



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 September 22, 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.

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. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
 - B. Recognition of the 2026 STISD District and Campus Teachers of the Year.
 - C. Recognition of retirees who have dedicated 25 years or more to STISD.
 - D. Recognition of STISD high schools and middle schools for ranking among the best in the U.S. News & World Report 2026-2027 Best High Schools and Middle Schools.
9. Report on Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the period of September 01, 2025 – August 31, 2026 presented by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.
10. **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. Teacher Incentive Allotment Coordinator
 - b. Teacher(s)
 2. Deliberation regarding the duties and outside employment of a District employee, Instructional Technology Specialist, in connection with a proposed contract for personal services with Education Service Center Region 13, Texas Education Code Section 11.006.
 - B. Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.0821, Consultation with attorney
 1. Consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or threatened litigation.
 2. Consider Possible Action to Approve the Voluntary Resignation Agreement of E.G.
 3. Consider Possible Action to Approve the Voluntary Resignation Agreement of M.K.
 4. Consider Possible Action to Propose the Mid- Contract Termination of Chapter 21 Term Contract Employee M.K.
11. 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. Action: Review and act on retroactive recommendation of professional staff for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year.
 - a. Teacher Incentive Allotment Coordinator
 - b. Teacher(s)
 2. Consideration of and possible action on an employee's contract for outside personal services with Education Service Center Region 13, Contract No. 749938104, under Texas Education Code Section 11.006.
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Voluntary Resignation Agreement of E.G.
 - C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Voluntary Resignation Agreement of M.K.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action to Propose the Mid-Contract Termination of Chapter 21 Term Contract Employee M.K.
 - E. Consideration and possible action on agreement with legal counsel, Beck Redden LLP.
12. **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.
13. *Action: Review and act on the August 25, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
14. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee — David Briones and Sue Ann Villarreal, Co-Chairs
- A. **Report on the 2025-2026 College Career & Military Readiness and Accountability rating.**
15. Buildings and Grounds Committee — E. Larry Cantu and Margarita Garcia, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on the following projects:
 - 1. CTE Automotive Expansion project
 - 2. Edinburg Intercom Replacement
 - 3. District HVAC Upgrades
 - 4. Mercedes Complex Cafeteria Renovation/Expansion project
 - B. **Action: Review and act on amending the procurement method for the HVAC Project design documents to utilize the Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) procurement method.**
 - C. **Action: Review and act on the procurement method for the Biblioteca Las Americas Chiller Replacement Project, utilizing the Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) method.**
16. Finance & Operations Committee - Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D. and Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *Report on school district investments:
 - 1. Investments owned by the district.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on an amendment to the 2026-2027 Stipends.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on approving RFP 27-018 Unemployment Compensation.
 - G. *Action: Review and act on a Resolution updating the Investment Officers for the district.
 - H. *Action: Review and act on the following requisition(s):
 - 1. Requisition #146275 for Thomas Bus Gulf Coast in the amount of \$295,800.00 for three 14-passenger school buses for the district.
 - 2. Requisition #146273 for Rush Truck Center in the amount of \$97,875.00 for one 14-passenger wheelchair accessible school bus for the district.

3. Requisition #146283 to Sames Bastrop in the amount of \$117,438.56 for two transit passenger vans for the district.
4. Requisition #146323 for Eddi, Inc. in the amount of \$84,456.00 for the purchase of a district-wide AI software platform designed to support the management of funding, grants, financial data, and student outcomes.
5. Requisition #146336 for Instructure, Inc. (Canvas LMS) in the amount of \$99,238.00 for the purchase of an online learning management platform to manage courses and enhance student learning.
6. Requisition #146333 for SHI Government Solutions in the amount of \$75,292.00 for a FileWave subscription to provide a centralized system for deploying, configuring, securing, updating, and monitoring district devices.
7. Requisition #146050 for IXL Learning, Inc. in the amount of \$132,600.00 for a district-wide online personalized learning platform used by students and teachers to practice skills, identify learning gaps, and track academic progress.
8. Requisition # 146143 to Eduphoria in the amount of \$59,093.38 for instructional software for the district.
- I. *Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #4 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$156,000.00 for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
 2. Payment application #1 to TelePro Communications in the amount of \$24,904.15 for the Edinburg Intercom project.
- J. *Action: Review and act on approving a Resolution for Signers for the District's Bank Accounts.
- K. *Action: Review and act on bank resolutions to update the campus bank signatures for Science Academy, Health Professions, Virtual Academy, World Scholars, Medical Professions, Rising Scholars Academy, and Preparatory Academy.
- L. *Action: Review and act on extending RFP 24-001 with Pathfinder Public Affairs for Public Affairs and Government Relations Services.
- M. **Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):**
 1. General Fund (199): Construction Projects Carry forward from prior year.
- N. Action: Review and act on contract with Hidalgo County for the November 3, 2026, Election for the South Texas ISD Board of Directors, Hidalgo County Precinct 2.
17. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee — Abiel J. Cantú and Eduardo Rodriguez, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on appointing School Health Advisory Council Members for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on appointing Education Improvement Council Members for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on changes to Policy CDA(LOCAL) Other Revenues: Investments.
 - D. **Action: Review and act on approving the District's annual certification of compliance as required by Texas Education Code § 39.008, and to authorize the Superintendent to submit the certification and supporting documentation to the Texas Education Agency.**
18. Community & Governmental Relations Committee — Irma Garcia and Zachary Zamora, Co-Chairs

- A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
- 19. 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 approving the request for New Professional Position(s) for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 - 1. Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) (1)
 - 2. Executive Director for Special Programs
 - a. *Report on Special Programs.
 - b. *Report on the South Texas Tri-County Special Education Co- Op.
 - 3. Chief of Police
 - a. *Report on Safety and Security.
- 20. 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 6:30 p.m.

Crystal D. Solis

For the Board of Directors