TEJANO CENTER

RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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"The mission of the Tejano Center is to educate, empower, and transform lives to elevate communities by fostering collaboration, championing equitable resource allocation, cultural preservation, and inclusivity for all."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Tejano Center will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 5:30 pm. This meeting is open to the public, and community input is welcomed during the time designated for public comment. Members of the Board and public may attend the regular meeting via web conferencing at https://bit.ly/TejanoCenter-RYSS-BoardMeeting as allowed by Texas Government Code Â§ 551.127 with the principal location containing audio-visual equipment for use by the Board and public and where the presiding member is physically present, and the location is open to the public. If a member of the public can provide testimony or otherwise wishes to participate in the meeting when public input is permitted, but lacks the necessary technology, such will be provided at Tejano Center, 2950 Broadway Street, Houston, TX 77017. The Board will consider, discuss, and adopt such orders, resolutions, and/or motions, and take direct or indirect actions as may be necessary, convenient, or desirable with respect to the matters outlined in this agenda.

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 5:30 PM - Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (2 minutes) 5:58pm (upon adjournment of Nueva Vida & Sunrise Lofts Board Meetings)

2. **PRAYER** (3 minutes) Margaret Dunlap (during Nueva Vida Board Meeting)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE** (2 minutes) Justin Fuentes (During Nueva Vida Board Meeting)

4. **ROLL CALL** (3 minutes) Quorum Met

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
David Corpus	Board Chair	Present – In Person	5:30 PM	
Anthony Magdaleno	Board Vice Chair	Present – In Person	5:30 PM	
Margaret Dunlap	Board Secretary	Present – In Person	5:30 PM	
Maria Gonzalez	Board Member	Present – In Person	5:30 PM	
Marco Martinez	Board Member	Present – In Person	5:30 PM	
Laura Mayorga	Board Member	Absent		

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (7-10 minutes) Any individual wishing to address the Board of Directors of Tejano Center must sign in with Maribel Guerra by emailing a request to speak, at least 72-hours prior to scheduled meeting. The request must include the name of speaker, telephone, number and email address of the speaker, and the topic of the intended comments, to Maribel.Guerra@tejanocenter.org. Those doing so will be allowed to address the board for a maximum of three minutes. Individuals will address the board in the order that they have signed in. Alternatively, the individual may email comments to the above email address.

6. **PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATIONS & UPDATES**

6.a. **2025 TEA ACCOUNTABILITY PRESENTATION FOR RYSS**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Carla Stevens, Data & Accountability

Carla Stevens reported – 5 TEA A-rated RYSS Campuses (BRYSS, Early College STEM, Early College TSTEM, RYSS STEM Academy at P; 1 TEA B-rated RYSS Campus. Principals Knosel, Longoria, and Cervantes were recognized and addressed the board.

6.b. **BRYSS EXPANSION PRESENTATION**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Hector Vogliotti, Associate Director, LevelField; Rob Tate, Director, LevelField

Level Field not present.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

7.a. **APPROVAL OF JULY 2025 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS AND TEJANO CENTER – NON-SCHOOL**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.b. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #10 TO MOVE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,209,508 BETWEEN FUNCTIONS IN FUND 420 AND FOR ACCRUALS AT YEAR END**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.c. **RATIFICATION OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENT REPORT/VENDOR CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS FOR JULY 2025 TO INCLUDE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND EXPENDITURE APPROVALS**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Martinez; MOTION PASSED.

7.d. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 29, 2025 MEETING OF TEJANO CENTER/RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS (RYSS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana “Graci” Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Martinez; Abstained by Magdaleno MOTION PASSED.

7.e. **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH UNTAPPED GENIUS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT INCLUDING PEDAGOGY, STRATEGIES, PLANNING, AND DATA DISAGGREGATION FOR RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $80,000**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, M.Ed., Chief Schools Officer

Tabled.

7.f. **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH COMPASS LEARNING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TO RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $80,000**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, M.Ed., Chief Schools Officer

Tabled.

7.g. **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH BORG VIGIL CONSULTING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR TO OFFER RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT, LESSON PLAN SUPPORT, COACHING, TRAINING, MODELING, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PACING CALENDARS AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $105,000**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, M.Ed., Chief Schools Officer

Tabled.

