SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Agenda
6:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that a Regular of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Santa Maria ISD Cafeteria, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85471975695?pwd=RH66TXMctsnaKBaPWoFliHKvZbAaOO.1

The Santa Maria Independent School District offers reasonable accommodations for persons accessing its school facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special accommodations, please contact Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Pablo Ibarra, Board Secretary at 6:02pm.

Establish Quorum

Board Members	***Present***	***Absent***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.	***Late – 6:50pm***	
Luis Cantu		**X**
Pablo Ibarra	***X***	
Dr. Yvette Cantu		**X**
Andrew De la Rosa	***X***	
Michele Garcia	***X***	
Miguel Zavala	***X***	

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

The Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. However, no one presentation shall exceed three minutes. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. At regular Board meetings, a person may speak on any topic, regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. At all other Board meetings, the topics for discussion are limited to only agenda items. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The presiding office or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

No one signed up for Open Forum

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Recognitions

1. Recognition of the Santa Maria Mighty Cougar Band

Mr. Luis Hinojosa, Band Director recognized the 2025-2026 band members and their accomplishments.

2. Recognition of the Santa Maria Golden Sapphires

Mrs. Mariela Ramirez, Clarissa Estevanez, and Alexandra Zavala recognized the Santa Maria Golden Sapphires and their accomplishments.

3. Recognition of Jose Muniz for earning THSCA Academic All-State 1st Team Honors in Soccer

Due to Seniors out on their Trip to San Antonio, this recognition will be presented in June.

4. Recognition of Oziel Lopez for earning THSCA Academic All-State Honorable Mention in Track

Due to Seniors out on their Trip to San Antonio, this recognition will be presented in June.

5. Recognition of Jasmin Del Valle for placing 2nd at the Special Olympics Texas Area Athletic Meet.

Mrs. Yadira Flores, SMHS Principal recognized Jasmin Del Valle for placing 2nd at the Special Olympics Texas Area Athletic Meet.

6. Recognition of the SMHS Track Team Area and Regional Qualifiers

Coach Joel Padilla recognized the SMHS Track Team Area and Regional Qualifiers.

7. Recognition of UIL Academic Regional Qualifiers

Due to Seniors out on their Trip to San Antonio, this recognition will be presented in June.

8. Recognition of Top AR Readers at Santa Maria Middle School

Dr. Yadira Cortez, SMMS Principal recognized the Top AR Readers at Santa Maria Middle School.

Presentations

1. C.O.U.G.A.R. Values

The Santa Maria ISD Student Advisory Committee students presented the C.O.U.G.A.R. Values.

2. A.I. in S.M.I.S.D.

SMHS CTE class presented A.I in S.M.I.S.D.

Action Agenda

Every Student, Every Way

1. Discussion and possible action to ratify approval of the Overnight Travel for UIL Academic Regional Meet to La Vernia, TX, from April 24-25, 2026.

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Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	***Abstain***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

2. Discussion and possible action for approval of Senior Class Overnight trip to San Antonio, TX from May 13-15, 2026.

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	***Abstain***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

3. Discussion and possible action for approval of the Interlocal Agreement with South Texas College Dual Credit Programs for 2026-2027.

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously 4-0

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	***Abstain***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

4. Discussion and possible action for approval of the MOU Between SMISD and Communities in Schools Cameron County.

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously 4-0

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	***Abstain***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			

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Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

Financial and Operational

1. Discussion and possible action on approving bid(s) received at the Tax Resale on March 3, 2026, for the following property struck off to Cameron County for itself and other taxing jurisdictions:

   Legal Description: All that certain tract of land out lying North of the Irrigation Canal out of Lot 23 Olivia Longoria Subdivision, a subdivision in Cameron County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 12, Page 9, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. (ACCT. NO. 8564300000023000)

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously 4-0

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	***Abstain***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

2. Discussion and possible action on the resolution approving the bid(s) received on the Tax Resale properties on March 3, 2026.

