



South Texas Tri-County Special Education Cooperative Management Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the South Texas Tri-County Special Education Cooperative Management Board was held June 10, 2025 beginning at 9:00 AM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 78570.

1. Welcome.

Dr. Brenda De La Garza, South Texas ISD Executive Director for Special Programs, welcomed guests, staff, and fellow Board members.

2. Board Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:12 a.m. and the Board was assured 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:

Dr. Marco A. Lara, Jr. – South Texas ISD
Roberto Muñoz – La Villa ISD
Raul Treviño – Rio Hondo ISD

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Brenda De La Garza - South Texas ISD
Efrain Garza - South Texas ISD
Cynthia De La Garza Gonzales - South Texas ISD
Cynthia Delgado - South Texas ISD
Rebecca Espericueta - La Villa ISD
Delia Garcia - South Texas ISD
Marla Knaub - South Texas ISD
Sully Gracia - South Texas ISD
Crystal Solis - South Texas ISD

3. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

No comments for agenda topics were received.

4. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.

No comments for non-agenda topics were received.

5. Action: Review and act on approving the May 28, 2025 Management Board meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Raul Treviño, seconded by Roberto Muñoz, approving the May 28, 2025 Management Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Executive Director for Special Programs Reports

A. Report on new districts for SSA Membership

Dr. Brenda De La Garza, Executive Director for Special Programs, provided the Board an update on districts interested in joining the Co-Op.

B. Report on student enrollment and initial referrals.

Cynthia Delgado, Lead School Psychologist provided a report summarizing the supports and status on Special Education enrollment for each SSA member district and provided the Board with an update on initial referrals for each member district.

C. Update on Staffing

Dr. Brenda De La Garza gave an update on staffing.

D. Update on Staffing

Dr. Brenda De La Garza gave a report on the staffing for the Co-Op.

E. Finance Update

Delia Garcia, Finance Director, gave an update on the Financial Report for each district's Federal and Local Accounts.

7. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Vision and Mission for the South Texas Tri-County Special Education Cooperative.

A motion was made by Roberto Muñoz, seconded by Raul Treviño approving the Vision and Mission Statement for the South Texas Tri-County Special Education Cooperative. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible action on approving additional staff for the 2025-2026 school year.

A motion was made by Raul Treviño, seconded by Roberto Muñoz approving the additional staff for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion, consideration and possible action on approving the budget for the 2025-2026 school year.

A motion was made by Roberto Muñoz, seconded by Raul Treviño approving the budget for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion, consideration and possible action on SHARS Implementation for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, as requested by Rio Hondo ISD.

A motion was made by Roberto Muñoz, seconded by Raul Treviño approving the SHARS Implementation for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, as requested by Rio Hondo ISD contingent on the provider.

11. Discussion and consideration of future agenda topics.

The Board discussed the next meeting date, which was set for Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Raul Treviño and seconded by Roberto Muñoz, adjourning the meeting at 10:38 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.