



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 December 3, 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. Action: Receive and declare the results of the November 5, 2024 Election from the County Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.
8. Action: Receive and declare the results of the November 5, 2024 Election from the County Commissioners' Court of Willacy County.
9. Receipt of appointments of directors at large to the South Texas ISD Board of Directors from Cameron and Hidalgo County Judges.
10. Report on the Statement of Officer Oaths filed in our office for the newly elected/appointed Board members.
11. Administer Oath of Office for newly elected and newly appointed Board Members.
12. Action: Reorganization of the Board of Directors.
 - A. Action: Election of President
 - B. Action: Election of Vice-President (newly elected President presiding)
 - C. Action: Election of Secretary
13. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
14. 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.
15. *Action: Review and act on the October 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
16. *Action: Review and act on the November 16, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes.
17. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Sylvia S. Lopez, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on proposed admission qualifications for students and campus target populations for 2025-2026 school year.
18. Buildings and Grounds Committee - E. Larry Cantu and Margarita Garcia, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the following projects:
 1. Health Professions Gymnasium project
 2. Athletic Fields project
 3. New Administration Building
19. Finance & Operations Committee - Adrian Garcia and Israel Quintanilla, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
 1. Donation of 10 SMART Rover Robots valued at \$1,000 from Deloitte Consulting Product Services LLC to Science Academy Computer Science Club.
 2. Donation of 10 SMART Rover Robots valued at \$1,000 from Deloitte Consulting Product Services LLC to Science Academy Robotics Club.

- D. Action: Review and act on the following change order(s):
 - 1. Change Order #1 to the contract in the credit amount of \$19,300.00 for the Roofing project.
- E. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #23 to D. Wilson Construction in the amount of \$21,804.03 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - 2. Payment application #24 (final) to D. Wilson Construction in the amount of \$18,720.71 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - 3. Payment application #4 (final) to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$8,585.14 for the Roofing project.
 - 4. Payment application #5 (final) to TADCO Roofing in the amount of \$80,004.49 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - 5. Payment application #6 to Gerlach Builders, LLC in the amount of \$579,909.56 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 - 6. Payment application #4 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$16,718.96 for the Athletic Fields project.
 - 7. Payment application #2 to Gerlach Builders, LLC in the amount of \$841,781.61 for the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 - 8. Payment application #1 to Holchemont, LTD in the amount of \$76,004.27 for the Edinburg Athletic Fields project.
- F. Action: Review and act on approving the following budget amendments:
 - 1. Effective Advising Framework Grant (244)
- G. Action: Review and act on requisition(s):
 - 1. Requisition #127260 to Hidalgo County Elections for the November 5, 2024 Election for Commissioner's Pct. 1 seat on the South Texas ISD Board of Directors.
- H. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Health Insurance Benefits for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 20. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantú and Noel Garza, D.D.S., Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the Criminal Justice Career Pathway at World Scholars.
- 21. 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.
- 22. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
 - A. *Campus and District 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 re-adoption of Board of Trustees' Code of Ethics to include new board members.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on the following out-of-district student and staff travel:
 - 1. Advancing Earth and Space Sciences AGU24 Conference, December 10-13, 2024, in Washington, D.C.
 - 2. Future of Education Technology Conference, January 14-17, 2025, in Orlando, FL.
 - E. District Reports
 - 1. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 - a. Report on resignations and retirements of professional staff.
 - b. 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.
 - F. Action: Cast vote(s) for the Appraisal District Director(s) for the following:
 - 1. Cameron County Appraisal District
 - 2. Hidalgo County Appraisal District
23. 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 **November 29, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.**

Crystal Solis,
For the Board of Directors