TEJANO CENTER

RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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"The mission of Tejano Center is to educate, empower, and transform lives."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Tejano Center (officially operating as Tejano Center for Community Concerns, Inc) will hold its regular meeting on June 30, 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.

June 30, 2026 at 5:30 PM - Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (2 minutes) 5:55PM
2. **PRAYER** (3 minutes) Gonzalez
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE** (2 minutes) Amezcua
4. **ROLL CALL** (3 minutes) Quorum reached at 5:40PM prior to any action items were considered.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
David Corpus	Board Chair	Present – In Person	5:35 PM	
Anthony Magdaleno	Board Vice Chair	Absent		
Margaret Dunlap	Board Secretary	Absent		
Maria Gonzalez	Board Member	Present – In Person	5:35 PM	
Marco Martinez	Board Member	Absemt		
Gina De Leon	Board Member	Present – In Person	5:40 PM	
Genesis Loera	Board Member	Virtual	5:35 PM	

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. **RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (OFFICIALLY OPERATING AS RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS) BOARD GOALS REPORTING: GOAL 1 & 2 PROGRESS MEASURE**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Diego Calderon, Interim Chief Schools Officer; Carla Stevens, Data & Accountability

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

7.a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2026 BOARD MEETING OF TEJANO CENTER /RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 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 De Leon; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.b. **APPROVAL OF MAY 2026 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (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; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by De Leon; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

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

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.d. **RATIFICATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #24 IN THE AMOUNT OF $252,535 FOR FUNDS NOT UTILIZED TO TRANSFER BETWEEN**

FUNCTIONS 11 (INSTRUCTION) AND 23 (CAMPUS ADMIN) TO FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND (41 ADMIN) FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUMMER REPAIRS ($57,000), COMPRESSORS FOR RYSS EARLY COLLEGE AT BROADWAY CAMPUS ($25,000), RYSS BROWNSVILLE PORTABLE MAINTENANCE REPAIRS ($125,535), A/C REPLACEMENT ($20,000), AND CONTRACTED SERVICE FOR GENERAL ADMIN ($25,000)
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.e. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #25 IN THE AMOUNT OF $119,673.56 FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES APPROVED BY THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR DR. LOPEZ AS FOLLOWS: RYSS EARLY COLLEGE AT BROADWAY ($5,300); RYSS MIDDLE SCHOOL AT BROADWAY ($28,247.50); RYSS MIDDLE SCHOOL AT EAST ALDINE ($7,534.19); RYSS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT BROADWAY ($35,938); AND RYSS PASADENA ($25,481.50), RYSS BROWNSVILLE ($15,643.18), RYSS EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY AT LEONEL CASTILLO COMMUNITY CENTER ($1,529.19)**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.f. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT # 26 IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,000 FOR RYSS ACADEMY AT BROWNSVILLE FROM FUNCTION 11 TO FUNCTION 13 FOR TRAVEL COSTS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH NO IMPACT TO RESERVES**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.g. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT # 27 IN THE AMOUNT OF $46,242.50 FOR (001) HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL (042) FROM FUNCTION 36 TO FUNCTION 11 FOR STIPENDS COSTS WITH NO EFFECT ON RESERVES**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.h. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #28 IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,500 TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUNCTION 31 TO FUNCTION 41 FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL COSTS**

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

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.i. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #29 IN THE AMOUNT OF $683,253 FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS FROM RYSS BROWNSVILLE EXPANSION PROJECT TO BE USED IN FY 2027**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.j. **APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF CAPITAL ONE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $75,000 TO SUPPORT HOUSING COUNSELING AND HOMEBUYER EDUCATION PROGRAM**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Gabby Luna, Director of Affordable Housing and Community Redevelopment

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.k. **APPROVAL OF ADMIN CHARGE TO AGENCY FUND FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICING THE COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS FROM THE RYSS ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,021,000 FOR FY 25-26 (COST INCLUDE ADMIN COSTS FOR ADMIN, HUMAN RESOURCES, BUSINESS, OPERATIONS, AND INSURANCE**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by De Leon; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.l. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ESMERALDA LOPEZ, PHD LSSP TO PROVIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AND ASSESSMENT FOR 2026-2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Diego Calderon, Interim Chief Schools Officer; Susan Pansmith, Director of Special Education

Motion made by De Leon; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

Dr. Amezcua noted that this will be included in the 2026-2027 projected budget.

