



Public Notice of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held August 25, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center 7001 E. Expressway 83; Mercedes, Texas 78570.

Individuals who wish to address the Board during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by submitting an email to public.audience@stisd.net and attaching the District's Public Audience Sign- in Sheet available on the District's website.

During the course of a board meeting, the Board may discuss any item on the agenda in a closed meeting if permitted under the Texas Open Meetings Act. If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.129, the Board of Trustees may use a telephone conference call, video conference call or communications over the internet to conduct a public consultation with its attorney in an open meeting of the governmental body or a private consultation with its attorney in a closed meeting of the governmental body.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Welcome.
2. Board Meeting called to order.
3. Pledges of Allegiance.
4. District Call to Action.
5. Moment of Silence.
6. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
7. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
8. Public Budget Hearing for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**
 - A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting
 1. Retroactive recommendation for professional staff for the 2026- 2027 school year.
 - a. Assistant Principal
 - b. Teacher(s)
 2. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - a. Executive Director for Human Resources
 - b. Career and Technical Education Director
 - c. Counselor
 - d. Instructional Technology Specialist
 - e. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.076 Security
 1. Discussion and consideration of the 2023-2026 Safety and Security Audit Report and the related Texas Safety Center Audit Survey.
 - C. Consultation with attorney regarding Level III grievance filed by M.G. and any related legal and personnel matters, Tex. Gov't Code §§ 551.071 and 551.074.
10. **OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting**
 - A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters:
 1. Retroactive recommendation for professional staff for the 2026- 2027 school year.
 - a. Assistant Principal
 - b. Teacher(s)
 2. Action: Review and act on recommendation of professional staff for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - a. Executive Director for Human Resources
 - b. Career and Technical Education Director
 - c. Counselor
 - d. Instructional Technology Specialist
 - e. Teacher(s)
 - B. Discussion and possible action regarding the Level III grievance filed by MG.
11. **Approval of Consent Agenda.**

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may act upon more than one item by a single vote through the use of consent agenda. Consent items shall be items placed on the Agenda marked with an asterisk (*) for which no Board discussion is anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. Prior to the meeting, at the request of any member of the Board of Directors, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed and given individual consideration. Requests for individual consideration are made at least a half-hour prior to Board meetings and requests must be directed to either the Board President or the Superintendent.
12. ***Action: Review and act on the August 4, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.**
13. **Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee — Andrea E. Gonzales-Loya and David Briones, Co-Chairs**
 - A. ***Action: Review and act on the approval of REAL Essentials—Relationship Education and Avoidance Curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year.**
14. **Buildings and Grounds Committee — Jaime Solis and Rick Villarreal, D.D.S., Co- Chairs**
 - A. ***Report on the following projects:**
 1. CTE Automotive Expansion project.

2. Edinburg Intercom Replacement project.
3. District HVAC Upgrades.
4. Mercedes Complex Cafeteria Renovations/Expansion project.
- B. *Action: Review and act on STISD Facilities Rental Agreement and Guidelines.
15. Finance & Operations Committee — Adrian Garcia and Rudy Ramirez, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *Report on school district investments.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #2 in the amount of \$6,879.60 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the HVAC Upgrades project.
 2. Payment application #3 in the amount of \$117,000.00 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
 3. Payment application #2 in the amount of \$5,982.24 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Intercom Replacement at Preparatory Academy and World Scholars.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 1. General Fund (199) #4
 2. Child Nutrition (101) #1
 3. Summer Special Education Data Support Grant (289) #1
 4. Health Insurance (753) #2
 5. MacKenzie Scott (485) #2
 - G. *Action: Review and act on amending the 2026-2027 school lunch and breakfast prices.
 - H. *Action: Review and act on renewal of RFP 26-007 Health Insurance Consultant.
 - I. *Action: Review and act on 2026 Summer Special Education Data Support Grant Stipends.
 - J. *Action: Review and act on Resolutions/Interlocal Agreements to participate in the following cooperatives:
 1. Harris County Department of Education Purchasing Co-op (Choice Partners)
 2. Houston-Galveston Area Council Buy Co-op (H-GAC)
 3. Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE)
 4. Region 19 ESC Allied States Cooperative
 5. Region III ESC Purchasing Cooperative of America (PCA)
 6. Region VIII ESC TIPS Purchasing Cooperative
 7. Texas Association of School Boards Purchasing Co-op (BUYBOARD)
 8. Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)
 9. Texas SmartBuy Membership Program
 10. Sourcewell Cooperative
 11. 791 Purchasing Cooperative (Region 15)
 12. OMNIA Partners National IPA , US Communities Government Purchasing
 13. Alliance, & Region 14 ESC National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)
 14. Good Buy (Region 2)
 15. Equalis Group (Region 10)
 16. Region One Education Service Center
 17. Region 6 Education Service Center
 18. Region 7 Education Service Center
 - K. *Action: Review and act on a Resolution authorizing Sylvia Garza, Chief Financial Officer, to serve on the Board of Trustees of the TASB Benefits Cooperative.
 - L. *Action: Review and act on the following requisition(s):

