



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 May 26, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM via Audio Meeting.

Audio Conferencing Notice: Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via video conference and/or audio conference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer or trustees will not be physically present at one location but a quorum will be required for the meeting on the video conference or phone. The public may access this meeting by clicking on the following link: [Zoom Link](#). An electronic agenda may be viewed at the following link [Electronic Agenda](#). A recording of the meeting will be available for viewing on the District's website. Attached is a link to a public comments form that must be completed and emailed to Amanda Odom, Administrator for Public Relations and Marketing at amanda.odom@stisd.net, prior to the beginning of the meeting if you wish to address the Board of Trustees on an agenda or non-agenda topic for regular meetings or an agenda item at a special meeting. All public comments shall be submitted in writing and distributed to the Board of Trustees for consideration so please note your comments on the form. [STISD Public Comments](#)

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 all four high schools for ranking among the best in the state and nation in the U.S. News & World Report 2020 Best U.S. High Schools.
 - B. Recognition of Medical Professions, Science Academy and Health Professions for

ranking among the best in the state of Texas and within the top 1 percent of high schools in the nation in the 2020 Jay Mathews Challenge Index.

C. Recognition of Science Academy for back-to-back recognition as a Project Lead the Way Distinguished School.

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 April 28, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.

10. Policy & Curriculum - Becky Villarreal & Martin Castillo, DC, Co-Chairs

A. Action: Review and act on the proposed Amendment to the 2017-2022 STISD District of Innovation Plan.

11. Buildings & Grounds - Robert J. Lerma & Irma Perez Trevino, Co-Chairs

12. Finance - Henry LeVrier & Eduardo R. Rodriguez, Co-Chairs

A. *Report on checks written since last report.

B. *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.

C. *Action: Review and act on Hidalgo County Appraisal District's agreement for the allocation quarterly payments.

D. *Report on letter from Texas Education Agency regarding status of the district's Annual Financial & Disclosure Report for the year ended August 31, 2019.

E. Action: Review and act on the following Budget Amendments:

1. Budget Amendment #2 for the COVID-19 Summer Seamless Option for Child Nutrition Program

2. Budget Amendment #1 for the Safety and Security Grant

3. Budget Amendment #1 HEAL2 Year 4 Program

F. Action: Review and act on requisition #086242 to Gignac Architects for architectural services.

G. Action: Review and act on the following donations:

1. \$5,000 from Gloria Fitch for Health Professions

2. \$550 from Texas Association of Sports Officials - RGV Softball Chapter for Health Professions
 3. \$600 gift card from Dr. & Mrs. Ricardo Ochoa for Preparatory Academy
 4. \$3,130 from STPA-PSTO to Preparatory Academy
13. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
 - A. *Campus Reports
 1. Preparatory Academy - A. Castro
 2. Rising Scholars Academy - C. R. Flores
 3. World Scholars - E. Garza
 4. Medical Professions - H. Goette
 5. Health Professions - R. Olivarez
 6. Science Academy - I. Castillo, Ed.D.
 - B. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on announcement of vacancies for summer school program.
 - D. Action: Review and act on request for additional professional position for the 2020-2021 school year and approval of announcement of vacancy.
14. *Correspondence.
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 2020-2021 school year.
 - a. Teachers
 2. Discussion and consideration regarding change to employment contract (JM).
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 2020-2021 school year.
 - a. Teachers
 2. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding change to employment contract (JM).
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 May 22, 2020, at 6:25 p.m..

Carmen H. Noriega
For the Board of Directors