



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Minutes of Special Called

The Board of Trustees
South San Antonio ISD

A Special Called of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 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		
Cynthia Ramirez		X	
Gina Rovello	X		
Shirley Ibarra		X	
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Gina Villagomez		X	

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

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

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

Mr. Arrellano, Board President, read board meeting rules of decorum aloud.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

TEA MONITOR

REMARKS

None

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

None

BOARD PRESIDENT REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Discussion and possible action to certify unopposed candidate. Mark Sanchez, Lawyer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Rovello seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 3/0/1. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Stacey Alderete			X
Gina Rovello	X		
Homer Flores	X		

Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
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CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

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

1. Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
2. Consultation with Attorney regarding status of pending TEA investigation and matters related thereto.
Start time: 6:10 PM.
End time: 7:16 PM.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for possible action on items deliberated upon in Executive Session

Mr. Arrellano made a motion: I move that the Board of Trustees vote on to approve the Resolution the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio Independent School District Resolution that I am about to read:

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022, Claire Bryan, Staff Writer for the San Antonio Express News, published an article entitled, “TEA Slaps South San ISD Trustees for Paralyzing Operations and Failing to Work With Superintendent”;

WHEREAS, the article sourced a TEA “preliminary report” delivered to the District on September 16, 2022;

WHEREAS, the article quoted preliminary findings made by the TEA regarding District operations and governance of the Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, the article confirms that the San Antonio Express News obtained copy of the TEA “preliminary report” prior to publication;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

1. All of the above-referenced paragraphs are incorporated into and made part of this Resolution;
2. The Board of Trustees has never authorized or approved the release of any written report of preliminary findings, as defined by Chapter 39 of the Texas Education Code, to the public;
3. The Board of Trustees has never authorized or approved the release of any associated materials, as defined by Chapter 39 of the Texas Education Code, to the public;
4. The Board of Trustees has never authorized or approved the release of any evidence, witness

statements, or videos, as defined by Chapter 39 of the Texas Education Code, to the public.

- 5. The Board of Trustees hereby repudiates and disclaims any unauthorized and unlawful *ultra vires* actions including, but not limited to, the prohibited and unsanctioned release of documents, working papers, evidence, witness statements, or videos to the San Antonio Express News, or any other third person or third party.

Adopted by the vote of the majority of members of the Board of Trustees of the South San ISD present and voting at an open meeting of the Board on the 1st day of November, 2022, at which a quorum was present:

Mrs. Alderete seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Stacey Alderete	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		

Mrs. Alderete made a motion: I'd like to make a motion for an investigation, I move that the South San Antonio Independent School District Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to commence an investigation in to the potential improper and unlawful disclosure of confidential information to media outlets including the San Antonio Express News, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Stacey Alderete	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Alderete moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Rovello seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

ATTEST



Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President



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.

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