



**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 Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 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
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra		X	
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.		X	
Homer Flores Jr.		X	
Manuel Lopez	X		

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None

**TEA MONITOR REMARKS/REPORT**

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Monitor: Thank you Mr. Lopez and good evening ladies and gentlemen. The first thing I want to say is congratulations for the 5 of you that completed your Board Governance. I congratulate you. As you know the state has been asking for the Board to do that for almost 2 years now and what you're doing tonight as well. The Board Operating Procedures has been an item that the state has asked the Board to update. And so I know this is a first step, I know you're not voting on them tonight but I know this is the first step and it will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting so congratulations. I am pleased with the progress y'all are making. Thank you.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience ageing with Dr. Saavedra's comments and acknowledging the whole weekend sacrificed and added that it was a great opportunity for all of them, including himself. He stated that they all learned about roles and responsibilities in leading the district. He stated it was a very good and productive weekend and that he is looking forward to moving on.

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

Manuel Lopez, Board President, addressed the Board and audience echoing Mr. Yzaguirre and Dr. Saavedra's remarks, thanking the Board members that took time away from their families and busy schedules to attend their training. He stated that it was very comforting to see everyone

outside of the dais and having a good time. He thanked Michelle for taking time out of her schedule to be there with them and helping them, He also thanked Dr. Saavedra for being there. He stated this is just the beginning and that they will be moving forward. He said this is the first step in a few things that need to get done and will get done in the next month or two. He said that with the Boards cooperation they will be moving forward are hoping to get Dr. Saavedra to go back to Austin, meaning it in a good way.

**WORKSHOP (NO ACTION)**

- 1. Board Operating Procedures
- 2. Superintendent Goals
- 3. Veterans Memorial Guidelines

The Board of Trustees met in a work session regarding these 3 Board led items. No action taken.

**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 also 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 re: status of TEA Investigation and all matters related thereto. (551.071)

No Closed Session Taken.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

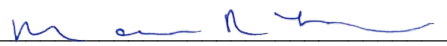
- 1. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

**ATTEST**

  
Manuel Lopez, 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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