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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 February 9, 2026, beginning at 5:30 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:

David Briones	La Feria
Douglas E. Buchanan	Raymondville
Abiel J. Cantú	Raymondville
Eduardo L. “Larry” Cantu	Los Fresnos
Sasha Crane	McAllen
Adrian Garcia	Brownsville
Irma Garcia	McAllen
Margarita Garcia	San Juan
Noel Garza, DDS	Mission
Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D.	Edinburg
Andrea E. Gonzales-Loya	Raymondville
Henry LeVrier	Brownsville
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville
Rodolfo “Rudy” Ramirez	Edinburg
Oscar Salinas	Edinburg
Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
David Suarez	Weslaco

Rick Villarreal, DDS	Rancho Viejo
Sue Ann Villarreal	Raymondville
Ruth Villarreal	Mission
Zach Zamora	Mission

The following Board members were absent:

Robert J. Lerma	Brownsville
Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.	Weslaco

The following staff members were present:

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
Carmen Noriega

3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.

Abiel J. Cantú led the Pledges of Allegiance and District Call to Action.

4. Moment of Silence.

The Board held a moment of silence.

5. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

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

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Directors met on February 9, 2026 at 5:51 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 Vice-President, Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza, served to record the minutes of the closed session to discuss the following:**

- A. Pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code 551.074, Consultation with TASB to review, consider and discuss applicants and process for the Superintendent position.
1. Discussion and consideration to request applicable waivers regarding Superintendent applicants, if necessary, as requested by Dr. Noel Garza and Sasha Crane.
 2. Discussion and consideration to have all applicants for the South Texas ISD Superintendent position be included for the Board's review, as requested by Sasha Crane.
 3. Discussion and consideration to establish the Superintendent selection process timeline and procedures, as requested by Sasha Crane.
 4. Discussion and consideration to determine roles and responsibilities in the Superintendent selection process, as requested by Sasha Crane.

The Board ended the Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. to take action on Item 7.A.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss remaining items on agenda.

The Board ended the Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

7. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action to request applicable waivers regarding Superintendent applicants, if necessary, as requested by Dr. Noel Garza and Sasha Crane.

A motion was made by Henry LeVrier, seconded by Dr. Noel Garza, authorizing the Board president and legal counsel to submit waiver as discussed in Executive Session and finalize any Resolution and documents necessary provided we stick with current Superintendent Search Timeline. The motion passed with eight against (Sue Ann Villarreal, Andrea E. Gonzales Loya, Adrian Garcia, Dr. Rick Villarreal, Eduardo R. Rodriguez, Abiel J. Cantú, E. Larry Cantu, and Doug Buchanan).

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action to have all applicants for the South Texas ISD Superintendent position be included for the Board's review, as requested by Sasha Crane.

The Board did not take any action on this item.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action to establish the Superintendent selection process timeline and procedures, as requested by Sasha Crane.

The Board did not take any action on this item.

- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action to determine roles and responsibilities in the Superintendent selection process, as requested by Sasha Crane.

The Board did not take any action on this item.

8. Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.