



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1450 Gillette Boulevard · San Antonio, Texas 78224 · (210) 977-7000 · Fax (210) 977-7017

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 Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 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
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X (virtual)		Late arrival 6:33 PM Departed early 8:06 PM Returned during closed session
Manuel Lopez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Dr. Abelardo Saavedra, TEA Monitor: Thank you Mr. Flores. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. As a matter of information, I signed up for citizens to be heard because the Monitor’s Remarks that TEA directed the Board to include in every meeting, was taken off the agenda. For that reason this was the only way I could address the Board. This was done once before with a previous Board President and TEA responded correcting the Board at that time and so I would encourage the Board not to continue to defy the directive. I want to talk a little about the forensic audit that is on the agenda. A forensic audit ordinarily is an audit that is conducted to find fraud, some activity like that. And ordinarily, unless the Superintendent’s the target, the Superintendent and Administration are involved in that process, the way its listed on the agenda, I believe its listed as for the Forensic Auditor to report directly to the Board. I know there’s an item in closed session for some legal advice. I will not comment on that, that’s entirely up to, between the Board and their attorney but not involving the Superintendent in this process potentially might be a violation of the Education Code 11.1512 which requires the collaboration between the Superintendent and the Board. I know Board training is on the agenda for discussion this evening. I want to point out it’s been a year and 8 months since the Board was first given notice that governance training was required and I also understand that I know that Mrs. Alderete will be stepping down June 28<sup>th</sup>. It’s been over a month since she gave notice, I think it was April the 7<sup>th</sup> and the Board has yet to discuss the process that you’ll follow to replace her. I’ve seen a communication that has suggested that the Board might wait til August, which will be 4 months, 1/3 of the year from the time that she first gave notice. I would encourage

the Board to go through the process of identifying her replacement and whenever she does step down on June 28<sup>th</sup> that the Board be ready to swear in a new person at that point. And at that point start your governance training. Governance training should be for all 7 Board members that are going to move forward and I would encourage the Board to follow some process that allows whoever the new point man the new appointed Board member might be, to participate entirely not just in part but entirely in this governance training. Thank you.

Tammy Reyes, parent, addressed the Board regarding her daughter being out of school since March 21<sup>st</sup> due to being hit by a child in class.

Gilbert Rodriguez, parent, addressed the Board regarding a conflict of interest from the agency, insubordination, the Superintendent publicly deeming the West Campus students and staff unworthy, denial of bus transportation to West Campus High School, and not enforcing Board adopted attendance zones.

Abel Martinez, Trustee speaking as a taxpayer, addressed the Board regarding the 3 closed school and the Board not receiving a plan. He attended training in December and after the Superintendent asked employees to step out to speak to him and Mr. District #1. The Superintendent replied when asked that Athens, Kindred, and Kazen would be needed to fix the deficit, and District #1 told the Superintendent that there was another school, West Campus, after that West Campus was an issue. He stated that collaboration has been there but he needs to stand up and be a Superintendent now

Jolene Vargas, addressed the Board regarding 2 concerns; May 5<sup>th</sup> Palo Alto Kindergarteners/1<sup>st</sup> grade had a field trip to Devine with no air conditioning and has yet to receive a call from the Transportation Director with an apology, the second concern is Palo Alto's speech pathologist stating her son hasn't had services September 2022 and when speaking to the Special Education Director her response to the parent on how it felt to fail a child was that he was not the only one.

Stacey Alderete, Trustee speaking as a constituent, addressed the Board regarding a comment that was made by the Monitor. She said that in the duties of the Monitor it states that a "Presentation at a" which is single, "a public Board meeting." Second as a constituent that represents this district, she stated she was part of the collaboration and informed the public that on multiple occasions the Board has been deemed not collaborating with the Superintendent but the Superintendent was asked and answered yes this Board has been collaborating with him and stated that things are being said that aren't true and there are witnesses to the collaboration.

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

None

#### **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

1. Presentation on the status of ESSER Funds, with backup  
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.
2. Presentation on the status of Maintenance Tax Notes, with backup  
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
3. Presentation on ADA/Enrollment, with backup  
Kathleen Antoon, REIS Director, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.
4. Presentation on protecting enrollment boundaries, with backup  
Kathleen Antoon, REIS Director, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.
5. Presentation on targeting increased enrollment, with backup

Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

6. Presentation on addressing the existing deficit, with backup

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

**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. Consultation with attorney regarding contractually retaining the professional services of an outside auditor to review and report directly to the Board of Trustees on District finances.
2. Consultation with attorney regarding status of pending TEA investigations and matters related thereto.
3. Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Start time: 8:49 PM.

Mr. Lopez called a point of order

Mr. Flores responded with: we are in closed session sir

End time: 10:17 PM.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Discussion and possible action to retain the professional services of an outside auditor to review and report directly to the Board of Trustees on District finances.

Mr. Yzaguirre’s recommendation: Before I make a recommendation, I’d like to know the detailed scope of the work.

Mr. Flores responded with, I’d like to make a motion that we table this item until a future date, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		

2. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session

Mrs. Alderete made a motion: I’d like to make a motion that we allow the attorney to proceed as discussed in executive, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Stacey Alderete	X		

Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		

3. Discussion and possible action regarding completion of Board training as required by TEA  
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Alderete moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM.

**ATTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homer Flores Jr., Board President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley Ibarra, 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.*

*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.*