
Connie Prado	X		


Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Ms. Ibarra made a motion: I motion to proceed as discussed in executive session for Dr. Puig to proceed with his investigation, Ms. Villagomez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve. Motion passed.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Connie Prado	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Gina Villagomez	X		

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Ibarra moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Villagomez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 PM.

  
Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President

**ATTEST**  
  
Shirley Ibarra, Board Secretary

*NOTICE: This meeting of the Board of Trustees is authorized in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.001 - 551.146. Verification of Notice of Meeting and Agenda are on file in the Office of the Superintendent. Closed meeting, if required and if authorized by the statute, will be conducted prior to the conclusion of the meeting for any item listed on this agenda.*

*NOTICE: The Board of Trustees may elect to go into Closed Meeting any time during the meeting to discuss matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Board of Trustees elects to go into Closed Meeting regarding an Agenda Item, the Board of Trustees will hold a Closed Meeting to discuss individual personnel matters including termination, litigation and other matters the Board deems necessary. Upon completion of Closed*

*Meeting, the Board of Trustees may, in the open session, take such action as appropriate on items discussed in a Closed Meeting. If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item listed on the agenda should be held in Closed Meeting, the Board will convene in such Closed Meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.001 - 551.088. The Board members may take action in the open portion of the meeting on items discussed in the Closed Meeting but no action will be taken in closed session.*