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, September 30, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Tejano Center will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 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, September 30, 2025 at 5:30 PM - Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (2 minutes) 5:30pm
2. **PRAYER** (3 minutes) Dr. Adriana Tamez
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE** (2 minutes) Margaret Dunlap
4. **ROLL CALL** (3 minutes)

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	5:35 PM	
Marco Martinez	Board Member	Present – In Person	5:30 PM	
Laura Mayorga	Board Member	Present – In Person	5:46 PM	

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. **2024-2025 ANNUAL BOARD GOALS**

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

Carla Stevens noted regarding CCRM – matters related to "college" haven't changed much, but there has been some change with "career"; started phasing out some industry based careers and phasing others in

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 reported that the gym is moving along. Next step – design samples of gym floor/bleachers. In response to Dr. Tamez' request for update on smell in Phase 1 building, Level Field reported that they are working with Ms. Knosel on building triage and have (along with Noble, and Nadlar) requested an assessment and no cause has been identified; a temporary unit has been requested.

Discussion regarding Level Field Partners contract extension – Dr. Tamez requested explanation as to what has caused the delay of this project. Hector Vogliotti advised that there were breaks taken in between phases to address concerns.

Chairman Corpus expressed concerns emphasizing this extension would take money away from students and schools. Dunlap asked if there was room to negotiate; Sandy Gomez affirmed and offered recommendation to table the item (7j) as the posted amount was inaccurate (should be $9,500 per month, not total).

Dr. Tamez emphasized her focus on ensuring there is oversight of the project to keep it progressing.

6.c. **ORGANIZATIONAL REBRANDING PLAN PRESENTATION**

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

Garces shared that staff, students, and families were surveyed as part of the rebrand process; proposed rebrand will 1) position Tejano Center as serving all communities not just the Hispanic community, 2) connect all programs under the Tejano Center umbrella, including RYSS Texas Public Schools, and 3) align all RYSS schools under the "RYSS" name. Emphasized that this would be a phased in approach starting with dual branding to allow for staff, students, and families to warm up to it.

Dunlap inquired about dropping "STEM" from official school names. Garces advised that marketing strategies would still involve the use of curriculum approaches, but would expand to include the arts and our unique Community School model; added that Strategy & External Affairs will be monitoring the

rebrand and course correcting as needed.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

7.a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2025 MEETING OF TEJANO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS/RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Martinez; (Magdaleno abstained) MOTION PASSED.

7.b. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 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 CFO Consultant
Motion made by Dunlap; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.c. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FOR $93,002 TO MOVE FUNDS BETWEEN FUNCTIONS FOR NEW COMPUTERS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.d. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 FOR $33,164 TO MOVE FUNDS BETWEEN FUNCTIONS FOR A NEW FOOD SERVICE WORKER IN RYSS PASADENA CAMPUS**
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.e. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 FOR $20,000 TO SET UP FUNDS RELATED TO THE CAREER READINESS (CCMR) ALLOTMENT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.f. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 for $4,481.55 TO SET UP ADDITIONAL FUNDS RELATED TO THE GIFTED AND TALENTED ALLOTMENT AND PER PUPIL ALLOCATION**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.g. **RATIFICATION OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENT REPORT/VENDOR CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS FOR AUGUST 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 Martinez; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.h. **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH AIR COMM CORPORATION FOR A 60 MONTH LEASE OF MOBILE RADIOS FOR ALL RYSS SCHOOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,820 MONTHLY UNDER TIPS CONTRACT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.i. **APPROVAL OF INSURANCE PROPOSAL FOR MCGRIFF INSURANCE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $834,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 5, 2025, TO OCTOBER 5, 2026.**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.j. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR LEVEL FIELD CHARTER PARTNERS LLC. RELATED TO THE BRYSS EXPANSION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,500**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer
Motion to amend by Magdaleno " Approval of contract extension for Level Field Charter Partners LLC related to the BRYSS expansion project in the amount not to exceed $85,500 and designating Dr. Tamez the right to finalize negotiations."
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.k. **APPROVAL OF REQUALIFICATION AND RE-ELECTION OF LAURA MAYORGA TO THE TEJANO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Speaker(s): David Corpus, Board Chair; Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.l. **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 $54,000**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.m. **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
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Martinez; MOTION PASSED.

7.n. **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
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Martinez; MOTION PASSED.

7.o. **APPROVAL OF THE PROUNITAS/CULLEN FOUNDATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000 TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PURPLE SENSE PLATFORM**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Denise Martinez, Executive Director of Academics
Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.p. **APPROVAL OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR BELLWETHER AS A TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY (TEA) APPROVED PROVIDER FOR THE LASO III STRONGER FOUNDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $130,000**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Denise Martinez, Executive Director of Academics
Dunlap asked if we have to use Bellwether. Justin Fuentes clarified that they are state approved.
Motion made by Dunlap; Seconded by Martinez; MOTION PASSED.

7.q. **APPROVAL OF WAIVER SUBMISSIONS TO SUBMIT HIGH QUALITY DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR RYSS EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY AT OST AND RYSS EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY AT ANDOVER VILLAGE**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Carla Stevens, Data & Accountability
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.r. **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION TO HOUSE BILL 3 ARMED SECURITY OFFICER REQUIREMENT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer
Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.s. **APPROVAL OF CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL REBRANDING PLAN TO CLEARLY POSITION ALL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UNDER THE TEJANO CENTER UMBRELLA AND TO ADVANCE UNIFIED NAMING CONVENTIONS ACROSS ALL SCHOOLS UNDER THE RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT UMBRELLA, ELEVATING RYSS AS A RECOGNIZABLE AND RESPECTED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

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

7.t. **APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' STUDENT AND FAMILY HANDBOOK 2025-2026**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Dr. Angie Miranda, Federal & State Compliance

Juan Santos highlighted key changes.

Dunlap asked if new laws were reflected in the chanages; Santos confirmed.

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

7.u. **APPROVAL OF RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS' STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT 2025-2026**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Dr. Angie Miranda, Federal & State Compliance

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

7.v. **APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Juan Santos, Executive Director of Human Resources

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

7.w. '**APPROVAL OF RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS' DISTRICT AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Dr. Angie Miranda, Federal & State Compliance

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

7.x. **APPROVAL OF RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS' REVISED EMERGENCY ' OPERATIONS AND ACTIVE THREAT ANNEX**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Dr. Angie Miranda, Federal & State Compliance

Justin Fuentes advised that RYSS has an officer at every campus except OST and Castillo. Dr. Miranda advised that this includes 30+ new documents.

Dunlap stated that she has questions, but would discuss with Dr. Tamez.

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

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

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

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

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

8.g. **BOARD ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Ramiro Fonseca, Director of Outreach & Engagement
Dr. Tamez and Graci announced that luncheon was set for Wednesday, March 18th at the River Oaks Country Club.

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** 6:53pm