



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 February 24, 2026, 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
4. District Call to Action.
5. Moment of Silence.
6. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
7. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.

8. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of STISD for being named a CTE District of Distinction by the Career and Technical Association of Texas.
 - B. Recognition of STISD for making the Educational Results Partnership's 2025 Honor Roll.
 - C. Recognition of Science Academy, Health Professions, and Medical Professions for being named to the 2025 AP School Honor Roll.
9. 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.
10. *Action: Review and act on the January 20, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
11. *Action: Review and act on the February 9, 2026, Special Called Board Meeting Minutes.
12. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee — Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D. and Sue Ann Villarreal, Co-Chairs
 - A. Public Hearing: 2025 Federal Report Card and Texas Academic Performance Report.
13. Buildings and Grounds Committee — E. Larry Cantu and David Suarez, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on the following projects:
 1. CTE Automotive Expansion at Science Academy
 - B. *Action: Review and act on approving job order contracting as the procurement method for the Edinburg Intercom project.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on approving job order contracting as the procurement method for the Medical Professions Athletic Fields project.
14. Finance & Operations Committee - Noel Garza, D.D.S. and Doug Buchanan, 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 the proposed 2026-2027 budget calendar.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #9 to Telepro Communications in the amount of \$26,945.58 for the Audio/Video Intercom project.
 - G. *Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 1. General Fund (199) #2

2. Mental Health Grant (289) #1
3. Instructional Materials Allotment (410) #1
- H. *Action: Review and act on the following requisition(s):
 1. Requisition #139871 to Follett Content Solution in the amount of \$1,235.38 for the purchase of books for Biblioteca Las Americas.
- I. *Action: Review and act on the following Request for Proposals (RFPs):
 1. RFP 27-001 Property, Liability, and Auto Insurance
 2. RFP 27-002 Third Party Administrator Services 403(b) and Roth 403(b).
 3. RFP 27-003 General Veterinary Services
 4. RFP 27-004 Technology Products, Services, Items & Etc.
 5. RFP 27-005 DOT & Non-DOT Employment Physical Screening & Laboratory Testing Services
- J. *Action: Review and act on approving revisions to the 2025-2026 Stipend Listing.
15. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee — Abiel J. Cantú and Oscar Salinas, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on the academic calendar for the 2026-2027 school year and legend.
 - B. Action: Review and act on a Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11 Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text.
16. Community & Governmental Relations Committee — Ruth Villarreal and Zach Zamora, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
17. 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. ISC West, March 23-27, 2026 in Las Vegas, NV.
 2. #HouseOfCode Congressional App Challenge Winner Event, April 20-23, 2026, in Washington, D.C.
 - C. 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. Accountant (1)
 2. Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Co-Op (1)
 3. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op (1)
 4. Special Education Instructional Specialist – Co-Op (1)
 5. School Psychologist – Co-Op (1)
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.
 - c. Action: Review and act on approving Monte Alto ISD as a South Texas Tri-County Special Education Cooperative Member.
 4. Executive Director for Academic Excellence
 - a. Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments & Bilingual/ESL Program.
 5. Chief of Police
 - a. Update on STISD Police Department.
- D. *Action: Review and act on the following Board travel:
1. ROSBA Conference, May 15-16, 2026, in South Padre Island, TX.
18. **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 remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Speech Language Pathologist - Co-Op
 - b. Teacher(s)
 2. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - a. School Psychologist Intern (Grant-Funded)
 3. Report on Level III Grievances for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, as requested by Board Member, Sasha Crane.
19. 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 remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Speech Language Pathologist - Co-Op
 - b. Teacher(s)
 2. Action: Review and act on recommendation of professional staff for the 2026–2027 school year.
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20. 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
February 18, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Crystal Solis,

For the Board of Directors