TEJANO CENTER

Raul Yzaguirre Schools for Success

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Mission Statement: Tejano Center educates, empowers, and transforms lives to elevate communities by fostering collaboration, championing equitable resource allocation, cultural preservation, and inclusivity for all.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, July 29, 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, July 29, 2025 at 5:30 PM - Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (2 minutes) 5:30pm
2. **PRAYER** (3 minutes) Margaret Dunlap
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE** (2 minutes) Justin Fuentes
4. **ROLL CALL** (3 minutes) Quorum met at 5:34pm

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (7-10 minutes) Any individual wishing to address the Board of Directors of Tejano Center must sign in with Ramiro Fonseca 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. Margaret Dunlap (on behalf of METRO) – METRO is changing systems – Qcard is changing. Requested that we share flyers with community. Shared that satellite offices are opening across the city and that there is an expansion of service to IAH Airport.

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

6.a. **PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 PRESENTATION**

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

Chairman Corpus shared that this was discussed during the Finance Committee meeting (Monday, 7/28/2025)

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

7.a. **APPROVAL OF THE RYSS FUND 420 OPERATING BUDGET, THE CHILD NUTRITION BUDGET FOR FY 2025-2026, AND ALL TEJANO CENTER ANNUAL BUDGETS**

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

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

Mr. Marco Martinez asked if we are prepared for the possible impacts of Federal political and economic landscape. Dr. Tamez and Dr. Amezcua shared that we have money in reserves.

Ms. Margaret Dunlap asked if we have to spend funds by a certain day. Dr. Tamez clarified that funds carryover.

Ms. Dunlap asked if Child Nutrition funds could be used for Disaster Relief/Recovery. Dr. Tamez clarified that Child Nutrition funds can only be used for this specific area.

7.b. **APPROVAL OF JUNE 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 Martinez; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.c. **RATIFICATION OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENT REPORT/VENDOR CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS FOR JUNE 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 Dunlap; Seconded by Mayorga; MOTION PASSED.

7.d. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 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 Martinez; Seconded by Mayorga; MOTION PASSED.

7.e. **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH GUARDS ON CALL FOR SECURITY SERVICES AT THE RYSS PASADENA AND NORTH EAST STEM ACADEMY CAMPUSES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $150,000.00**

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 Dunlap; Seconded by Martinez; MOTION PASSED.

7.f. **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH PROCARE THERAPY FOR REGISTERED NURSE SERVICES WITH RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS (RYSS) FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $110,000**

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

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

7.g. **APPROVAL FOR THE RYSS ACADEMIC TEAM TO CONTRACT WITH UNTAPPED GENIUS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INSTRUCTIONALL SUPPORT FOR BLUEBONNET LEARNING IMPLEMENTATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $50,000**

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

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

7.h. **APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CARLA STEVENS TO PROVIDE DATA AND COMPLIANCE SUPPORT TO RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS (RYSS) IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR IN THE 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 Dunlap; Seconded by Martinez; MOTION PASSED.

7.i. **APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF iREADY (CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES) SUITE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $110,000 TO PROVIDE RYSS TEACHERS WITH DATA AND SUPPORTS TO PERSONALIZE LEARNING FOR STUDENTS IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

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

7.j. **APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN HARRIS COUNTY AND RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS (RYSS) IN THE AMOUNT OF $124,440.00**

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

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

7.k. **APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS (RYSS) AND GULF COAST COMMUNTY SERVICES ASSOCATION (GCCSA) FOR 2025-2026 HEAD START SERVICES**

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

Motion made by Dunlap; Seconded by Mayorga.

Discussion by Dunlap:

Ms. Dunlap requested elaboration on the partnership. Dr. Tamez shared elaborated on the scope of work, as well as roles and responsibilities of partner and RYSS, but clarified that she brought this to the board, but is currently exploring other opportunities. Dr. Tamez advised the board that she would notify them if she does NOT sign this MOU and that associated with Board Agenda Item 7.l.

MOTION PASSED.

7.l. **APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS (RYSS) AND NEIGHBORS IN NEED OF SERVICE, INC (NINOS, INC) FOR 2025-2026 HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START SERVICES**

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

Motion made by Dunlap; Seconded by Mayorga.

Discussion by Dunlap:

Ms. Dunlap expressed same request for elaboration as Agenda Item 7.k. Dr. Tamez clarified that this was the same concept and that she would notify the Board if she does NOT sign the MOU.

MOTION PASSED.

7.m. **RATIFICATION OF BELLWETHER CONSULTING AGREEMENT TO SERVE AS A TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY (TEA) APPROVED PROVIDER AND SUPPORT THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR A RYSS DISTRICTWIDE LITERACY FRAMEWORK RELATED TO THE 2025-2026 LASO III GRANT**

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

Motion made by Dunlap; Seconded by Martinez.

Discussion by Dunlap:

Ms. Dunlap asked for elaboration. Mr. Fuentes provided context regarding the Bellwether approach. Ms. Dunlap asked if they charged hourly. Mr. Fuentes confirmed that it is hourly and that Bellwether must complete outlined project in order to get paid. Dr. Tamez added that Bellwether is on the TEA approved list for this work.

MOTION PASSED.

7.n. **APPROVAL OF TEACHER INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT 2024-2025 PAYOUT TO TEACHERS DESIGNATED UNDER THE DISTRICT'S LOCAL DESIGNATION SYSTEM**

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

Motion made by Martinez; Seconded by Dunlap.

Discussion by Dunlap:

Ms. Dunlap inquired about how designations were determined. Dr. Tamez advised that there were metrics that have to be met.

Mr. Martinez extended congratulations!

MOTION PASSED.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.a. **BUSINESS OFFICE PROGRESS REPORT FOR JUNE 2025**

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

Ms. Dunlap stated that metrics are very important. Inquired about how Business Office is measuring progress. Dr. Amezcua advised that it is based on the audit and what is audited. Ms. Dunlap requested graphs and visuals. Dr. Amezcua committed.

8.b. **CONSIDERATION OF TEXAS SENATE BILL NO. 11, RELATING TO ALLOWING A PERIOD OF PRAYER AND READING OF BIBLE OR OTHER RELIGIOUS TEXT**

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

Dr. Tamez shared that we will take time to survey parents, but that best options may be to allow for "moment of silence." Chairman Corpus expressed that the "moment of silence" sounds like it would be the best option.

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
Dr. Tamez clarified that OST Ribbon Cutting would be scheduled for a date in September; board requested that it not be scheduled for 9/4.

8.i. **STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer
Ms. Garces provided an overview of the Strategic Plan and Organizational Alignment Framework; shared that the Annual Operation Plan is being developed and would be shared in September.
Mr. Martinez expressed that he liked the one page Strategic Plan.

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** 6:42pm