



## Public Notice of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held January 27, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Biblioteca Las Americas' Lecture Hall, 300 Med High Drive, Mercedes, TX 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](mailto: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.

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. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Board Meeting called to order.
5. Awards & Recognitions.
  - A. Recognition of South Texas ISD Board of Directors in honor of School Board Recognition Month.
  - B. District recognition for receiving a JET Grant from the Texas Workforce Commission.
6. 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.

7. \*Action: Review and act on the December 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.
8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Dr. Richard Fleming and Ms. Natividad Sosa, Co-Chairs
  - A. Action: Review and act on the following Proposed Actions:
    1. Health Professions Course Additions: Applied Nutrition and Dietetics; Practicum in Human Services; Principles of Biosciences; Practicum in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math; Biotechnology II; Principles of Exercise and Wellness; Kinesiology I; Kinesiology II; Career Preparation I; Intro. to Pharmacy Science; and Introduction to Dental Science.
    2. Science Academy Course Additions: Statistics (High School); U.S. History (Dual OnRamps); Computer Science II; Cybersecurity Capstone; Introduction to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles; and Introduction to Welding.
    3. World Scholars Course Additions: Practicum in Culinary Arts; Practicum in Marketing; Mobile Application Development; Professional Communications; Graphic Design and Illustration/Lab; Graphic Design and Illustration II/Lab; Practicum in Graphic Design and Illustration; Legal Research Writing; Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security; Forensic Science; and Statistics H.
    4. Medical Professions Course Additions: Introduction to Dental Science; Dental Anatomy and Physiology; Introduction to Pharmacy Science; Pharmacy I; Allied Health Therapeutic Services; Principles of Nursing Science; Principles of Exercise Science and Wellness; Kinesiology I; Kinesiology II; Career Preparation I; Comprehensive Wellness I; Comprehensive Wellness II; Exercise Physiology; Principles of Biosciences; Biotechnology I; Biotechnology II; Practicum in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; Foundations of Restaurant Management.
    5. Preparatory Academy and Rising Scholars Course Additions: Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Foundations of Cybersecurity; and Principles of Transportation.
    6. District Course Additions: Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Pursuits; Lifetime Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits; Skill-Based Lifetime Activities; PE Substitution Athletics 1; PE Substitution Athletics 2; PE Substitution Athletics 3; Health I; and Health II.
    7. District Course Removals: Foundations of Personal Fitness; Aerobic Activities; Exercise Physiology; Individual Sports Weight Training; Individual Sports; Team Sports; and Advanced Health Ed.
  - B. Action: Review and act on the 2022-2023 Campus Course Sequence
11. Finance & Operations Committee - Mr. Javier Farias and Mr. Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs

- A. \*Report on first quarter 2021-2022 District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
- B. \*Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
- C. \*Report on school district investments:
  - 1. Investments owned by the district.
  - 2. Investments held by Wilmington Trust for the South Texas ISD Public Facilities Corporation.
- D. \*Report on checks written since last report.
- E. \*Report on 2021-2022 first quarter student activity accounts.
- F. Action: Review and act on the following requisitions:
  - 1. Requisition #098068 to Grainger for the purchase of equipment and supplies for the Science Academy Welding Program.
  - 2. Requisition #098105 to Sam Garcia Architect for architectural services for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
- G. Report on the following projects:
  - 1. New Central Office Building Renovation project
  - 2. New Rising Scholars Academy project
- H. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
  - 1. Payment application #1 to Sam Garcia Architect for the New Rising Scholars Academy project in the amount of \$111,630.
  - 2. Payment application #1 to Gignac for the Medical Professions Wing Addition project in the amount of \$33,382.50.
  - 3. Payment application #5 to D. Wilson Construction for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$477,409.61.
  - 4. Payment application #6 to D. Wilson Construction for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$296,714.99.
  - 5. Payment application #11 to Gignac Construction for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$5,410.58.
  - 6. Payment application #12 to Gignac for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$3,246.34.
  - 7. Payment application #14 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn and Maintenance Facility project in the amount of \$13,924.50.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
  - 1. Aircraft chassis valued in the amount of \$500-\$1,000 from Experimental Aviation Association to Science Academy.
- J. Action: Review and act on revising the Administrative Professionals Compensation Plan to include a revised number of days for the Construction Manager position.
- K. Action: Review and act on approval of the agreement between South Texas ISD and The Warren Group for Architectural Services for the New Health Professions Gymnasium Project and approval of the corresponding requisition.
- L. Action: Review and act on a resolution by the Board of Directors of the South Texas Independent School District establishing the district's intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds from the proceeds of obligations to be issued on behalf of the district for authorized purposes, and other matters in connection therewith.

- M. Action: Review and act on a resolution appointing members to the South Texas Independent School District Public Facility Corporation Board of Directors, calling a meeting of the South Texas Independent School District Public Facility Corporation Board of Directors, and approval of other matters related thereto.
12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Mr. Hector Gonzales and Mr. Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
- A. Action: Review and act on Policy Update 118, Final Reading.
13. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Ms. Margarita Garcia and Ms. Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs
- A. \*Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
14. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
- A. \*Campus Reports
1. Preparatory Academy - A. Castro
  2. Rising Scholars Academy - J. Ortiz
  3. World Scholars - J. De Luna, Ph.D.
  4. Medical Professions - C. Rodriguez
  5. Health Professions - M. Flores
  6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
  7. Virtual Academy - M. Valdez
  8. Attendance Reports
- B. \*Action: Review and act on authorizing the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources to accept a contract employee's resignation submitted or effective at any time for the South Texas Independent School District.
- C. \*Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
1. HOSA International Leadership Conference, June 21-26, 2022 in Nashville, TN.
- D. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for New Non- Professional Position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
1. Central Office: Payroll Clerk
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding five-day Extension of Leave for Employee illness due to COVID-19 as requested by Board Member, Ricardo Ochoa, MD.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding COVID-19 Safety Protocols/Concerns as requested by Ricardo Ochoa, MD.
15. **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 2021-2022 school year.
    - a. Teacher(s)
- B. Discussion and consideration of withdrawal of resignation by Chapter 21 Contract Employee.
- C. Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.

1. STISD - Superintendent contract and fringe benefits
  - D. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Section 554.072 of the Texas Government Code (Deliberation Regarding Real Property).
16. 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 2021-2022 school year.
      - a. Teacher(s)
  - B. Discussion, consideration and possible action to consent to allow the withdrawal of resignation by Chapter 21 Contract Employee.
  - C. Action: Review and act on Summative Evaluation of Superintendent's job performance.
    1. Action: STISD - Superintendent contract and fringe benefits
  - D. Consider and take possible action regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
17. 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 January 24, 2022, at 4:27 p.m.

Crystal D. Solis  
For the Board of Directors