



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 January 21, 2025, 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 Hearing: 2024 Federal Report Card and Texas Academic Performance Report.
6. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
7. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.

8. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
 - B. Recognition of South Texas ISD Board of Directors in honor of School Board Recognition 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 December 3, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
11. *Action: Review and act on the December 12, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes.
12. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Sue Ann Villarreal, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on the 2024 Federal Report Card.
 - B. *Report on 2024 Texas Academic Performance Report.
13. Buildings and Grounds Committee - E. Larry Cantu and Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the following projects:
 1. Health Professions Gymnasium project
 2. Mercedes Athletic Fields project
 3. Edinburg Athletic Fields project
 4. Medical Professions Audio/Video Intercom System
 - B. Action: Review and act on accepting the Mercedes Tennis Courts project as substantially complete.
14. Finance & Operations Committee - Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D. and Noel Garza, D.D.S., Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *Report on 2024-2025 first quarter student activity accounts.
 - D. *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.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on approving a donation from Puro Prep in the amount of \$6,000 to the Medical Professions Christian Club.
 - G. Action: Review and act on the following change orders:
 1. Change order #1 to the contract with Gerlach Builders, LLC in the amount of \$1,440,816.44 for the Mercedes Athletic Fields Restrooms project.

2. Change order #1 to the contract with Gerlach Builders, LLC in the amount of \$16,001.78 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
- H. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment Application #1 to Telepro Communications in the amount of \$58,995.95 for the Audio/Video Intercom project.
 2. Payment Application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$127,572.70 for the Audio/Video Intercom project.
 3. Payment Application #2 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$3,827.18 for the Audio/Video Intercom project.
 4. Payment Application #3 to Gerlach Builders in the amount of \$916,207.58 for the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 5. Payment application #4 to Gerlach Builders in the amount of \$1,184,611.06 for the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 6. Payment application #5 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$51,904.17 for the Athletic Fields project.
 7. Payment Application #2 to Holchemont, LTD in the amount of \$785,405.37 for the Edinburg Athletic Fields project.
 8. Payment application #7 to Gerlach Builders, LLC in the amount of \$277,074.85 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 9. Payment application #8 to Gerlach Builders, LLC in the amount of \$821,597.89 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 10. Payment application #11 to The Warren Group in the amount of \$6,288.60 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 11. Payment application #12 to The Warren Group in the amount of \$5,292.20 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 12. Payment Application #6 (final) to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$655.62 for the Health Professions Parking Lot project.
 13. Payment Application #8 (final) to Noble Texas Builders in the amount of \$36,423.10 for the Health Professions Parking Lot project.
- I. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 1. Budget amendment #2 General Fund (199)
 2. Budget Amendment #1 Instructional Materials Allotment (410)
- J. Action: Review and act on requisition #123922 to EDTX Equipment Depot in the amount of \$53,200 for the purchase of a boom lift.
15. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantú and Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant award.
16. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane and Zach Zamora, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
 - B. Report on Enrollment Process for 2025-2026 School Year.
17. 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 2025-2026 Committee and Co-Chair Assignments for the Board of Directors.
- C. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
1. AASA's National Conference on Education Future Driven Leadership, March 6-8, 2025, New Orleans, LA.
 2. American Association of School Personnel Administrators National Educator Shortage Summit, March 6-7, 2025 In Anaheim, CA.
 3. The Switch Lab Workshop, March 24-29, 2025 in Sebastopol, CA.
 4. Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference, May 7-11, 2025 in Orlando, FL.
 5. 2024-2025 US Chess Federation SuperNationals VIII Competition, May 9-11, 2025 In Orlando, FL.
 6. 2025 National Technology Student Association (TSA) Conference, June 27 - July 1, 2025 in Nashville, TN.
- D. District Reports
1. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 - a. Report on resignations and retirements of professional staff.
 - b. Report on professional vacancies.
 - c. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for New Professional Positions for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 1. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology - Co-Op
 2. Special Education Coordinator
 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. Action: Review and act on the Memorandum of Understanding concerning mutual aid with the following:
 1. Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
 2. Cameron County Sheriff's Office
- E. Superintendent's Report on AI Integration and Expansion of Fine Arts Programs.

18. **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. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op
 - b. Teacher(s)
 2. Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.
 - a. STISD - Superintendent contract and fringe benefits
 3. Consultation with legal counsel to discuss recommendation to propose termination of the 2024-2026 Chapter 21 Term Contract of Administrator N.T. during the contract period for good cause.
 - a. Pursuant to Section 551.074 consider recommendation to propose termination of the 2024-2026 Chapter 21 Term Contract of Administrator N.T. during the contract period for good cause.
19. 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. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op
 - b. Teacher(s)
 2. Action: Review and act on Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.
 - a. Action: STISD - Superintendent contract and fringe benefits
 3. Consider and take possible action regarding recommendation to propose termination of the 2024-2026 Chapter 21 Term Contract of Administrator N.T. during the contract period for good cause.
20. 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 **January 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

Crystal Solís,
For the Board of Directors