



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 March 25, 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.
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 February 18, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Sue Ann Villarreal, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on the Fine Arts Pathway in Music.
 - B. Action: Review and act on proposed course offerings for the AP Capstone Diploma Program at Science Academy.
 - C. Action: Review and act on a proposed course addition for Middle School Music.
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 Professions Audio/Video Intercom System
 - 4. CTE Automtotive Expansion
 - B. Action: Review and act on approving an amendment to the contract with Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the CTE Expansion project at Science Academy and authorize the Board President to execute the amendment.
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. *Report on the 2024-2025 second quarter student activity accounts.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
 - 1. Donation from Osmin Vargas Family Clinic PLLC in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Health Professions PASF Club.
 - 2. Donation from Sombrero Festival in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Medical Professions 2025 Senior Class (\$1,500) and Medical Professions HOSA Club (\$1,500).
 - 3. Donation from STISD PTSO to Medical Professions in the amount of \$1,205.00 to the 2025 Senior Class for prom expenses.
 - E. Action: Review and act on amending the authorized bank signers for the District's Non-Operating, General Fund, Payroll and Debt Services bank accounts.
 - F. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:

1. Payment application #4 to Holchemont, LTD in the amount of \$582,758.50 for the Edinburg Athletic Fields project.
 2. Payment application #7 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$11,647.64 for the Athletic Fields project.
 3. Payment application #3 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$28,491.24 for the Medical Professions Audio/Video Intercom project.
 4. Payment application #6 to Gerlach Builders, LLC in the amount of \$203,985.37 for the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 5. Payment application #10 to Gerlach Builders, LLC in the amount of \$830,478.42 for the Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 6. Payment application #3 to Telepro Communications in the amount of \$2,038,957.12 for the Medical Professions Audio/Video Intercom project.
 7. Payment application #13 to The Warren Group Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$20,889.40 for the Health Professions Gymnasium project.
- G. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
1. Budget amendment #4 General Fund (199)
 2. Budget amendment #2 Child Nutrition (240)
 3. Budget amendment #1 Child Nutrition (242)
- H. Action: Review and act on approving a contract with Keller Williams RGV for real estate services, and authorize the Board President to execute the contract.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving the contract with Valley Risk Consulting, Inc. for medical consulting, and authorize the Board President to execute the contract.
- J. Action: Review and act on approving a Teacher Stipend for the District Curriculum Design and Enhancement.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantú and Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
- A. *Action: Review and act on the Memorandum of Understanding related to the Hidalgo County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - B. Report on the STISD Policy (LOCAL) Audit.
 - C. Action: Review and act on the amendment to the STISD District of Innovation Plan: Resignations Under Probationary or Term Contracts.
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 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 the following out of district student/staff travel:
 1. #HouseOfCode Congressional App Challenge, April 8-9, 2025, in Washington, D.C.
 2. Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair, May 10-16, 2025, in Columbus, OH.
- C. *Action: Review and act on the following Board travel:
 1. Region One School Board Association (ROSBA) Conference, May 16-17, 2025, South Padre Island, TX.
- 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 and Non-Professional positions and the Announcement of Vacancies for the following:
 1. Professional positions for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year:
 1. Captain (1)
 2. Non-Professional positions for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year:
 1. Secretary to Chief of Police (1)
 3. Professional positions for the 2025-2026 school year:
 1. Police Officer (8)
 2. Teachers (8)
 3. Licenced Specialist in School Psychology (1)
 4. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern (1) Grant-funded
 4. Non-Professional positions for the 2025-2026 school year:
 1. Classroom Aide (2)
 2. Groundskeepers (6)
 3. Bus Driver/Custodians (6)
 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 Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings.
- E. Report on the 2025 STISD Day at the Capitol.
- F. Action: Cast votes for Place 3 and Place 6 of the Region One ESC Board of Directors.

- G. Action: Review and approve the nomination of Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza to the Region I, Position B seat on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors.
- 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
 - 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern (Grant-funded)
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney
 - 1. Marcolfa M. v. South Texas ISD
 - C. 551.076 Security
 - 1. Discussion and consideration regarding Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings.
 - D. 551.072 Real Property
 - 1. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
- 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 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern (Grant-funded)
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - B. Consideration and possible action on Marcolfa M. v. South Texas ISD.
 - C. Consideration and possible action regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
- 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 **March 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**

Crystal Solís

For the Board of Directors