7.m. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH NORA BENNY, PSY. D., LSSP TO PROVIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AND ASSESSMENT FOR 2026-2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,000**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Diego Calderon, Interim Chief Schools Officer; Susan Pansmith, Director of Special Education

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.n. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ABILITIES THERAPY AND CONSULTING, LLC TO PROVIDE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SERVICES AND ASSESSMENT FOR 2026-2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF $200,000**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Diego Calderon, Interim Chief Schools Officer; Susan Pansmith, Director of Special Education

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.o. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH SPECIALIZED ASSESSMENT & CONSULTING, LLC TO PROVIDE COUNSELING ASSESSMENT AND SPEECH ASSESSMENT FOR 2026-2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF $80,000**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Diego Calderon, Interim Chief Schools Officer; Susan Pansmith, Director of Special Education

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.p. **APPROVAL OF TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 26-27 FOR HOUSTON AND BROWNSVILLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HB2**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Juan Santos, Chief Operations Officer

Motion made by De Leon; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.q. **APPROVAL OF BOARD RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OMNIA PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR REGION 4 ESC COOPERATIVE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM EMPLOYEES AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OMNIA AND FIRST FINANCIAL GROUP OF AMERICA (CONTRACT TERM IS EFFECTIVE WHEN SIGNED AND SUBJECT TO 30 DAY TERMINATION)**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Juan Santos, Chief Operations Officer

Motion made by De Leon; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

Juan Santos and Dr. Amezcua noted this as a great opportunity that is needed to provide health insurance for Community Based Program employees.

7.r. **APPROVAL OF BOARD RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OMNIA PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR REGION 4 ESC COOPERATIVE FOR (1) SECTION 125 PLAN SERVICES AND SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE PRODUCTS, (2) THE 403 B ADMINISTRATION PROVIDED THROUGH ESC**

REGION 10 RAMS; (3) 457 RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN ADMINISTRATION, AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TCG CONSULTING LP AND FIRST FINANCIAL GROUP OF AMERICA (CONTRACT TERM IS EFFECTIVE WHEN SIGNED AND SUBJECT TO 30 DAY TERMINATION)
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Juan Santos, Chief Operations Officer

Motion made by De Leon; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.s. **APPROVAL OF WAIVER SUBMISSION FOR LOW ATTENDANCE AT RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON JANUARY 26, 2026 AND JANUARY 27, 2026**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Diego Calderon, Interim Chief Schools Officer

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.t. **APPROVAL OF UPDATED ACCOUNTING MANUAL FOR TEJANO CENTER**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

Marcia Leiva noted that there were changes made that allow for better efficiencies.

7.u. **APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Juan Santos, Chief Operating & Talent Officer

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.v. **RATIFICATION OF RFP 26-3-JA HOME REPAIRS TO THE FOLLOWING VENDORS OFFERING THE BEST VALUE FROM PROPOSAL QUALIFICATIONS: HERMIDA SERVICES; LUNA LUNA REMODELING; SOUTHWEST REMODELING ETC LLC; 1st CAPITAL CONTRACTORS; UNCLE SAM AND ASSOCIATES, AND PEDRAZA AC LLC (12 VENDORS WERE SOLICITED AND 6 VENDORS RESPONDED AND WILL BE UTILIZED BASED ON NEED FOR THE VARIOUS GRANT AWARDS)**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

Dr. Amezcua noted that this qualifies the vendors. Confirmed that three quotes were requested as needed and the best value was selected.

7.w. **RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH HERMIDA SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $57,441. FROM THE FUND 285 FEDERAL GRANT (RFP 26-3JA USED AND THREE QUOTES FOR COMPARISON AND AWARDING TO THE BEST VALUE)**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.x. **RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH SOUTHWEST REMODELING ETC LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $57,169.05 FROM THE FUND 285 FEDERAL GRANT (RFP 26-3JA USED AND THREE QUOTES FOR COMPARISON AND AWARDING TO THE BEST VALUE)**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

Motion made by De Leon; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

7.y. **RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NEIGHBORWORKS AMERICA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,000 IN SUPPORT OF HOUSING PROGRAM**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Gabby Luna, Director of Affordable Housing and Community Redevelopment

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

7.z. **RATIFICATION OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000 FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR IN SUPPORT OF SUNRISE LOFTS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer; Jorge Gonzalez, Director of Resolve

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by De Leon; MOTION PASSED.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Dr. Tamez shared news about Houston Charter Seed Fund grant of $2M for the continued support of RYSS Pasadena growth. She let them know that she'd personally pick up the check on Monday, 7/6/2026 and would bring an item to the board related to the grant.

8.a. **REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF LOAN COVENANTS AND STATUS FOR FY 2025 AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

8.b. **BUSINESS OFFICE PROGRESS REPORT – MAY 2026**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Marcia Leiva, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Jesus J. Amezcua, Business Office Consultant

8.c. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING & COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; 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 PROGRAM REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Melissa Martinez, Director, Project GRAD & NOVA Academy

8.f. **HEALTH EQUITY/LA TIENDITA REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Jose Rivera, Director, Health Equity Program

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; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer

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** 6:07PM