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously 4-0

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	***Abstain***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

3. Discussion and possible action for approval of the Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for TexPool Investment Services

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously 4-0

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Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	***Abstain***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

4. Discussion and possible action to approve consultant for RFQ 2026-003- Consulting Services- Child Nutrition.

Dr. Villarreal recommended that no action be taken at this time.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve auditing firm for RFQ 2026-004- Independent Auditor Services.

Mrs. Amanda Najar, Business Manager presented results and recommended Juarez CPA Firm.
Motion for no action by Michele Garcia, second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously 4-0

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	***Abstain***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

Consent Agenda

Dr. Villarreal stated that there was no Budget Amendment.
Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Migue Zavala, second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously 4-0

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	***Abstain***
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

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1. Approval of Check Payments since last report for April 2026.
2. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of April 2026.
3. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending April 2026.
4. Approval of Tax Collection Report for April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026.
5. ~~Approval of Budget Amendment for May 2026~~.
6. Approval of E-Rate vendor for Funding Year 2026- RFP C2-2026.
7. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board meeting of April 8, 2026.

Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session by Michele Garcia, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously 4-0 at 6:47pm.

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	*Abstain*
Javier Jimenez, Jr.			
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

Discussion under the authority of Section 551, Texas Government Code: If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Notice, then such closed session as authorized by Section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Government Act) will be held by the Board after the commencement in open session of the meeting covered by this Notice. Such closed session may concern any or all of the subjects and be conducted for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through and including Section 551.084 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to, private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

A. Section 551.071—Consultation with Attorney on Any Permitted Subject Including, But Not Limited
   1) Discussion with School Attorney on Item(s) Exempted under Attorney-Client Privilege
B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code
   1) Resignations, retirements, terminations, proposed terminations, appointments, evaluations, reassignments, duties and discipline of Professional, Paraprofessional and Non-Contract Employees; Teacher Substitutes and Substitutes for Maintenance, Transportation, and Cafeteria

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Department
2) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations
3) Discussion on terminations of chapter 21 probationary contracts

E. Section 551.076 - Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student
H. Section 552.0031 - Discussion with legal counsel on matters related to designation of non business days during the calendar year in accordance with Government Code.

Reconvene in Open Session

Motion to reconvene in Open Session by Michele Garcia, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously 5-0 at 7:32pm

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	*Abstain*
Javier Jimenez, Jr.	*X*		
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously 5-0

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	*Abstain*
Javier Jimenez, Jr.	*X*		
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

2. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

Motion to approve by Miguel Zavala, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr.. Motion passed unanimously 5-0

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	*Abstain*
Javier Jimenez, Jr.	*X*		
Luis Cantu			

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Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

3. Discussion and possible action to terminate chapter 21 probationary contracts

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Miguel Zavala, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously 5-0 at 7:33pm.

Board Member Vote	***Yea***	***Nay***	*Abstain*
Javier Jimenez, Jr.	*X*		
Luis Cantu			
Pablo Ibarra	*X*		
Dr. Yvette Cantu			
Andrew De la Rosa	*X*		
Michele Garcia	*X*		
Miguel Zavala	*X*		

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on May 7, 2026.

Javier E. Jimenez, Jr.
Board President

Pablo Ibarra
Board Secretary

This notice has been publicly posted at the administrative offices of the Santa Maria Independent School District, 11119 Military Rd., Cameron County, Santa Maria, Texas, at least three (3) business days in advance of the above-mentioned meeting, as required by the following sections of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.084. During the regular school year, this notice is also posted in all schools in the District. The school district also posts its board meeting agendas on the District's internet web site (www.smisd.net)

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Consent Agenda: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on a specific item(s), that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Board of Trustees
Javier E. Jimenez, Jr., President
Luis A. Cantu, Vice-President
Pablo Ibarra, Secretary
Dr. Yvette Cantu, Member
Andrew "Andy" De La Rosa, Member
Michele Garcia, Member
Miguel Zavala, Member

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