7.h. **APPROVAL OF THE VISIONARY MINDS CONTRACT FOR 2025-2026 TO PROVIDE PTECH CONSULTING TO RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BRYSS HIGH SCHOOL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $60,000**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, M.Ed., Chief Schools Officer

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.i. **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BEWEEN RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TEJANO CENTER FOR 2024-2025 WITH REFERENCE TO THE OST AGREEMENT**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

Paper entry is needed at end-of-year – rent, utilizes, etc needed to cancel out for audit purposes.

7.j. **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BEWEEN RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TEJANO CENTER FOR 2024-2025 WITH REFERENCE TO THE RAZA AGREEMENT**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

Paper entry is needed at end-of-year – rent, utilizes, etc needed to cancel out for audit purposes

7.k. **APPROVAL OF GRANTING DR. ADRIANA TAMEZ AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF ON CONSTRUCTION, LAYOUT, AND SPACE ALLOCATION AT SUNRISE LOFTS FOR THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION, INCLUDING THE FIRE STOPPERS PROGRAM, WITH FINAL AGREEMENTS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

Looking to follow-up to see if HFD could cover some of the cost.

7.l. **RATIFICATION OF DISPOSAL OF T-BUILDING ASSET ON PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONAL PARKING AT 2950 BROADWAY**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, M.Ed., Chief Schools Officer; Ricardo "Rich" Rodriguez, Director of Facilities and Property Development

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED

7.m. **RATIFICATION OF BCS LLC AWARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONAL PARKING AT 2950 BROADWAY**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, M.Ed., Chief Schools Officer; Ricardo "Rich" Rodriguez, Director of Facilities and Property Development

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

7.n. **RATIFICATION OF NEIGHBORWORKS AMERICA GRANT OF $293,000 TO SUPPORT TEJANO CENTER HOUSING PROGRAMS**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Gabriela "Gabby" Luna, Director of Housing & Community Redevelopment

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

7.o. **RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN AMENDMENT TO LISC GRANT AGREEMENT #1013045-28 (LEGACY PA# 41139-0042) TO INCREASE GRANT AMOUNT TO A TOTAL OF $946,132 TO SUPPORT TEJANO CENTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Gabriela "Gabby" Luna, Director of Housing & Community Redevelopment

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

7.p. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM WELLS FARGO IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000 TO SUPPORT THE BLUE SKIES HOME REPAIR**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Gabriela "Gabby" Luna, Director of Housing & Community Redevelopment
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

7.q. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM CAPITAL ONE IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000 TO SUPPORT HOUSING COUNSELING AND HOMEBUYER EDUCATION (HBE) PROGRAM**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Gabriela "Gabby" Luna, Director of Housing & Community Redevelopment
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

7.r. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCRUAL OF HOME REPAIR CONTRACTING OVER $50,000 WITH HOLSTON INSPECTIONS AS PART OF THE HARRIS COUNTY SINGLE FAMILY HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Gabriela "Gabby" Luna, Director of Housing & Community Redevelopment
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED

Dunlap inquired about cost; Gabby advised, "$94,500 and up"

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.a. **BUSINESS OFFICE PROGRESS REPORT FOR JULY 2025**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer Consultant

8.c. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Gabriela "Gabby" Luna, Director of Affordable Housing and Community Redevelopment

8.d. **CHILD PLACING AGENCY PROGRAM REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Brenda Navarrette, Director, Child Placing Agency

8.e. **GRADCAFE/NOVA ACADEMY FOR ADULT EDUCATION REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Melissa Martinez, Director, GRADcafe & NOVA Academy for Adult Education

8.f. **LA TIENDITA REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Ramiro Fonseca, Director of Outreach & Engagement

8.g. **RESOLVE PROGRAM REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Jorge Gonzalez, Director, Resolve Program

8.h. **BOARD ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Ramiro Fonseca, Director of Outreach & Engagement

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, AND 551.082, TO ADDRESS:**

a. Private consultation with attorney concerning privileged issues from agenda matters and pending or threatened litigations.

b. Deliberations concerning the purchase of real property

c. Deliberations concerning the duties of the CEO and CFO regarding supervision of personnel

d. Consider complaints against directors and senior staff

e. Discussion of duties and evaluation of administrative personnel, including complaints regarding school staffing, academic and organizational changes for the 2024-2025 school year

10. **ADJOURNMENT 6:50pm**