



**SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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**Minutes of Special Called**

**The Board of Trustees  
South San Antonio ISD**

A Special Called of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Monday, October 24, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1450 Gillette Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78224.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Trustee	Present	Absent	Late Arrival/Departed Early
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Gina Villagomez		X	

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

Mr. Arrellano, Board President, read board meeting rules of decorum aloud.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None

**TEA MONITOR REMARKS**

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Monitor: Thank you Mr. Arrellano. I will do it from my seat if you don't mind. Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for the opportunity to address you this evening. Hopefully all of you have had the opportunity to review the September report that was submitted. I believe the district received it last week or maybe the week before. I'll point out that, starting with that September report, there's a new format that TEA will be using moving forward. The previous format that was being used was basically a format that basically reported out activities every single month. This new format actually identifies a plan for the district to be able to work themselves out of oversight, TEA oversight. If you read it, we started listing the items that, the original items that the original placement letter said. These are the things that South San needs to be doing in order to be out of TEA intervention. Those things are listed. I've told Mr. Arrellano and Mr. Yzaguirre that I will work with them as well to identify any other items that collectively they feel or they agree that will help South San become a better district. And I will give you a quick example; I've told Henry and I've told Mr.

Arrellano that district finances concern me sometimes. You're doing fine, right now, but I don't see a lot of capacity beyond right now. I'm talking about capacity into the future. You know, I'm gonna suggest to them, that we need to put in there, some type statement that speaks to better efficiency in the part of the District. How will the district better operate more efficiently? I don't have to tell you that South San has some of the most deteriorated school buildings in south San Antonio, probably in San Antonio. You don't have a lot of capacity for bonds right now. So I think the district needs to really start giving some thought to how do you provide not only better facilities for your students, safer facilities for your students, but those are the type of things that I think should be developed. Plans should be developed before this Monitor leaves and South San leaves TEA oversight. But I look forward to continue to work with y'all. I think we have worked well together as a team. Instead of a team of 8 maybe we are a team of 9 in this case. I don't know, we'll see. But things seem to be working well and I look forward to working with you. Thank you.

**SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

None

**BOARD PRESIDENT REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President, addressed the Board and regarding the remarks Dr. Saavedra made. He stated that the Superintendent and he have been going back and forth on what he just talked about. He said when he first got here, TASB gave us the results of their review which basically said what Dr. Saavedra said just now. He said that the Board will work with administration to look at some of the items Dr. Saavedra just talked about.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Resolution regarding school closure on election day

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Mrs. Alderete moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0. Motion passed.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		

2. Discussion and possible action to amend the District's 2022 Election Order

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Mrs. Alderete moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Rovello seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0. Motion passed.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		

**CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*NOTICE: The Board of Trustees may elect to go into Closed Meeting any time during the meeting to discuss matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Board of Trustees elects to go into Closed Meeting regarding an Agenda Item, the Board of Trustees*

*will hold a Closed Meeting to discuss individual personnel matters including termination, litigation and other matters the Board deems necessary. Upon completion of Closed Meeting, the Board of Trustees may, in the open session, take such action as appropriate on items discussed in a Closed Meeting. If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item listed on the agenda should be held in Closed Meeting, the Board will convene in such Closed Meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.001 - 551.088. The Board members may take action in the open portion of the meeting on items discussed in the Closed Meeting but no action will be taken in closed session.*

***The Board will return to open session and take appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in closed session. No Action will be taken in closed session. Further, Board Members are reminded that all items discussed in closed session must remain confidential so as to avoid liability to the district. The Board will consider and discuss, the following items:***

**Closed Meeting pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code §§ 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, and 551.0821**

1. Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
2. Consultation with Attorney regarding status of pending TEA investigation and matters related thereto.  
Start time: 6:14 PM.  
End time: 6:45 PM.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for possible action on items deliberated upon in Executive Session  
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Alderete seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM.

**ATTEST**

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Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President

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Homer Flores, Board Secretary

*NOTICE: This meeting of the Board of Trustees is authorized in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.001 - 551.146. Verification of Notice of Meeting and Agenda are on file in the Office of the Superintendent. Closed meeting, if required and if authorized by the statute, will be conducted prior to the conclusion of the meeting for any item listed on this agenda.*

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