



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: August 17, 2026

Agenda Section: Discussion and Possible Action

Agenda Item Title: Order of Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election

From/Presenters: Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer

Additional Presenters if Applicable: SSAISD District's Attorney

Description: That an election be held in the SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT of Bexar County, Texas, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of an ad valorem tax rate in excess of its voter-approval tax rate, the District must hold an election allowing its registered voters to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate (the Election) as required by Section 26.08, Texas Tax Code.

Historical Data:

Recommendation: The district is recommending the board to approve Order of Election for November 2026

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: N/A

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A

Goal: 3. SSAISD will implement program initiatives and activities that reflect a commitment to preparing 100% of students for post-secondary educational or career paths.

**AN ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION TO
BE HELD BY THE SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND RESOLVING
OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THAT ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the Board) of the SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the District), located in Bexar County, Texas (the County), hereby finds and determines that, as a result of its adoption of an ad valorem tax rate in excess of its voter-approval tax rate, the District must hold an election allowing its registered voters to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate (the Election) as required by Section 26.08, Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, an efficiency audit has been conducted within the District and will be presented to the Board on September 21, 2026, and will be made available to the public prior to Election Day (defined below); and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the County, acting by and through its Elections Administrator (the County Elections Administrator), to conduct all aspects of the Election for all registered voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the Participants) pursuant to a joint election or similar agreement according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the Code); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions described above are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Election Ordered; Purpose; Tax Rate. The Election will be held in the SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on November 3, 2026 (Election Day), which is a uniform election date under the Code and is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order, for the purpose of submitting the following measure to the qualified voters of the District:

SECTION 2. Ballots. The official ballots will permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the measure with the following ballot language:

South San Antonio Independent School District seeks

Qualified Voters Approval

THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.1970 per \$100 valuation in the South San Antonio Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 11.44% in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$2,776,267.

SECTION 3. Polling Details.

A. One or more District election precincts are established for Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with one or more corresponding polling places as identified on Exhibit A to this Order. As permitted by the Code, polling places may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

B. Exhibit A also includes the places, dates, and hours for early voting in person. As permitted by the Code, these details may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

SECTION 4. Election Officials.

To the extent required by the Code or other applicable law, the appointment of election officials at polling locations will include a person fluent in the Spanish language.

A. The County Elections Administrator will appoint Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Early Voting Clerk, and all other Election Clerks.

SECTION 5. Early Voting & Voting by Mail.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted beginning on October 19 and ending on October 30, 2026, at the dates, hours, and locations established by the County, including any weekend early voting.

Application for a ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Bexar County Early Voting Clerk

1103 S. Frio, Suite 200

San Antonio, Texas 78207-6328

Tel: 210-335-VOTE (8683)

Fax: 210-335-0853 (Elections)

Email: BexarCountyElections@bexar.org

<https://www.bexar.org/1573/Early-Voting>

FPCAs and applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 23, 2026. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original.

SECTION 6. Qualified Voters.

The District's qualified voters (as defined by the Code) will be entitled to vote in the Election at the dates, times, and places reflected on Exhibit A.

SECTION 7. Legal Compliance.

The Election and Notice of Election will be held and conducted according to the Code and other

applicable law. All election materials, including the ballot and the Notice of Election, will be printed in English and Spanish.

SECTION 8. Contracting Authority.

The Board authorizes the District's President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designees to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements or similar contracts with the County, acting by and through the County Elections Administrator, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law.

SECTION 9. Modifications.

The Board acknowledges that information required to complete the Exhibit to this Order may not be available when the Election is ordered, and the Board therefore authorizes the District's Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board, or their designees to correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Board authorizes these individuals to make technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable law or to carry out the intent of the Board.

SECTION 10. Findings.

The recitals contained in the preamble of this Order are found to be true.

SECTION 11. Conflicts.

All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order will be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 12. Controlling Law.

This Order will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 13. Open Meetings.

It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 14. Severability.

If any provision of this Order or the application of this Order to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order remains effective.

SECTION 15. Effective Date.

This Order is effective immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED on _____, 2026.

SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Raymond Tijerina
President, Board of Trustees
South San Antonio Independent School District

ATTEST:

Darrell Balderrama
Secretary, Board of Trustees
South San Antonio Independent School District