



Public Notice of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held September 17, 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 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. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
6. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
7. Awards & Recognitions.

- A. Recognition of Javier Farias for years of service on the South Texas ISD Board of Directors.
8. 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.
9. *Action: Review and act on the August 27, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Sylvia S. Lopez, Co-Chairs
- A. *Action: Review and act on appointing Education Improvement Council Members for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - B. Report on the 2024 College Entrance Scores.
 - C. Report on the 2024-2025 Science Fair.
 - D. Report on the 2024-2025 Science Bowl Competition.
 - E. Report on the 2024-2025 Social Studies Fair.
11. Buildings and Grounds Committee - E. Larry Cantu and Margarita Garcia, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on the following projects:
 - 1. Health Professions Gymnasium project
 - 2. Roofing project
 - 3. Athletic Fields project
 - B. Action: Review and act on approving the contract for Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the 2024-2025 Capital Projects.
 - C. Action: Review and act on approving the procurement method for the Audio Video/Intercom System at Medical Professions.
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Israel G. Quintanilla and Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Report on the 2023-2024 fourth quarter student activity accounts.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on approving the following bank resolutions to update the campus bank signatures:
 - 1. World Scholars
 - 2. Medical Professions
 - 3. Health Professions
 - 4. Science Academy
 - 5. Preparatory Academy
 - 6. Virtual Academy
 - E. *Action: Review and act on the proposed calendar for the South Texas ISD Audit.

- F. *Action: Review and act on approving the use of MacKenzie Scott funds for the Fine Arts program at World Scholars and Preparatory Academy, and Health Professions CTE.
- G. Action: Review and act on approving the following budget amendments for the 2023-2024 federal rollover:
 - 1. Title I Part A (211)
 - 2. Title I Part C (212)
 - 3. Title II Part A (255)
 - 4. Title III Part A, LEP (263)
 - 5. Title IV Part A, SSAEP (289)
 - 6. School Safety Standards (429)
 - 7. Safe Grant Cycle 1 (429)
 - 8. Safe Grant Cycle 2 (429)
 - 9. Advance Placement Incentives (397)
 - 10. Instructional Materials Allotment (410)
- H. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #2 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$245,502.29 for the Athletic Fields project.
 - 2. Payment application #9 to The Warren Group in the amount of \$5,235.80 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
- I. Action: Review and act on the following requisitions:
 - 1. Requisition #123718 to Silsbee Ford for the purchase of a vehicle for the district.
 - 2. Requisition #123949 to Rush Truck Center for the purchase of five new buses for the district.
- J. Action: Review and act on approving the ranking and authorizing Administration to negotiate a contract regarding Request For Qualifications for Architectural Services (RFQ 26-001).
- K. Action: Review and act on approving the ranking and authorizing Administration to negotiate a contract regarding Request For Qualifications for Real Estate Broker Services (RFQ 26-002).
- 13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantú and Noel Garza, D.D.S., Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on appointing School Health Advisory Council Members for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - B. Action: Review and act on updates to Policy FFAC (LOCAL) Wellness and Health Services Medical Treatment.
- 14. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane and Eduardo Rodriguez, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
- 15. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
 - A. *Campus 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
- B. *Report on progress toward Superintendent's Goals.
- C. *Action: Review and act on the following out-of-district staff travel:
1. Association of Title IX Administrators (ATIXA) Annual Conference, October 27-30, 2024 in Philadelphia, PA.
- D. District Reports
1. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 - a. Report on resignations and retirements of professional staff.
 - b. Report on professional vacancies.
 - c. Report on required Staff Development Training.
 2. Executive Director for Student Support
 - a. Enrollment & Attendance Report
 - b. Report on Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs.
 - c. Report on Health and Wellness updates.
 - d. Report on Counseling Program.
 - e. Report on Athletic Program updates.
 - f. Action: Review and act on approving the 2024-2025 Physician's Standing Orders.
 3. Executive Director for Special Programs
 - a. Report on South Texas Tri-County Special Education Co-Op updates.
 - b. Report on upcoming Special Programs community events.
 4. Chief of Security Operations
 - a. Report on safety and security updates district-wide.
 - b. Action: Review and act on approving members to the District's Safety and Security Committee for the 2024-2025 school year.
- E. Action: Review and act on resolutions for nominations of candidate(s) to the Appraisal District Board of Directors for the following:
1. Cameron County
 2. Hidalgo County
16. **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 remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
 - a. Teacher(s)

- B. 551.071 Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation regarding Cause No. 2024-CCL-00247 and Cause No. 2024-CCL-00249: Closed Meeting.
 - C. 551.071, 551.076, 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits and consultation with school attorney regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.
17. 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 remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
 - a. Teacher(s)
 - B. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding Cause No. 2024-CCL-00247 and Cause No. 2024-CCL-00249.
18. 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 September 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Crystal Solis,
For the Board of Directors