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Minutes of Special Called Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD was held December 10, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 78570.

1. Welcome.

Mr. Henry LeVrier, Board President, welcomed guests, staff and fellow Board members.

2. Board Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order by Henry LeVrier, Board President at approximately 7:00 p.m., at which time he was assured by Superintendent Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., that notices of the meeting were posted properly according to the laws of Texas and that a quorum of the Board was present.

The following board members were present:

Douglas E. Buchanan	Raymondville
Abiel J. Cantú	Raymondville
Eduardo L. “Larry” Cantu	Los Fresnos
Adrian Garcia	Brownsville
Margarita Garcia	San Juan
Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D.	Edinburg
Andrea E. Gonzales-Loya	Raymondville
Henry LeVrier	Brownsville
Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.	Weslaco
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville
Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
David Suarez	Weslaco
Sue Ann Villarreal	Raymondville

The following Board members were absent:

David Briones	La Feria
Sasha Crane	McAllen

Noel Garza, DDS	Mission
Yolanda Kamel	McAllen
Robert J. Lerma	Brownsville
Rodolfo “Rudy” Ramirez	Edinburg
Oscar Salinas	Edinburg
Rick Villarreal, DDS	Rancho Viejo
Ruth Villarreal	Mission
Zach Zamora	Mission

The following staff members were present:

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.

Efrain Garza

Marla Knaub

Carmen Noriega

3. Pledges of Allegiance.

The pledges were led by Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza.

4. District Call to Action.

The District Call to Action was led by Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza.

5. Moment of Silence.

The Board held a moment of silence.

6. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

The Board did not receive any requests to address the Board of Directors on any agenda topics.

7. Action: Review and act on the selection of Board delegates and travel to attend TASB’s Texas Federal Advocacy Conference, February 2-3, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

A motion was made by E. Larry Cantu, seconded by Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza, approving the selection of Board delegates and travel to attend TASB’s Texas Federal Advocacy Conference, February 2-3, 2026, in Washington, D.C. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Action: Cast vote(s) for the Appraisal District Director(s) for the following:

A. Cameron County Appraisal District

B. Hidalgo County Appraisal District

A motion was made by Eduardo Rodriguez, seconded by Abiel J. Cantú, approving a resolution splitting 58 votes evenly between David Garza and Daniela Lopez-Valdez. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Adrian Garcia, seconded by E. Larry Cantu, approving a resolution for all 50 votes for Richard A. Garza. The motion passed with one against (David Suarez) and one abstention (Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza).

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Directors met on December 10, 2025 at 6:16 p.m. in 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 Secretary, E. Larry Cantu, served to record the minutes of the closed session to discuss the following:**

- C. 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. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op

The Board ended the Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

9. 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 of the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Educational Diagnostician Co-Op

Dr. Tony Lara, Superintendent of Schools, recommended the employment of Dr. Mayra Lorena Martinez as Educational Diagnostician Co-Op (11 months) for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

A motion was made by Abiel J. Cantú, seconded by Eduardo R. Rodriguez, approving the recommendation of professional staff as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.