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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 December 12, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 78570.

1. Welcome.

Mr. Henry LeVrier, Board President, welcomed 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
Andrea E. Gonzales Loya	Raymondville
Henry LeVrier	Brownsville
Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.	Weslaco
Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
David Suarez	Weslaco
Ruth Villarreal	Mission
Zachary Zamora	Mission

The following Board members were absent:

Douglas E. Buchanan	Raymondville
Sasha Crane	McAllen

Margarita Garcia	San Juan
Yolanda Kamel	McAllen
Robert J. Lerma	Brownsville
Sylvia S. Lopez	Brownsville
Rodolfo “Rudy” Ramirez	Edinburg
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville
Oscar Salinas	Edinburg
Rick Villarreal, DDS	Rancho Viejo
Sue Ann Villarreal	Raymondville

The following staff members were present:

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.	
Efrain Garza	Frank Trevino
Marla Knaub	Ramon Longoria
Marcos Flores	Carmen Noriega
Chief Steven Cortez	

3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.

The pledges were led by Henry LeVrier.

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 for this meeting.

6. Awards & Recognitions.

A. Recognition of former Board Members for their years of service to STISD.

On behalf of the Board, Henry LeVrier recognized the following Board members for their service and dedication: Mr. Hector Gonzales, who served for 22 years; Mr. Israel Quintanilla, who served for 14 years; and Mr. David Torres, who served for 4 years.

7. Action: Review and accept Financial Statements & Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, South Texas Independent School District/South Texas Independent School District Public Facilities Corporation, for the year that ended August 31, 2024.

A. Annual Financial Report

Luis C. Orozco, CPA, auditor, reported on the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2024. A report titled South Texas Independent School District Annual Financial

Report was distributed, discussed, and accepted. Mr. Orozco reported the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of South Texas ISD, as of August 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In short, Mr. Orozco reported there were no findings for this audit report and the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide the basis for their audit.

A motion was made by E. Larry Cantú, seconded by David Briones, to accept the Financial Statements & Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, South Texas Independent School District/South Texas Independent School District Public Facilities Corporation, for the year that ended August 31, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Health Insurance Benefits for the 2025-2026 school year.

A motion was made by Dr. Sandra Garza Ochoa, seconded by Jaime Solis, to opt out of Health Insurance Benefits through TRS and to hire a consultant for selecting a Benefits Provider. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment.

A motion was made by E. Larry Cantu, seconded by Jaime Solis, adjourning the meeting at 6:51 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.