



Public Notice of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held June 23, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 78570.

Individuals who wish to address the Board during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by submitting an email to public.audience@stisd.net and attaching the District's Public Audience Sign- in Sheet available on the District's website.

During the course of a board meeting, the Board may discuss any item on the agenda in a closed meeting if permitted under the Texas Open Meetings Act. If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.129, the Board of Trustees may use a telephone conference call, video conference call or communications over the internet to conduct a public consultation with its attorney in an open meeting of the governmental body or a private consultation with its attorney in a closed meeting of the governmental body.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Welcome.
2. Board Meeting called to order.
3. Pledges of Allegiance.
4. District Call to Action.
5. Moment of Silence.
6. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
7. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.

8. Receipt of appointment by Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez of Delma Caballero Pedraza to the South Texas ISD Board of Directors for the unexpired term of Hidalgo County At- Large position.
9. Administer Oath of Office for newly appointed Board member.
10. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of retirees who have dedicated 25 years or more to STISD.
11. Approval of Consent Agenda.

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may act upon more than one item by a single vote through the use of consent agenda. Consent items shall be items placed on the Agenda marked with an asterisk (*) for which no Board discussion is anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. Prior to the meeting, at the request of any member of the Board of Directors, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed and given individual consideration. Requests for individual consideration are made at least a half-hour prior to Board meetings and requests must be directed to either the Board President or the Superintendent.
12. *Action: Review and act on the May 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.
13. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee — Andrea E. Gonzales-Loya and Sue Ann Villarreal, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the Summer Teacher Academy to Enhance Emergent Bilinguals Performance.
14. Buildings and Grounds Committee — Rick Villarreal, D.D.S. and Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on the following projects:
 1. CTE Automotive Expansion at Science Academy
 2. Intercom Replacement at Preparatory Academy and World Scholars
 - B. Action: Review and act on approving Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. as the Architect for the New Performing Arts project (RFQ 27-007), tabled at the April 29th Board meeting.
 - C. Action: Review and act on approving the schematic design for the New Rising Scholars Academy.
 - D. Action: Review and act on approving the design documents and the procurement method for the HVAC renovation project.
 - E. Action: Review and act on approving the contract with TelePro Communications for the Edinburg Intercom Replacement project pending final approval from Superintendent and Legal.
15. Finance & Operations Committee — Adrian Garcia and Rudy Ramirez, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
 1. Donation in the amount of \$250 from Tech Star Printing & Design to the Health Professions' General Account.
 2. Donation in the amount of \$1,500 from the Sombrero Festival LTG for the Health Professions' Junior Class of 2027.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:

1. Payment application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$20,638.80 for the HVAC project.
 2. Payment application #2 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$117,000 for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
- E. Action: Review and act on the following Request for Proposals (RFPs):
1. RFP 27-009 Travel Agent & Charter Bus Services
 2. RFP 27-010 Bus and Auto Parts
 3. RFP 27-012 Tow Truck Services
 4. RFP 27-013 Mats & Linens
 5. RFP 27-014 Maintenance Building Repair Services
 6. RFP 27-015 Building Materials
 7. RFP 27-016 Instructional Materials
- F. Action: Review and act on Request for Proposals (RFP 27-008) Security Guard Services.
- G. Action: Review and act on extending the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the following:
1. RFP 25-003 Awards, Incentives, and Printed Materials
 2. RFP 25-004 Document Imaging, Shredding, & Retention Services
 3. RFP 25-006 Special Education Contracted Services
 4. RFP 25-007 Contracted Professional Development Services
 5. RFP 25-008 Hazardous Waste and Surplus Chemical Disposal
 6. RFP 25-009 Career and Technical Education Instructional Materials, Assessments, and Supplies
 7. RFP 26-004- CTE Instructional Materials, Assessment
 8. RFP 26-005-Bus and Auto Supplies, Parts, and Repair
 9. RFP 26-008- General Maintenance, Building, Grounds, Services, Equipment, & Supplies
 10. RFP 26-013 Employee Uniforms
 11. RFP 26-014 Petroleum Products
 12. RFP 26-015 General Merchandise
 13. RFP 26-016 General Maintenance, Building, Grounds, Services & Equipment
 14. RFP 26-017 Building Materials
 15. RFP 26-018 Drug Testing Services
 16. RFP 26-020 Instructional Materials & Technology Products
 17. RFP 26-022 Digital, Marketing, Advertising, (Inc. Billboards, Livestream, Ads, Radio, Tv, Etc.)
 18. RFP 26-023 Events, Party Supplies, Linens, Equip Rental, Logistics
 19. RFP 26-025 Psychological Evaluation Services
 20. RFP 26-026 Polygraph Examiner For (Pre-Employment, Criminal, Suitability)
 21. RFP 26-027 Miscellaneous Contracted Product & Services
 22. RFP 26-028 Assessments, Certifications, Products and Services

