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Minutes of Special Called Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD was held April 1, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 78570.

1. Welcome.

Mr. Henry LeVrier, Board President, welcomed guests, staff and fellow board members.

2. Board Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order by Henry LeVrier, Board President at approximately 6:00 p.m., at which time he was assured by Superintendent Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., 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:

Douglas E. Buchanan	Raymondville
Abiel J. Cantú	Raymondville
Adrian Garcia	Brownsville
Irma Garcia	McAllen
Margarita Garcia	San Juan
Noel Garza, DDS	Mission
Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D.	Edinburg
Henry LeVrier	Brownsville
Rodolfo “Rudy” Ramirez	Edinburg
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville
Oscar Salinas	Edinburg
Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
David Suarez	Weslaco
Rick Villarreal, DDS	Rancho Viejo
Ruth Villarreal	Mission
Sue Ann Villarreal	Raymondville
Zach Zamora	Mission

The following Board members were absent:

David Briones	La Feria
Eduardo L. "Larry" Cantu	Los Fresnos
Sasha Crane	McAllen
Andrea E. Gonzales-Loya	Raymondville
Robert J. Lerma	Brownsville
Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.	Weslaco

The following staff members were present:

Carmen Noriega

3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.

Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza led the Pledges of Allegiance and District Call to Action.

4. Moment of Silence.

The Board held a moment of silence.

5. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

The Board did not receive any requests to address the Board of Directors on any agenda topics.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Directors met on April 1, 2026 at 6:15 p.m. in 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 Vice-President, Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza, served to record the minutes of the closed session to discuss the following:**

A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting

1. Board interviews Superintendent applicants.
2. Discussion on Superintendent applicants.
3. Discussion regarding Superintendent's retirement.

The Board ended the Executive Session at 10:02 p.m.

7. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting
551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters:

1. Discussion and possible action on the selection of Superintendent finalist.

The Board did not take any action on this item.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Superintendent's retirement.

A motion was made by Abiel J. Cantú, seconded by Jaime Solis, accepting the Superintendent's retirement effective May 31, 2026, as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.