SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Minutes
6:00pm

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 6:00pm. This meeting will be held at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.
Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82080760088?pwd=TVjJ7M8o3DBIruuPESBvi05xaQ4A2D.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 Board President, Javier Jimenez, Jr. at 6pm.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:
Javier Jimenez, Jr., President
Luis Cantu, Vice-President – 6:13pm
Pablo Ibarra, Secretary
Dr. Yvette Cantu, Member
Michele Garcia, Member – 6:02pm
Miguel Zavala, Member
Absent:
Andrew De la Rosa, Member

PLEDGE 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 the topics listed on the posted agenda. 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. If not, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy to seek resolution before bringing the matter to the Board at a subsequent meeting. [SMISD Board Policy BED (Local)]
No one signed up for Open Forum.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025-2026 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

A Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Budget and the proposed Tax Rate will be held at the Administration Building located at 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX.

Any taxpayer of the District may be present and participate in the Hearing. [Policy CE(Legal)/CE(Local)]

1. Presentation on the proposed District Budget for the 2025-2026 school year and on the proposed Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

It is the policy of Santa Maria ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap, in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended.

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Yliana Gonzalez, Business Manager presented the proposed District Budget for the 2025-2026 school year school year.

2. Public comments on the proposed District Budget and the proposed Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 school year.
No Public comments.

3. Closed of Public Hearing.
Motion to adjourn the Public hearing by Miguel Zavala, second by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously at 6:33pm.

No action will be taken by the Board of Trustees during this Public Hearing.





Javier E. Jimenez, Jr.
Board President

Pablo Ibarra
Board Secretary

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on Friday, August 8,2025.

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)

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