



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 October 22, 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. Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report.
8. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
 - B. Recognition of the district and campuses for ranking among the best in the state and nation in the Niche Best Schools Rankings for the eleventh year in a row.
 - C. Recognition of principals in honor of Principals' Month.
9. 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.
10. *Action: Review and act on the September 17, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
11. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Sylvia S. Lopez, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the Bilingual ESL Program Evaluation for 2023-2024.
 - B. Action: Review and act on the 2024-2025 Gifted/Talented Manual.
 - C. Action: Review and act on the 2024-2025 Campus Course Offerings.
12. 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
 4. Audio Video/Intercom System
 5. Restrooms at Mercedes Athletic Fields
 - B. Action: Review and act on approving the contract with Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the New Rising Scholars Academy, and authorizing the Board President to sign the contract.
 - C. Action: Review and act on approving Construction Manager at Risk as the procurement method for the New Rising Scholars Academy, and authorizing Administration to advertise for Request for Qualifications.
 - D. Action: Review and act on adding the two exterior restrooms to the existing Mercedes Athletic Fields with Gerlach Builders.
13. Finance & Operations Committee - Adrian Garcia and Oscar Salinas, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Report on school district investments:
 1. Investments owned by the district.
 2. Investments held by Wilmington Trust for the South Texas ISD Public Facilities Corporation.

- C. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
- D. *Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
 - 1. Donation from the Texas Workforce Commission in the amount of \$1,000 to Medical Professions for Robotics.
 - 2. Donations from various donors totaling \$1,345 to Virtual Academy for clubs.
- E. *Action: Review and act on approving the campus bank signatures for the following:
 - 1. Medical Professions
 - 2. Preparatory Academy
 - 3. Science Academy
 - 4. Virtual Academy
 - 5. World Scholars
 - 6. Health Professions
- F. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #10 to The Warren Group in the amount of \$14,363.20 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 - 2. Payment application #4 to Gerlach Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$325,469.42 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 - 3. Payment application #5 to Gerlach Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$276,411.99 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 - 4. Payment application #3 to TADCO Roofing, in the amount of \$264,831.50 for the Roofing project.
 - 5. Payment application #4 to TADCO Roofing, in the amount of \$133,722.01 for the Roofing project.
 - 6. Payment application #1 to Gerlach Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$252,120.89 for the Athletic Fields project.
 - 7. Payment application #3 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$4,400.14 for the Athletics Fields project.
- G. Action: Review and act on the following requisitions:
 - 1. Requisition #125599 to Thomas Bus Sales for the purchase of two activity buses.
 - 2. Action: Review and act on approving the following budget amendments:
 - a. General Fund (199)
 - b. Title I Part A (211)
 - c. Supply Food Chain Assistance Grant (240)
 - d. Perkins V CTE (244)
 - e. IDEA B (313)
 - f. JET Grant (429)
 - g. Instructional Materials Allotment (410)
- H. Action: Review and act on approving revisions to the 2024-2025 Administrative Professionals and Non-Exempt Compensation Plans.
- I. Action: Review and act on request for use of funds from MacKenzie Scott donation for technology equipment for Preparatory Academy.

14. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantú and Noel Garza, D.D.S., Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on PTECH at Science Academy and Partnership with UTRGV for the 2025-2026 School Year.
 - B. Action: Review and act on partnership with South Texas College for Dual Enrollment Opportunities in Interdisciplinary Studies.
15. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane and Eduardo R. Rodriguez, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
 - B. Report: Update regarding STISD's 60th Anniversary Celebration.
 - C. Report: Update regarding STISD's Fine Arts Winter Production "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas"
16. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
 - A. *Report on progress toward Superintendent's Goals.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) request for the extended use of Health Professions facilities.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on the following out-of-district staff travel:
 1. Mid-South Educational Research (MSER) Foundation Annual Meeting, November 6-8, 2024, in Chattanooga, TN.
 - D. *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
 - E. District Reports
 1. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 - a. *Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
 - b. Report on resignations and retirements of professional staff.
 - c. Report on professional vacancies.
 2. Executive Director for Student Support
 - a. Enrollment and Attendance Report.
 - b. Report on Student Support Services.
 3. Executive Director for Special Programs
 - a. Report on Special Programs.
 - b. Report on the South Texas Tri-County Special Education Co-Op.
 4. Chief of Security Operations
 - a. Report on status update on the South Texas ISD Police Department.
 - b. Action: Review and act on South Texas ISD's Emergency Operations Plan.

- F. Report on status of Continuing Education of Board Members.
- G. Action: Review and act on selection of Board delegates and travel to attend TASB's Texas Federal Advocacy Conference, January 27-28, 2025, in Washington, D.C.
- 17. **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. 551.071, 551.074 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. Speech Language Pathologist
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.071, 551.072 Consultation with Attorney regarding Real Property
 - 1. Consultation with Attorney regarding real estate procurement matters.
 - 2. Discussion and consideration on selecting the site for the New Rising Scholars Academy.
- 18. 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. Speech Language Pathologist
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.071, 551.076 Consultation with Attorney regarding Real Property
 - 1. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on approving Real Estate Broker Services and authorizing Administration to negotiate a contract.
 - 2. Discussion, consideration and possible action on the selection of the site for the New Rising Scholars Academy.
- 19. 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 October 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Crystal Solis,
For the Board of Directors