1. Requisition #144980 in the amount of \$37,037.60 to J.R. Inc. for cafeteria tables for Science Academy.
2. Requisition #144591 in the amount of \$124,877.50 to J.R. Inc. for cafeteria tables for Edinburg campuses.
3. Requisition #144600 in the amount of \$64,790.00 to J.R. Inc. for desks at Preparatory Academy.
4. Requisition #145259 in the amount of \$124,877.50 to J.R. Inc. for cafeteria tables for Health Professions.
5. Requisition #145335 in the amount of \$51,150.00 to Apple Inc. for iPads for Board Meetings.
6. Requisition #145344 in the amount of \$82,465.71 to Renaissance, Inc. for Library Services.
- M. Action: Review and act on a Resolution adopting the General Fund, Child Nutrition and Health Insurance Budgets for the 2026-2027 school year.
- N. Action: Review and act on a Resolution adopting the tax rate for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.
- O. Action: Review and act on approving the 2026-2027 Compensation Plan.
- P. Action: Review and act on the 2026-2027 Stipend schedule.
- Q. Action: Review and act on Carriers for Voluntary Critical Illness and Dental Benefits.
- R. Action: Review and act on the renewal of the stop loss reinsurance for plan year 2026-2027 with Liberty Mutual and authorize the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents.
- S. Action: Review and act on renewing the second year of the three-year rate guarantee with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for third-party administration services (TPA) for the district's employee benefit plan.
- T. Action: Review and act on contract with Hidalgo County for the Collection of Taxes.
- U. Action: Review and act on extending the contract for legal services with The Law Office of Javier Villalobos, P.C. as General Counsel (RFQ 24-012).
16. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee — Oscar Salinas and Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on the 2026-2027 Information Technology Disaster Recovery Plan.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on changes to Policy CH (LOCAL): Purchasing and Acquisition.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on changes to policy DEC (LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on changes to policy DCB (LOCAL) Employment Practices: Term Contracts.
 - E. Action: Review and act on changes to Policy DED (LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits: Vacations and Holidays.
17. Community & Governmental Relations Committee — Sasha Crane and Eduardo Rodriguez, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
18. Superintendent's Report - Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.
 - A. *Campus Reports
 1. Preparatory Academy - M. Zamora
 2. Rising Scholars Academy - R. Rodriguez, Ed.D.
 3. World Scholars - C. Chairez, Ed.D.
 4. Medical Professions - J. Lucio
 5. Health Professions - M. Guajardo, Ph.D.
 6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez

7. Virtual Academy - E. Gutierrez
- B. District Reports
 1. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 - a. *Report on resignations and retirements of professional staff.
 - b. *Action: Review and act on the 2026-2027 Employee Handbook.
 - c. *Action: Review and act on an update to the designees authorized to sign personnel records of the district.
 2. Executive Director for Special Programs
 - a. *Report on Special Programs.
 - b. *Report on the South Texas Tri-County Special Education Co- Op.
 - c. *Action: Review and act on an amendment to the DIP to include the Migrant Identification & Recruitment (ID&R) and Priority for Services (PFS) Plan.
 3. Chief of Police
 - a. *Report on the 2023-2026 Safety and Security Audit Report and the related Texas Safety Center Audit Survey.
 - b. *Action: Review and act on the 2026-2027 Emergency Operation Plan.
- C. Action: Review and accept the Certification (Election Code 2.052) of Unopposed Candidates for Election to the office of South Texas ISD School Board of Directors:
- D. Action: Review and act on a Resolution declaring each unopposed candidate, as per certification, elected to the office of School Board of Directors, ordering the cancelation of election, and authorize an issuance of election to each candidate (Election Code 2.053).
19. Adjournment.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on August 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Crystal D. Solís

For the Board of Directors