



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 June 17, 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 the 2025 STISD District Teacher of the Year.
 - C. Recognition of retirees who have dedicated 25 years or more to STISD.
 - D. Recognition of Science Academy student, Joseph Garza, for his service at the American Legion Texas Boys State in Austin June 8-13, 2025.
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 May 20, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez and Andrea E. Gonzales Loya, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on 2025 STAAR EOC Preliminary results.
 - B. Report on STAAR Grades 3-8 Preliminary Results.
 - C. Report on the Instructional Professional Development & Curricular Enhancement.
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 Academy Audio/Video Intercom System
 - 4. CTE Expansion
 - 5. Edinburg Admin Entrance Correction
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 the following donations:
 - 1. Donation of \$100 from the Weslaco Elks Lodge to Health Professions.
 - 2. Donation of TCSAAL banners to Rising Scholars Academy valued at \$150 each from Lupe Zuniga.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on approving a Teacher Stipend for the District Curriculum Design.
 - E. Report on the district's Public Notice to Apply for 2025-2026 ESSA Federal Grant Funding.
 - F. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #14 to The Warren Group in the amount of \$14,476.00 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.

2. Payment application #7 to Holchemont, LTD in the amount of \$127,003.60 for the Edinburg Athletic Fields project.
 3. Payment application #6 to TelePro Communications in the amount of \$142,242.12 for the Medical Professions Audio/Video Intercom project.
 4. Payment application #13 to Gerlach Builders, LLC in the amount of \$205,966.29 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 5. Payment application #9 to Gerlach Builders in the amount of \$626,690.54 for the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 6. Payment application #6 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$2,126.21 for the Medical Professions Audio/Video Intercom project.
 7. Payment application #4 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$1,080.62 for the Restrooms/Concessions at the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 8. Payment application #10 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$10,777.96 for the Athletic Fields project.
- G. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
1. General Fund (199) #6
- H. Action: Review and act on the following Request for Proposals:
1. RFP 26-026 Polygraph Examiner for (Pre-Employment, Criminal, Suitability)
 2. RFP 26-012 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fully Funded
 3. RFP 26-013 Employee Uniforms
 4. RFP 26-014 Petroleum Products
 5. RFP 26-015 General Merchandise
 6. RFP 26-016 General Maintenance, Building, Grounds, Services & Equipment
 7. RFP 26-017 Building Materials
 8. RFP 26-018 Drug Testing Service
 9. RFP 26-020 Instructional Materials & Technology products
 10. RFP 26-021 JOC For Maintenance, Repairs, Alterations, Renovations, Remediations, or Minor Construction of a Facility
 11. RFP 26-022 Digital, Marketing, Advertising, (Inc. Billboards, Livestream, Ads, Radio, TV, Etc
 12. RFP 26-023 Events, Party Supplies, Linens, Equipment Rental, Logistics
 13. RFP 26-025 Psychological Evaluation Services
 14. RFP 26-027 Miscellaneous Contracted Product & Services
 15. RFP 26-028 Assessments, Certifications, Products and Services
- I. Action: Review and act on approving the 2025-2026 Benefits.
- J. Action: Review and act on approving the revised Memorandum of Understanding for the South Texas Tri-County Special Education Co-Op.
- K. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Request for Qualifications (RFQ 26-029) Legal Services.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Eduardo Rodriguez and Oscar Salinas, Co-Chairs

- A. Action: Review and act on Policy DEC (LOCAL) - Requirement for Commissioned Officers.
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 Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to contract for school-related services.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
 - 1. 2025 IB Global Conference, July 15-17, 2025, in New Orleans, LA.
 - 2. 2025 HOSA Washington Leadership Academy, September 19-23, 2025, in Washington, D.C.
 - 3. MasterMinds: A PLTW Master Teacher Conference, November 7-9, 2025, in Indianapolis, IN.
 - 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 Position(s) for the 2025-2026 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 - 1. Professional Positions:
 - 1. Teacher (2)
 - 2. Non-Professional Positions:
 - 1. SHARS Special Education Clerk
 - 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.

- E. Action: Review and act on the endorsement of Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza, to the candidacy to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors, Region 1 Seat B.
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 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Assistant Principal
 - b. Captain
 - c. Chief Academic Officer
 - d. Counselor
 - e. Dean of Instruction
 - f. District Student Wellness Specialist
 - g. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op
 - h. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
 - i. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern (UTRGV Only)
 - j. Police Officer
 - k. Special Education Instructional Specialist Co-Op
 - l. Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Co-Op
 - m. Speech Language Pathologist Co-Op
 - n. Teacher(s)
 - 2. Review recommendations for renewal of employment contracts for Professional staff.
 - a. Renewal of Chapter 21 term employment contracts for Professional staff for the 2025-2026 school year as per the Compromise Settlement Agreements.
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. Assistant Principal
 - b. Captain
 - c. Chief Academic Officer
 - d. Counselor
 - e. Dean of Instruction
 - f. District Student Wellness Specialist
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- l. Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Co-Op
 - m. Speech Language Pathologist Co-Op
 - n. Teacher(s)
2. Action: Review and act on renewal of employment contracts for Professional staff.
 - a. Action: Review and act on renewal of Chapter 21 term employment contracts for Professional staff for the 2025-2026 school year as per the Compromise Settlement Agreements.

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

June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Crystal Solis

For the Board of Directors