



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 February 28, 2023, 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 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. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Board Meeting called to order.
5. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
6. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
7. District & Campus Texas Academic Performance Report Public Hearing.
8. Awards & Recognitions.

- A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
9. 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.
10. *Action: Review and act on the January 24, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
11. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Sylvia S. Lopez, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on STISD Leader Monthly Newsletter.
 - B. *Report on the 2022 Federal Report Card.
 - C. *Report on 2022 Texas Academic Performance Report.
12. Buildings and Grounds Committee - E. Larry Cantu and Margarita Garcia, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on the Change Order log for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - B. *Report on the procurement methods available for construction projects and the Board approved ranking criteria for all construction projects.
 - C. Report on the following projects:
 - 1. New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - 2. New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 - 3. 2022-2023 Capital Projects
 - 4. CATE
 - D. Action: Review and act on authorizing administration to proceed with the Virtual Academy Renovation project.
 - E. Action: Review and act on approving a structural engineer for the current Rising Scholars Academy.
 - F. Action: Review and act on approving commissioning services for the New Central Office Renovation project.
13. Finance & Operations Committee - Javier Farias and Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on proposed 2023-2024 budget calendar.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
 - 1. \$50 from Maritza G. Navarro to the Science Academy Ecology Club for registration fees for the Texas Envirothon.
 - 2. \$50 from Mary Loo Rodriguez to the Science Academy Ecology Club for registration fees for the Texas Envirothon.
 - 3. \$100 from Rhea Watson to the Science Academy Ecology Club for registration fees for the Texas Envirothon.

4. \$40 from Sandra Liguez to the Science Academy Ecology Club for registration fees for the Texas Envirothon.
 5. \$100 from Ricardo Romero, MD to the Science Academy Ecology Club for registration fees for the Texas Envirothon.
 6. Android Tablets valued at \$359.96 donated by Girls Who Code Organization to Science Academy Girls Who Code Club.
 7. \$350 from Anti-Vaping Contest Awards to Preparatory Academy.
- E. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
1. General Fund (199) budget amendment #3.
- F. Action: Review and act on approving requisition #108429 and the corresponding contract for Transfinder as the district's routing software.
- G. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
1. Change order #68 to the contract in the amount of \$23,804.85 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 2. Change order #69 to the contract in the amount of (\$20,000) for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 3. Change order #70 to the contract in the amount of \$8,122.40 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 4. Change order #71 to the contract in the amount of \$6,600 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
- H. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
1. Payment application #19 to D. Wilson Construction in the amount of \$310,513.66 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
- I. Action: Review and act on awarding Request for Proposal (RFP 24-001) for Public Affairs and Governmental Relations.
- J. Action: Review and act on Resolution extending the district's bank depository with Plains Capital Bank for 2023-2025 biennium.
- K. Action: Review and act on approving contracting Legal Counsel for Special Projects.
- L. Discussion, consideration and possible action on priorities for the \$8 million dollar gift received from Mackenzie Scott.
14. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Doug Buchanan and Abiel J. Cantú, Co-Chairs
- A. *Action: Review and act on the Memorandum of Understanding related to the Hidalgo County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for the 2023-2024 school year.
15. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane and Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
16. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.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 - C. Rodriguez
5. Health Professions - M. Flores
6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
7. Virtual Academy - M. Valdez
- B. *Report on staff ethnicity, gender and degree status.
- C. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
 1. TASB Summer Leadership Institute, June 14-17, 2023 in San Antonio, TX or June 21-24, 2023 in Fort Worth, TX.
- D. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
 1. #House of Code Congressional App Event, April 17-18, 2023, in Washington, DC.
 2. Technology Student Association (TSA) National Competition, June 27- July 3, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky.
- E. Action: Review and act on Resolution honoring MacKenzie Scott for her donation to South Texas ISD.
17. **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 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. Teacher(s)
 2. 551.074 Discussion regarding employee (R.SA).
 3. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to Sam Garcia Architects.
18. 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 remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. Teacher(s)
 - B. Discussion and possible action regarding Sam Garcia Architects.
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 **February 24, 2023, at 3:45 p.m.**

Crystal D. Solis

For the Board of Directors