TEJANO CENTER

RYSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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"The mission of the Tejano Center is to educate, empower, and transform lives to elevate communities by fostering collaboration, championing equitable resource allocation, cultural preservation, and inclusivity for all."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Tejano Center will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 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 Tejano Center, 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.

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM - Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (2 minutes) 5:30PM

2. **PRAYER** (3 minutes) Gabby Luna

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS PLEDGE** (2 minutes) Anthony Magdaleno

4. **ROLL CALL** (3 minutes)

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
David Corpus	Board Chair	Present – In Person	5:30 PM	
Anthony Magdaleno	Board Vice Chair	Present – In Person	5:30 PM	
Margaret Dunlap	Board Secretary	Present – In Person	5:30 PM	
Maria Gonzalez	Board Member	Present – In Person	5:37 PM	
Marco Martinez	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 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.

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

6.a. **RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE ACROSS TEJANO CENTER AND RYSS TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer

6.b. **BOARD GOAL 1 PROGRESS**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Carla Stevens, Data & Accountability

6.c. **BRYSS EXPANSION PRESENTATION**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer; Hector Vogliotti, Associate Director, LevelField; Rob Tate, Director, LevelField

Rob Tate reported that the foul odor was inspected and it was determined that there was nothing wrong with the building. Advised that they are working on preventative maintenance.

6.d. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2024-2025 (A SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT) FIRST RATING BASED ON DATA FROM FY23-24 FOR RYSS**

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

7.a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2025 MEETING OF TEJANO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS/RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.
Abstained: Magdaleno

7.b. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2025 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS AND TEJANO CENTER – NON-SCHOOL**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Corpus noted that financials were discussed during yesterday's Finance Committee meeting.

7.c. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2025 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS AND TEJANO CENTER – NON-SCHOOL**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by Magdaleno; MOTION PASSED.

7.d. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #9 IN THE AMOUNT OF $145,000 TO ADD FUNDS FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR SPECIAL ED SERVICES**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

Dr. Tamez noted that we need this as we have seen an increase in Special Education students.

7.e. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #10 IN THE AMOUNT OF $67,000 TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF BOX TRUCK FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPT FROM THE AGENCY FUND**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Dunlap; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED.

Dunlap asked if bus was new or used; Dr Amezcua confirmed that it was new and was purchased through the COOP.

7.f. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #11 IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,000 TO TRANFER FUNDS BETWEEN FUNCTIONS WITH NO EFFECT ON RESERVES**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Dunlap; Seconded by Magdaleno; MOTION PASSED.

7.g. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #12 IN THE AMOUNT OF $49,059 TO TRANFER FUNDS BETWEEN FUNCTIONS WITH NO EFFECT ON RESERVES**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED.

7.h. **RATIFICATION OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENT REPORT/VENDOR CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2025 TO INCLUDE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND EXPENDITURE APPROVALS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED

7.i. **RATIFICATION OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENT REPORT/VENDOR CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2025 TO INCLUDE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND EXPENDITURE APPROVALS**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Gonzalez; Seconded by Magdaleno; MOTION PASSED

7.j. **RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE OF BOX TRUCK FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPT IN THE AMOUNT OF $65,737 FROM CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET LLC. THROUGH THE HGAC COOPERATIVE**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Dr. Amezcua clarified that Item 7e was only the amendment to purchase the box truck; this item (7j) is to ratify the official purchase.

Board Treasurer Martinez asked for clarification of the cost noted on the Board Agenda Item (7j) coversheet, which notes “$67,000” as the cost, but the subject requests “$65,737.” Dr. Amezcua confirmed that the official cost is $65,737 and the $67,000 was included as the amount for the budget amendment in Board Agenda Item 7e.

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

7.k. **RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE OF PAGING SYSTEM FOR BRYSS PHASE ONE IN THE AMOUNT OF $63,016.71 FROM DATAVOX THROUGH CHOICE PARTNERS COOPERATIVE**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

7.l. **APPROVAL OF THE ACADEMIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE AND BRYSS ACADEMY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEMORIALIZING THE TERMS OF THE DUAL PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTING THE GOAL OF THE PTECH PROCESS LEADING STUDENTS TO AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE OR LEVEL I PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Acting CFO Consultant; Justin Fuentes, Chief Schools Officer

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

Dr. Tamez emphasized this as a great opportunity to cultivate our relationship with Texas Southmost College.

7.m. **APPROVAL OF THE 2026 TEJANO CENTER/RYSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE**

Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer

Motion made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Gonzalez; MOTION PASSED

7.n. **APPROVAL OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND FORM 990 WITH PITTSFORD SAMUELS LLC. FOR THE NUEVA VIDA APARTMENTS AND SUNRISE APARTMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

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

Dr. Amezcua clarified that this item was for Nueva Vida only, not Sunrise Apartments.

Motion to amend to "Approval of External Auditor engagement letter and Form 990 with Pittsford Samuels LLC for the Nueva Vida Apartments in a sum not to exceed $13,000 for the calendar year 2025" made by Magdaleno; Seconded by Dunlap; MOTION PASSED

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Motion to approve as amended made by Dunlap; Seconded by Magdaleno; MOTION PASSED

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.a. **BUSINESS OFFICE PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025**

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

8.b. **BUSINESS OFFICE PROGRESS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025**

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

8.c. **UPDATE ON TEJANO CENTER PROGRAM OFFICE RELOCATION FROM 6200 GULF FREEWAY**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Graciana "Graci" Garces, MPAff, Chief Strategy & External Affairs Officer

8.d. **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.e. **CHILD PLACING AGENCY PROGRAM REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Brenda Navarrette, Director, Child Placing Agency

8.f. **GRADCAFE/NOVA ACADEMY FOR ADULT EDUCATION REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Melissa Martinez, Director, GRADcafe & NOVA Academy for Adult Education

8.g. **LA TIENDITA REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Ramiro Fonseca, Director of Outreach & Engagement

8.h. **RESOLVE PROGRAM REPORT**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Jorge Gonzalez, Director, Resolve Program

8.i. **BOARD ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
Speaker(s): Dr. Adriana Tamez, President/CEO & Superintendent of Schools; Ramiro Fonseca, Director of Outreach & Engagement

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 2024-2025 school year

10. **ADJOURNMENT** 6:42PM