



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 October 27, 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. **Awards & Recognitions.**
 - A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
 - B. Recognition of Virtual Academy for being selected as an Apple Distinguished School for 2026-2029.
 - C. Recognition of campuses with the highest attendance for Quarter 1.
 - D. Recognition of the district and campuses for ranking among the best in the state and nation in the Niche Best Schools Rankings for 13th year in a row.
 - E. Recognition of principals in honor of Principals' Month.
9. **Superintendent's Report - Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.**
 - A. Enrollment and Attendance Report.
 - B. Report on Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Summary updates.
 - C. Report on updates for the Child Nutrition Department.
 - D. Report on 2026-2027 CCMR, Assessment Plans, and Data.
 - E. Report on the status of the Continuing Education Credit of each Board Member.
 - F. Action: Review and act on a nomination to the TASB Board of Directors, Region 1, Position B.
10. **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.
11. *Action: Review and act on the September 22, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.
12. District Reports
 - A. Executive Director for Human Resources
 1. *Report on resignations and retirements of professional staff.
 2. *Action: Review and act on an update to the designees authorized to sign personnel records of the district.
 - B. Executive Director for Special Programs
 1. *Report on Special Programs.
 2. *Report on the South Texas Tri-County Special Education Co- Op.
 - C. Chief of Police
 1. Report on TEA Intruder Detection Audit conducted at World Scholars.
13. *Campus Reports
 - A. Preparatory Academy - M. Zamora
 - B. Rising Scholars Academy - R. Rodriguez, Ed.D.
 - C. World Scholars - C. Chairez, Ed.D.
 - D. Medical Professions - J. Lucio
 - E. Health Professions - M. Guajardo, Ph.D.

- F. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
- G. Virtual Academy - E. Gutierrez
- 14. **Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee — David Briones and Sue Ann Villarreal, Co-Chairs**
 - A. *Report on the 2025-2026 Bilingual/ESL Annual Program Evaluation.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on the 2026-2027 Gifted/Talented Manual.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on Library Materials for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 15. **Buildings and Grounds Committee — E. Larry Cantu and Margarita Garcia, Co-Chairs**
 - A. *Report on the following projects:
 - 1. Edinburg Intercom Replacement project
 - 2. District HVAC Replacement project
 - 3. Mercedes Complex Cafeteria Renovation/Expansion project
- 16. **Finance & Operations Committee — Adrian Garcia and Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D., 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 approving the following donations:
 - 1. Donation of snacks valued at \$200 from Eddie Lucio III to Rising Scholars Academy's Cross Country team.
 - 2. Donation of Robotics Competition Field Parts from AndyMark Inc. valued at \$692.99 to the World Scholars Robotics team.
 - 3. Donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Sustaita Logistics Center LP to World Scholars Senior Class.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #5 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$312,000 for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
 - 2. Payment Application #2 to Telepro Communications in the amount of \$1,781.25 for the Edinburg Intercom Replacement project.
 - 3. Payment application #3 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$598.22 for the Edinburg Intercom Replacement project.
 - G. *Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 - 1. General Fund (199) #2
 - 2. Child Nutrition Fund (101) #1
 - H. *Action: Review and approve requisitions exceeding \$50,000.
 - I. *Action: Review and act on approving requisition #147064 for Follett Content Solution in the amount of \$3,889.35 for the purchase of books for Biblioteca Las Americas library (as required per SB13 for Library Materials).
 - J. *Action: Review and act on a revision to the 2026-2027 Compensation Plan.
 - K. *Action: Review and act on approving Purchasing Cooperative Agreement with Region 11 for the 2026-2027 year.

- L. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
 - 1. American GeoPhysical Union (AGU) 2026 Conference, December 6–11, 2026 in San Francisco, CA.
 - 2. Destination Imagination Global 2027, May 20-23, 2027, in Kansas City, MS.
 - M. *Action: Review and act on the following Board travel:
 - 1. 2027 National School Board Association (NSBA) Annual Conference, April 2-4, 2027, in Washington, D.C.
 - N. *Action: Review and act on extending RFP 26-031 College Readiness Support Services, Dual Enrollment Materials, Textbooks and Testing.
 - O. *Action: Review and act on contract with Cameron County for the November 3, 2026, Election for the South Texas ISD Board of Directors, Cameron County Precinct 2.
 - P. Action: Review and act on approving RFP 27-019 Personal Importation Drug Program.
17. **Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee — Abiel J. Cantú and Eduardo Rodriguez, Co-Chairs**
18. **Community & Governmental Relations Committee — Zach Zamora and Irma Garcia, Co-Chairs**
- A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
 - B. *Report on the Fine Arts Program activities for Fall 2026.
19. **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. Recommendation of professional staff for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year.
 - a. Special Education Coordinator
 - b. Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
 - c. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.076 Security
 - 1. Discussion and consideration regarding the TEA Intruder Detection Audit conducted at World Scholars.
 - C. Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.0821, Consultation with attorney
 - 1. Consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or threatened litigation.
20. **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 recommendation of professional staff for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - a. Special Education Coordinator
 - b. Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
 - c. Teacher(s)

21. 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 October 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Crystal D. Solís

For the Board of Directors