



Public Notice of Meeting Agenda

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held May 20, 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 all 2025 STISD Campus Teachers of the Year for their contributions to student success at their individual campuses and across STISD.
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 April 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez and Andrea E. Gonzales Loya, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on the 2024 District and Campus A-F Accountability Ratings.
 - B. Action: Review and Act on Waiver for Professional Development for the 2025-2026 school year.
11. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Rick Villarreal, D.D.S., and David Suarez, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on the following projects:
 - 1. Health Professions Gymnasium
 - 2. Athletic Fields
 - 3. Medical Professions Audio/Video Intercom System
 - 4. CTE Expansion
 - B. Action: Review and act on the partial substantial completion of the Health Professions Parking Athletic Fields project.
 - C. Action: Review and act on expanding the 2024-2025 Capital Projects to include the new Special Programs facility, and the new Maintenance Facility; and approving Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc as the architect of record for the projects.
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Doug E. Buchanan and Adrian Garcia, 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 a Teacher Stipend for the District Curriculum Design and Enhancement.
 - D. Action: Review and act on either extending the RFQ for legal services, or to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Legal Services.
 - E. Action: Review and act on extending the following Request for Proposals (RFPs):
 - 1. RFP 24-005 Bus & Auto Parts
 - 2. RFP 24-006 Mats & Linens
 - 3. RFP 24-007 Tow Truck Services
 - 4. RFP 24-008 Maintenance & Building Repairs Services
 - 5. RFP 24-009 Building Materials

6. RFP 24-010 Instructional Materials
 7. RFP 25-003 Awards, Incentives, Printed Materials
 8. RFP 25-004 Document Imaging, Shredding, & Retention Services
 9. RFP 25-005 Travel Agent and Charter Bus Services
 10. RFP 25-006 Special Education Contracted Services
 11. RFP 25-007 Contracted Professional Development Services
 12. RFP 25-008 Hazardous Waste & Chemical Surplus Disposal
 13. RFP 25-009 Career and Technical Education, Instructional Material, Assessment, and Supplies
- F. Action: Review and act on rejecting RFP# 26-010 Pharmacy Benefit Management as presented by Valley Risk.
- G. Action: Review and act on approving RFP 26-009 Group Health Insurance with Pharmacy option as presented by Valley Risk.
- H. Action: Review and act on awarding RFP# 26-011 Stop Loss as presented by Valley Risk.
- I. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
1. Payment application #12 to Gerlach Builders in the amount of \$189,196.09 for the Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 2. Payment application #15 to The Warren Group in the amount of \$6,316.80 for the Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 3. Payment application #9 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$5,937.01 for the Athletic Fields project.
 4. Payment application #8 to Gerlach Builders in the amount of \$337,514.80 for the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 5. Payment application #6 to Holchemont, LTD, in the amount of \$117,064.42 for the Edinburg Athletic Fields project.
 6. Payment application #3 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$3,674.08 for the Restrooms/Concessions at the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 7. Payment application #5 to TelePro Communications in the amount of \$115,055.55 for the Audio/Video Intercom project.
 8. Payment application #5 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$1,700.97 for the Medical Professions Audio/Visual Intercom System.
- J. Action: Review and act on the following change orders:
1. Change order #3 to the contract due to rain for the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 2. Change order #1 to the contract for the Edinburg Athletic Fields project.
- K. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
1. Budget Amendment #1 Title I Part A (211)
 2. Budget Amendment #1 Title I Part C Migrant (212)
 3. Budget Amendment #1 Title II Part A (255)
 4. Budget Amendment #1 Title III Part A – ELA (263)
 5. Budget Amendment #1 Title IV Part A – SSAEP (289)

6. Budget Amendment #1 Special Education Cooperative Amendment (437)
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Eduardo R. Rodriguez and Oscar Salinas, Co-Chairs
 - A. Action: Review and act on revisions to Policy resulting from TASB Policy Audit.
14. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Yolanda Kamel and Ruth Villarreal, 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 - E. Gutierrez
 - B. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
 1. IACP 2025 International Association of Chiefs of Police, October 18-21, in Denver, CO.
 - C. District Reports
 1. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 - a. *Report on resignations and retirements of professional staff.
 - b. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - c. *Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
 - d. Report on the 2024-2025 Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Designations.
 - e. Action: Review and act on approving the T-TESS Appraisal Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - f. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for New Professional Position(s) for the 2025-2026 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 1. Professional positions for the 2025-2026 school year:
 1. Assistant Principals (3)
 2. Counselor (1)
 3. Teachers (8)
 2. Non-professional positions for the 2025-2026 school year:
 1. Custodians (12)
 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 Safety and Security.
- 16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, and 551.084, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**
 - A. 551.071 and 551.074, Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting
 - 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Chief Academic Officer
 - b. Dean of Instruction
 - c. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op
 - d. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
 - e. Instructional Technology Specialist
 - f. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern (UTRGV only)
 - g. Special Education Instructional Specialist Co-Op
 - h. Speech Language Pathologist Co-Op
 - i. Teacher Incentive Allotment Coordinator
 - j. School Nurse
 - k. Counselor
 - l. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.076 Security
 - 1. Discussion and consideration regarding the TEA District Vulnerability Assessment.
 - C. 551.072 Real Property
 - 1. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
 - a. Report on the purchase of approximately 62.5 acres located in San Benito, Texas, 78586, and authorize the Superintendent to complete the transaction, including tendering the purchase price for the property, and executing the closing documents and all other documents necessary to effect the purchase.
 - D. Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.0821, Consultation with attorney
 - 1. Consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or threatened litigation.
- 17. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting
 - A. 551.071 and 551.074, 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.
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 - b. Dean of Instruction
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 - e. Instructional Technology Specialist

- f. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern (UTRGV only)
 - g. Special Education Instructional Specialist Co-Op
 - h. Teacher Incentive Allotment Coordinator
 - i. School Nurse
 - j. Counselor
 - k. Teacher(s)
- B. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the purchase of approximately 62.5 acres located in San Benito, Texas, 78586, and authorize the Superintendent to complete the transaction, including tendering the purchase price for the property, and executing the closing documents and all other documents necessary to effect the purchase.

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 **May 16, 2025 at 4:50 p.m.**

Crystal Solis

For the Board of Directors