- H. Action: Review and act on approving a resolution designating an officer or employee to calculate the tax rate.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving the revised budgets for Science Academy Renovation project and Health Professions Renovation project.
- J. Action: Review and act on approving the use of Mackenzie Scott funds to support the implementation of the Dual Enrollment Automotive Program at Science Academy.
- K. Action: Review and act on engaging with underwriters for lease revenue bonds.
- L. Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing Wage Payments to District Employees Due to Weather-Related Closure.
- 16. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee — Robert J. Lerma and Oscar Salinas, Co-Chairs
- 17. Community & Governmental Relations Committee — Sasha Crane and Ruth Villarreal, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
- 18. Superintendent's Report - Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.
 - A. *Campus Reports
 - 1. Preparatory Academy - M. Zamora
 - 2. Rising Scholars Academy - R. Rodriguez, Ed.D.
 - 3. World Scholars - C. Chairez, Ed.D.
 - 4. Medical Professions - J. Lucio
 - 5. Health Professions - M. Guajardo, Ph.D.
 - 6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
 - 7. Virtual Academy - E. Gutierrez
 - B. District Reports
 - 1. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 - a. *Report on resignations and retirements of professional staff.
 - b. *Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
 - c. Action: Review and act on approving the T-TESS Appraisal Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - d. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for New Professional Position(s) and Non-Professional Position(s) for the 2026-2027 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 - 1. Professional Positions:
 - 1. Chief Financial Officer for Federal Programs
 - 2. CCMR Director
 - 3. Fine Arts Director
 - 4. Digital Communications Specialist
 - 5. Teacher(s)
 - 2. Non-Professional Positions:
 - 1. CCMR Secretary
 - 2. Fine Arts Secretary

2. Executive Director for Student Support
 - a. *Enrollment and Attendance Report.
 - b. Report on Student Support Services.
 - c. Report on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at World Scholars.
3. Executive Director for Special Programs
 - a. Report on Special Programs.
 - b. Report on the South Texas Tri-County Special Education Co- Op.
4. Executive Director for Academic Excellence
 - a. Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments & Bilingual/ESL Program.
5. Chief of Police
 - a. Report on Safety and Security.
- C. *Action: Review and act on a Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to contract for school-related services.
- D. Report on preliminary STAAR EOC Administration Reports and STAAR Grades 6-8 Assessment Results.
- E. Action: Name a delegate and alternate for the TASA|TASB txEdCON24 Annual Convention, October 8–11, 2026, in Houston, TX.
19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**
 - A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting
 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - a. Teacher(s)
 2. Discussion on pending level III grievances.
 - B. Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.0821, Consultation with attorney.
 1. Consultation with the District's litigation counsel, Beck Redden, LLP, regarding pending litigation.
 2. Consultation with the District's attorney regarding the Rising Scholars Academy (RSA) project, including contractual and related legal matters and any pending or threatened litigation.
 3. To discuss participation in multi-district litigation involving youth social media usage and related litigation and entering into a contingency fee contract with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC and Eiland & Bonnin, PC to represent the District (Texas Government Code §551.071)
20. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting
 - A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters:
 1. Action: Review and act on recommendation of professional staff for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - a. Teacher(s)
 - B. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Approving Contingent Fee Legal Services Contract, including Findings Needed for Submission of Contingent Fee

Legal Services Agreement and Request for Expedited Review by the Texas Attorney General

- C. Consideration and Adoption of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC and Eiland & Bonnin, PC.
- D. Action: Review and act on engaging independent legal counsel to investigate personnel matters.

21. Adjournment.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on

June 17, at 7:25 p.m.

Carmen H. Noriega,

For the Board of Directors