



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

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### Minutes of Regular Meeting

#### The Board of Managers South San Antonio ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers of South San Antonio ISD was held Monday, May 19, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 5622 Ray Ellison Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78242.

#### CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE QUORUM

Managers	Present	Absent	Late Arrival/Departed Early
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia		X	

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board congratulating the honorees tonight. He said the vision of Dr. Hinojosa is being received well by his members and that in conversations with Dr. Hinojosa, the Superintendent is looking for pay raises for staff whether or not what the legislature decides.

Sylvia Bernal, Teacher, addressed the Board and audience regarding the S.A. Youth program being removed from our schools.

#### TEA REMARKS

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA: None, not present.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Dr. Saul Hinojosa, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience reporting that today is the 3-month anniversary of the appointment of the Board of Managers and him as Superintendent. He informed that the after-school program will continue as a district initiative, as the proposal from SA Youth was \$475,000 and the parents would have to pay for this care. He said the district will provide the service for half the price and little to no cost to the families. He stated that we are about 95% staffed when discussing highly qualified teachers. He stated that we have had an influx of applicants due to incentives and sign on bonuses. He said he has held several successful parent meetings regarding bullying; accountability will be shifted to the parents and they will need to have a conference before the student can return to school when it comes to bullying matters. Dr. Hinojosa informed that there was a training on Bluebonnet Curriculum for staff and that a committee will be constructed once the material has been received. He stated that parents are welcome to call, come in to see him or he can visit them at their home to go over any concerns they have. He updated that the painting of the schools is going well; Madla ES, Five Palms ES and Price ES have been ongoing or completed. He stated that the district painters under the supervision of Andy Rocha have done a wonderful job. He stated that the 3 new buses

are in operation currently. He said there are many end of year celebrations and events coming up. He invited all to attend South San High School graduation at the Alamodome on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. He informed that we are currently planning for next year by dissecting data from this year and informed that 5 new Principals will be at campuses starting next year. He thanked the community for their participation and welcomed their feedback on what we could do better.

## **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

None

## **RECOGNITIONS**

1. IDRA Youth Leadership Now Program Statewide Reflection Contest Winner  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.
2. The Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) Winners  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.
3. SSAISD District and Campus Teacher of the Year Recognition  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize teachers for their achievements.
4. City Education Partners Grant  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize CEP for their contributions.
5. Betty Iredale Retires from SSAISD after 55 years of service  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize Mrs. Iredale for her achievements.

## **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

1. April 2025 Financials  
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
2. 2023 Accountability Scores  
Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

## **CONSENT**

*Policy BE (Local) states that the consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board Member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.*

1. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
  - A. April 14, 2025 Regular Called
2. Budget Amendment
3. Approval to purchase the Timely Platform (a strategic master scheduling system) for South San Antonio HS (2024-2025) and all secondary campuses in SY 2025-2026
4. Approval to submit applications to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the following low attendance days and campuses:
5. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Texas A&M University - San Antonio - Partnership Toward Graduate Degree and Post-Graduate Certification Attainment (PGDA)
6. Approval of Wide Area Network (WAN) Telecommunications Services Agreement with Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC for 2025–2028

Ms. Prado moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 6 as presented, Ms. Sanchez seconded and the Board of Managers voted 6/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		

Adrian Guerra	X		
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## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Consider the approval to changes to Board Policy CW (local) Naming Facilities

Andy Rocha, Executive Director of Operations, and Dr. Hinojosa, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Ms. Sanchez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Balderrama seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		

2. Consider the approval of campus marquees for Carrillo Elementary and Benavidez Elementary from Daktronics utilizing Buyboard Cooperative contract #678-22.

Andy Rocha, Executive Director of Operations, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Ms. Prado moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Sanchez seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt an order, ordinance, or resolution adopting a tax rate for South San Antonio ISD for tax year 2025 that includes an additional \$0.03 of Tier II tax effort as authorized by Texas Tax Code Section 26.042(e), otherwise known as a disaster pennies tax increase.

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

Mr. Guerra moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Sanchez seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		

4. Approval of MOU – Shared Services Cost Allocation (Head Start Program)

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

Ms. Prado moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Balderrama seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		

Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		

5. Approval of RFP 2025-07 Third Party Administrator for South San Antonio ISD

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, and Rita Uresti, Executive Director of Human Resources, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Ms. Sanchez moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Prado seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	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. Personnel §551.074: deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of personnel.

Start time: 7:35 PM.

End time: 8:42 PM.

### **OPEN SESSION**

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session  
None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Guerra moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Sanchez seconded, and the Board of Managers voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM.

### **ATTEST**

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Raymond Tijerina, Board President

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Darrell Balderrama, Board Secretary

*NOTICE: This meeting of the Board of Managers 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.*