SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 17, 2025

MINUTES
6:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87435487344?pwd=qoiHtoQnWlVR3C0KNcWqyKFyW86oGl.1

The Santa Maria Independent School District offers reasonable accommodations for persons accessing its school facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special accommodations, please contact Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Javier Jimenez, Jr., Board President at 6:03pm.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:
Javier Jimenez, Jr., Board President
Luis Cantu, Board Vice-President
Pablo Ibarra, Board Secretary
Dr. Yvette Cantu, Board Member
Michele Garcia, Board Member
Miguel Zavala, Board Member
Absent:
Andrew de la Rosa, Board Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
OPEN FORUM

At Regular and Special meetings the Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. However, no one presentation shall exceed three minutes. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. The topics for discussion are limited to agenda and non-agenda items. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.
Nobody signed up for Open Forum.

ACTION AGENDA

Finance

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Work Schedule for 2025-2026.

Motion made by Michele Garcia, second by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum and Instruction

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the MOU between Santa Maria ISD and Communities in Schools of Cameron County.

Motion made by Michele Garcia, second by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the MOU between Santa Maria ISD and the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf.

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Motion made by Michele Garcia, second by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the MOU between Santa Maria ISD and Region One ESC Migrant Education Program.

Motion made by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the MOU between Santa Maria ISD and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Cameron and Willacy Counties.

Motion made by Michele Garcia, second by Dr. Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

Facilities

1. Discussion and possible action to approve SMISD Bus Barn improvements.

Motion made by Michele Garcia, second by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve HVAC improvements at Santa Maria Middle School.

Motion made by Michele Garcia, second by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously.

Governance

1. Discussion and action to approve a resolution naming a designee to calculate the No New Revenue and Voter Approval Tax Rates for Santa Maria ISD.

Motion made by Michele Garcia, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action on endorsement of candidate for TASB Board of Directors, Region 1, Position B.

Motion made by Michele Garcia, second by Dr. Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made to approve Consent Agenda by Michele Garcia, second by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance

1. Approval of Check Payments since last report for May 2025.
2. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of May 2025.
3. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending May 2025.
4. Approval of Tax Collection Report for May 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025.
5. Approval of Budget Amendment for June 2025.

Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board meeting of May 14, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Michele Garcia to go into Executive Session, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion under the authority of Section 551, Texas Government Code: If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Notice, then such closed session as authorized by Section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Government Act) will be held by the Board after the commencement in open session of the meeting covered by this Notice. Such closed session may concern any or all of the subjects and be conducted for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through and including Section 551.084 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to, private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

A. Section 551.071—Consultation with Attorney on Any Permitted Subject Including, But Not Limited
   1) Discussion with School Attorney on Item(s) Exempted under Attorney-Client Privilege

B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property

C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift

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D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code
   1) Resignations, retirements, terminations, proposed terminations, appointments, evaluations, reassignments, duties and discipline of Professional, Paraprofessional and Non-Contract Employees; Teacher Substitutes and Substitutes for Maintenance, Transportation, and Cafeteria Department
   2) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations
   3) Discuss employment of Santa Maria Middle School Principal.

E. Section 551.076 - Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits

F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint

G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

H. Section 552.0031 - Discussion with legal counsel on matters related to designation of nonbusiness days during the calendar year in accordance with Government Code.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Pablo Ibarra to Reconvene in Open Session, second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session.
2. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

Motion made by Pablo Ibarra, second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to name Santa Maria Middle School Principal.

Motion made by Pablo Ibarra, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dr. Yvette Cantu to Adjourn this meeting, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, June 13, 2025.



Javier E. Jimenez, Jr.
Board President



Pablo Ibarra
Board Secretary

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This notice has been publicly posted at the administrative offices of the Santa Maria Independent School District, 11119 Military Rd., Cameron County, Santa Maria, Texas, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the above mentioned meeting, as required by the following sections of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.084. During the regular school year, this notice is also posted in all schools in the District. The school district also posts its board meeting agendas on the District's internet web site (www.smisd.net)

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on a specific item(s), that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Board of Trustees
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Luis A. Cantu, Vice-President
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Dr. Yvette Cantu, Member
Andrew "Andy" De La Rosa, Member
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