



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 February 18, 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 Comments for Agenda Topics.
6. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
7. Awards & Recognitions.

- A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
 - B. Recognition of Health Professions teacher for earning National Teacher Board Certification.
 - C. Recognition of South Texas ISD's Participation in the BuyBoard Program.
8. 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.
9. *Action: Review and act on the January 23, 2025, Board Meeting minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Sue Ann Villarreal, Co-Chairs
- A. *Action: Review and act on the academic calendar for the 2025-2026 school year and legend.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on the proposed action to add one course offering for Science Academy.
 - C. Report on Professional Development.
11. Buildings and Grounds Committee - E. Larry Cantu and Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on the following projects:
 - 1. Health Professions Gymnasium
 - 2. Athletic Fields
 - 3. Medical Academy Audio/Video Intercom System
 - B. Report on the New Rising Scholars Academy.
 - C. Action: Review and act on amending the 2024-2025 Capital Projects, adding the CTE Automotive Expansion at Science Academy and approving the architect of record, budget, and procurement method for the project.
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D. and Noel Garza, D.D.S., 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 donation(s):
 - 1. Donation from the TASO Rio Grande Chapter Football in the amount of \$700 to Health Professions.
 - 2. Donation of a Lynx Simulator valued at \$3,000 from the Students in Aviation Foundation to the South Texas ISD CTE.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on the proposed 2025-2026 budget calendar.
 - E. Action: Review and act on the following payment application(s):
 - 1. Payment application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$70,200.00 for the New Rising Scholars Academy.

2. Payment Application #2 to TelePro Communications in the amount of \$9,207.44 for the Medical Proessions Audio/Video Intercom project.
 3. Payment Application #6 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$7,910.70 for the Athletic Fields project.
 4. Payment Application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$64,836.75 for the Restrooms/Concessions at the Mercedes Athletic Fields.
 5. Payment application #5 to Gerlach Builders in the amount of \$603,976.87 for the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 6. Payment application #3 to Holchemont, LTD in the amount of \$417,449.00 for the Edinburg Athletic Fields project.
 7. Payment application #9 to Gerlach Builders in the amount of \$439,691.10 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
- F. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
1. Budget amendment #3 General Fund (199)
 2. Budget amendment #1 Perkins V (244)
 3. Budget amendment #1 IDEA B (313)
 4. Budget amendment #1 Safe Grant Cycle 2 (429)
 5. Budget amendment #1 CCMR (486)
- G. Action: Review and act on the following requisition(s):
1. Requisition #129533 to Aries Building Systems in the amount of \$273,018.00 for the purchase of two wet portables for Fine Arts.
 2. Requisition #129547 to William Scotsman in the amount of \$215,949.56 for the purchase of a portable building to be used for Special Education classrooms.
- H. Action: Review and act on the following Request for Proposals (RFP):
1. RFP 26-003 Property, Liability, and Auto Insurance
 2. RFP 26-004 CTE Instructional Materials, Assessment, and Supplies
 3. RFP 26-005 Bus and Auto Supplies, Parts, and Repairs
 4. RFP 26-008 General Maintenance, Building, Grounds, Services, Equipment & Supplies
 5. RFP 26-007 Health Insurance Consultant
- I. Action: Review and act on the following Request for Qualifications (RFQ):
1. RFQ 26-002 Real Estate Broker Services
 2. RFQ 26-006 Independent Auditors
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantú and Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
- A. Action: Review and act on Policy Update 124.
14. 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.
15. 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. *Action: Review and act on request from the City of Mercedes for the non-school use of facilities.
- C. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
1. National Science Bowl, April 23-28, 2025 in Washington, D.C.
 2. 2025 HOSA International Leadership Conference, June 16-22, 2025, in Nashville, TN.
- D. *Action: Review and act on the following Board travel:
1. TASB Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), June 11-14, 2025, in San Antonio, TX.
 2. TASB Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), June 18-21, 2025, in Fort Worth, TX.
- E. District Reports
1. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 - a. *Report on staff ethnicity, gender and degree status.
 - b. *Report on resignations and retirements of professional staff.
 - c. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - d. Report on the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA).
 - e. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for New Professional Position(s) for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 1. Visually Impaired Teacher Co-Op
 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 Police
 - a. Report on World Scholars Courts in Schools.
- F. Report from E. Larry Cantu on the 2025 TASB Texas Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC.
- G. Report on Legislative Updates.
16. **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. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Co-Op
 - b. Special Education Coordinator
 2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.074 discussion regarding Resignation and Release Agreement.
17. 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. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Co-Op
 - b. Special Education Coordinator
18. 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 20, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.**

Crystal Solís,

For the Board of Directors