TEJANO CENTER

RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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"The mission of the Tejano Center is to develop education, social, health, and community institutions that empower families to transform their lives."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Tejano Center will hold its regular meeting on April 28, 2026, 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 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.

April 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM - Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (2 minutes) 5:32PM
2. **PRAYER** (3 minutes) Sandy Gomez
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE** (2 minutes)
4. **ROLL CALL** (3 minutes) Dr Tamez advised that Board Treasurer Martinez' grandmother passed away and he would not be attending; extended condolences.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
David Corpus	Board Chair	Present – Virtual	5:30 PM	
Anthony Magdaleno	Board Vice Chair	Present – In Person	5:30 PM*	
Margaret Dunlap	Board Secretary	Present – In Person	5:44 PM**	
Maria Gonzalez	Board Member	Present – Virtual	5:30 PM	
Marco Martinez	Board Member	Absent		
Gina De Leon	Board Member	Absent		

*Board Vice-Chairman Magdaleno stepped in as Presiding Chair for the board meeting since Board Chairman Corpus had to join virtually.

**Quorum established

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (7-10 minutes) Any individual wishing to address the Board of Directors of Tejano Center must sign in with Maribel Guerra, Board Services, 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.

No one signed up to speak

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

6.a. **EXCELLENCE AROUND TEJANO CENTER/RYSS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Diego Calderon, Assistant Chief Schools Officer

Dr. Tamez postponed until May.

6.b. **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Ramiro Fonseca, Director, Outreach and Engagement

Dr. Tamez postponed until May.

6.c. **RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD GOALS REPORTING: GOAL 2 PROGRESS MEASURES**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Carla Stevens, RYSS Data & Accountability

Dr. Tamez acknowledged this would be Mr. Fuentes' last board meeting as he has accepted a position to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for Amigos Por Vida; recognized the impact he has had on Tejano Center and RYSS. Presiding Chair Board Members and Senior Staff

7. **ACTION ITEMS Presiding**

Presiding Chairman Magdaleno entertained a motion to consider Agenda Items 7a through 7u as consensus agenda items.

Motion made by Dunlap; Seconded by Corpus;
Corpus & Gonzalez cameras turned on.
MOTION PASSED.

7.a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2026, MEETING OF TEJANO CENTER (OFFICIALLY OPERATING AS TEJANO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS, INC)/RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (OFFICIALLY OPERATING AS RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer

7.b. **APPROVAL OF MARCH 2026 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR RYSS (OFFICIALLY OPERATING AS RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS) AND TEJANO CENTER (OFFICIALLY OPERATING AS TEJANO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS) – NON-SCHOOL**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer

7.c. **RATIFICATION OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENT REPORT/VENDOR CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS FOR MARCH TO INCLUDE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND EXPENDITURE APPROVALS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer

7.d. **APPROVAL OF WHITLEY PENN AUDIT ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $79,900 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2026**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer

7.e. **APPROVAL OF BUY BOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF A SCHOOL BUS FOR RYSS BROWSVILLE (OFFICIALLY OPERATING AS BRYSS ACADEMY) IN THE AMOUNT OF $156,082**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer

7.f. **APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 STAAR/EOC RYSS TEACHER PERFORMANCE STIPENDS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Carla Stevens, RYSS Data & Accountability

7.g. **APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACADEMIC CALENDARS FOR HOUSTON AREA SCHOOLS AND BROWNSVILLE**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO and Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer

7.h. **APPROVAL OF NON-EXPANSION AMENDMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAMPUSES: NORTHEAST CLUSTER #1 CAMPUS, NORTHEAST CLUSTER #2 CAMPUS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Diego Calderon, Assistant Chief Schools Officer; Carla Stevens, RYSS Data & Accountability

7.i. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A NON-EXPANSION AMENDMENT FOR CLOSING THE DORMANT SITE 101806102-3 TO RYSS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT BROADWAY (OFFICIALLY OPERATING AS PSTEM ACADEMY) AND CORRECTING THE ADDRESS FOR RYSS EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY AT PASADENA SITE 101806104-2 (OFFICIALLY OPERATING AS RYSS STEM ACADEMY AT FIRST FRIENDS PASADENA)**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Carla Stevens, RYSS Data & Accountability

7.j. **APPROVAL OF GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY'S PARTICIPANTS IN LEARNING, LEADING AND SERVING (PLLS) PROGRAM AGREEMENT IN CONJUCTION WITH TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY (TEA) GROW YOUR OWN PROGRAM**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Juan Santos, M.Ed., Chief Operations Officer

7.k. **APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY (UTRGV) PREP RESIDENCY MOU IN CONJUCTION WITH THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY (TEA) PREP RESIDENCY PROGRAM**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Juan Santos, M.Ed., Chief Operations Officer

7.l. **APPROVAL OF REVIEW AND REAFFIRMATION OF CURRENT TEJANO CENTER BY-LAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer

7.m. **RATIFICATION OF 2025-2026 IMMEDIATE LEADERSHIP SUCCESION PLAN**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Juan Santos, M.Ed., Chief Operations Officer

7.n. **RATIFICATION OF THE 2025 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF DR. ADRIANA TAMEZ, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF TEJANO CENTER AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Juan Santos, M.Ed., Chief Operations Officer

7.o. **RATIFICATION OF THE 2025 TEJANO CENTER/RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD SELF ASSESSMENT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Juan Santos, M.Ed., Chief Operations Officer

7.p. **RATIFICATION OF THE 2025 TEJANO CENTER/RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD PERFORMANCE PLAN OF ACTION**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Juan Santos, M.Ed., Chief Operations Officer

7.q. **RATIFICATION OF 2024 FORM 990 (1) FOR TEJANO CENTER - RYSS AND NON-SCHOOL AND (2) THE TCCC INC. REAL ESTATE (PERIOD OF 9/12024 TO 8/31/2025)**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer

7.r. **RATIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR DR. ADRIANA TAMEZ, PRESIDENT & CEO, TO EXECUTE NEIGHBORWORKS NETWORK CHARTER AND**

INVESTMENT & GRANT AGREEMENTS TO MAINTAIN NETWORK MEMBERSHIP AND ACCESS FUNDING
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Juan Santos, M.Ed., Chief Operations Officer

7.s. **RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH PHD GRANT MASTERS LLC FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TALENT SEARCH GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR A ONE-TIME FEE OF $7,500 AND POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE FEES FOR FIVE YEARS, PENDING GRANT AWARD**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer

7.t. **RATIFICATION OF UPDATED HOUSING COUNSELING POLICIES AND PRECEDURES MANUAL**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Gabriela "Gabby" Luna, Director of Affordable Housing & Community Redevelopment

7.u. **RATIFICATION OF UPDATED HOME REPAIR POLICIES AND PRECEDURES MANUAL**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Gabriela "Gabby" Luna, Director of Affordable Housing & Community Redevelopment

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.a. **BUSINESS OFFICE PROGRESS REPORT – MARCH 2026**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting Chief Financial Officer

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 PROGRAM REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Melissa Martinez, Director, GRADcafé & NOVA Academy

8.e. **HEALTH EQUITY/LA TIENDITA REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana “Graci” Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer

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; Graciana “Graci” Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs

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 2025-2026 school year

10. **ADJOURNMENT** 6:09PM