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Minutes of Special Called Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD was held August 7, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 78570.

1. Welcome.

Henry LeVrier, Board President, welcomed the guests, staff and fellow Board members.

2. Board Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order by Henry LeVrier, Board President at approximately 6:00 p.m., at which time he was assured by Superintendent Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., that notices of the meeting were posted properly according to the laws of Texas and that a quorum of the Board was present.

The following board members were present:

David Briones	La Feria
Abiel J. Cantú	Raymondville
Eduardo L. “Larry” Cantu	Los Fresnos
Adrian Garcia	Brownsville
Noel Garza, DDS	Mission
Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D.	Edinburg
Hector Gonzales	Lyford
Henry LeVrier	Brownsville
Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.	Weslaco
Israel G. Quintanilla	Raymondville
Rodolfo “Rudy” Ramirez	Edinburg
Oscar Salinas	Edinburg
Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
David Torres	Edinburg

The following Board members were absent:

Douglas E. Buchanan	Raymondville
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Sasha Crane	McAllen
Margarita Garcia	San Juan
Yolanda Kamel	McAllen
Robert J. Lerma	Brownsville
Sylvia S. Lopez	Brownsville
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville
Rick Villarreal, DDS	Rancho Viejo
Ruth Villarreal	Mission

The following staff members were present:

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
 Efrain Garza
 Lissa Frausto
 Marla Knaub
 Amanda Odom
 Nereyda Trevino, Ed.D.
 Marcos Flores
 Brenda De La Garza, Ed.D.

3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.

The pledges were led by Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza.

4. Moment of Silence.

The Board held a moment of silence.

5. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

The Board did not receive any requests to address the Board of Directors on any agenda topics.

6. 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.

A motion was made by E. Larry Cantu, seconded by Abiel J. Cantú, approving the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

7. *Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):

A. ESSER III (282)

B. Mackenzie Scott (485)

Approved with the consent agenda.

8. Strategic Planning Discussion regarding STISD's past achievements, current projects, and future of the district.

Dr. Lara and members of Cabinet presented to the Board on STISD's past achievements, Curriculum and Instruction, Special Programs and Career and Technical Education, Enrollment Data, Finance, and Future Growth.

The Board remained in Open Session and discussed matters that were initially scheduled to be addressed in Executive Session.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**
 - A. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.
10. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting
 - A. Consideration and possible action regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

The Board did not take any action.

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Henry LeVrier, seconded by Hector Gonzales, adjourning the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.