



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 August 5, 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. Swearing in of STISD's Captain of the Police Department and Police Officers.
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 June 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez and Andrea Gonzales Loya, Co-Chairs
- A. *Action: Review and act on the 2025-2026 STISD Student Code of Conduct.
 - B. Report on 2025 Advanced Placement scores.
 - C. Report on the 2025-2026 Schedule of Formal Grade Reporting.
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 contract with Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the 2024-2025 Capital Projects.
 - C. Action: Review and act on approving the Substantial Completion of Health Professions Gymnasium project.
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Adrian Garcia and Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D., Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *Report on school district investments:
 - 1. Investments owned by the district.
 - 2. Investments held by Wilmington Trust for the South Texas ISD Public Facilities Corporation.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on approving 13 paychecks for new employees.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on the bank resolution to update the campus bank signatures for Virtual Academy.
 - G. *Action: Review and act on 2025-2026 school lunch and breakfast prices.
 - H. *Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #15 to The Warren Group, in the amount of \$7,172.20 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.

2. Payment application #7 to TelePro Communications, in the amount of \$177,811.88 for the Medical Professions Audio/Video Intercom project.
 3. Payment application #8 to Holchemont, LTD, in the amount of \$161,284.64 for the Edinburg Athletic Fields project.
 4. Payment application #10 to Gerlach Builders, in the amount of \$332,866.07 for the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 5. Payment application #14 to Gerlach Builders, in the amount of \$1,548.00 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 6. Payment application #11 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$6,596.24 for the Athletic Fields project.
 7. Payment application #7 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$2,551.46 for the Audio/Video Intercom project.
 8. Payment application #5 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$4,538.56 for the Restrooms/Concessions at the Mercedes Athletic Fields project.
 9. Payment application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$18,900.00 for the Medical Professions Portable.
 10. Payment application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., in the amount of \$26,600.00 for the Edinburg Portable project.
 11. Payment application #1 to Herrcon, in the amount of \$80,320.68 for the Science Academy CTE Expansion project.
- I. Action: Review and act on Resolution extending the district's bank depository with Plains Capital Bank for 2025-2027 biennium.
 - J. Report on the proposed preliminary general fund budget.
 - K. Action: Review and act on approving the 2025-2026 Compensation Plan.
 - L. Action: Review and act on the 2025-2026 Stipends.
 - M. Action: Review and act on setting a date for a public meeting to discuss the 2025-2026 budget and proposed tax rate to be published on the notice of the public hearing.
 - N. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 1. General Fund (199) #7
 2. MacKenzie Scott (485) #1
 - O. Action: Review and act on Request for Proposals:
 1. RFP 26-030 Special Event Production, Rental Equipment, and Related Items
 2. RFP 26-031 College Readiness Support Services, Dual Enrollment Materials, Textbooks and Testing
 3. RFP 26-032 Video Productions Photography Services
 4. RFP 26-035 Ground Services & Items
 - P. Action: Review and act on Requisition #133844 to Thomas Bus in the amount of \$479,600 for the purchase of two activity buses.
 - Q. Action: Review and act on allotting COVID leave for employees.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Eduardo Rodriguez and Oscar Salinas, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on the Memorandum of Understanding related to the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

- B. Action: Review and act on Policy Update 125.
 - C. Action: Review and act on changes to Policy as per Legislative Updates.
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.
 - B. *Action: Discussion and possible action to consider and approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding designation of remaining nonbusiness Public Information Act days for Public Information Act requests during calendar year 2025.
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. 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. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for New Professional and Non-Professional Position(s) for the 2025-2026 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 - 1. Professional:
 - 1. Virtual Instructional Strategist (1)
 - 2. Non-Professional:
 - 1. Child Nutrition Worker (2)
 - 2. Bilingual/ESL Program Secretary (1)
 - 3. Attendance Clerk (1)
 - e. Action: Review and act on the appointment of Teacher Appraisers for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 2. Executive Director for Student Support
 - a. Action: Review and act on approving the 2025-2026 Physician's Standing Orders.
 - 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. Update on the South Texas ISD Police Department.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on the following staff travel:

1. 2025 Advancing School Mental Health Conference, December 2-4, 2025, in Orlando, FL.
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 2025-2025 school year.
 - a. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op
 - b. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
 - c. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (UTRGV)
 - d. Social Worker
 - e. Special Education Counselor Lead
 - f. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.072 Real Property
 1. Discussion and consultation with attorney 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. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op
 - b. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
 - c. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern (UTRGV)
 - d. Social Worker
 - e. Special Education Counselor Lead
 - f. Teacher(s)
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 **August 1, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

Crystal Solis

For the Board of Directors