



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**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers of South San Antonio ISD was held Monday, March 16, 2026, 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		6:07 PM.
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 Hutchins ES Student

**RECOGNITIONS**

1. District Auxiliary Employee of the Month  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.
2. Campus Teacher of the Month  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.
3. SSAHS Cybersecurity Instructor Receives Educator Innovation Award for Advancing STEM in SSAISD  
The recognition did not take place.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Alyssa Gomez, Community Member, addressed the Board regarding the sanctioning of her teaching certification.

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board stating that several teachers will be leaving the district due to harmful policies to include an overwhelming amount of paperwork.

Meghan Garcia, Parent, addressed the Board regarding her child (Sophomore at South San HS). She asked what the Board and District can do to allocate more money for the students in Robotics.

**TEA REMARKS**

None

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

Dr. Saul Hinojosa, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience recognizing Dr. Abelardo Saavedra, TEA, as today is his last Board meeting as our Conservator. He stated that Dr. Saavedra has served as Superintendent, Monitor and now Conservator. He stated that Dr. Saavedra was a mentor to him. He said that Dr. Saavedra worked with our Board of Managers for over a year now. He said he knows that Dr. Saavedra's

heart has been here with South San for years. The Board President Mr. Tijerina presented him with a personalized plaque and Dr. Saavedra received a standing ovation. Dr. Hinojosa continued on with his remarks stating that today was our first day back from the break and we are planning for the last stretch of the school year. He stated that teachers are the foundation of our school system and they work very hard to make sure the students receive the best education possible. He said that next month we will be recognizing the teacher of the year and the auxiliary employee of the year. He stated that his wife and him will be gifting \$1,000 to each winner through the foundation. He said that it is STAAR countdown and they are looking at benchmarks and results. He stated that the Robotics team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 37 teams. He reminded the audience that there is a \$25,000 donation from Toyota that will be going to the Robotics team as well as \$5,000 from HEB. He stated that we are looking to expand this to middle schools as well. He said that the 28<sup>th</sup> of March is the Block Party and invited all to come out. He stated that the Selina Sanchez mural will be paid for by the district. He informed that the end of year brings a lot of performances and activities to end the school year.

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

Raymond Tijerina, Board President, thanked Dr. Saavedra as an alum for his dedication and stayed alongside our district all of the way through. He said that the growth of this new Board is a direct testament Dr. Saavedra’s great work. Mr. Tijerina thanked Dr. Saavedra on behalf of the full Board.

**PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. District Goal Progress Monitoring: CCMR

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Prado moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Sanchez seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. 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		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

2. District Goal Progress Monitoring: Middle School and High School Reading

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Sanchez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Rendon seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. 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		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

3. Monitoring Student Progress: Data Review

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

4. February 2026 Financials

Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

5. February 2026 Quarterly Investment Report

Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

6. Texas Senate Bill 546 (SB 546) School Bus Passenger Seat Belt Compliance

Andy Rocha, Executive Director of Operations, 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. February 23, 2026 Regular
2. 2026 - 2027 Bluebonnet Math (Great Minds)
3. Approval of Intech Southwest Electrical Services
4. Library Book Donation
5. Campus Library Book Purchases
6. Mind Education (ST Math)
7. PTECH Intralocal Agreement
8. 2026 - 2027 Texas Studies Weekly
9. The College Board
10. Consider approval of the Affiliation Agreement between the University of the Incarnate Word and South San Antonio ISD
11. Memorandum of Understanding with Global Educational Concepts
12. Permanent Residency/Labor Certification Case w/ Wolfe Law Firm, P.C.
13. South San Antonio ISD Resolution to pay non-exempt employees during the 4-day Summer Schedule

Mrs. Prado moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 13 as presented, Mrs. Sanchez seconded and the Board of Managers voted 7/0 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		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Accept Quote #031026 – Central Technologies – Chromebook Cart Purchase  
Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mr. Guerra moved to approve the item as presented, Dr. Murguia seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. 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		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

2. Accept Quote #030991 – Central Technologies – Chromebook Purchase  
Mrs. Prado moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Balderrama seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. 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		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

3. Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 4 Grant

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Dr. Murguia moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Balderrama seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. 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		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

4. Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Strategic Priorities

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Dr. Murguia moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Prado seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. 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		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	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, including staffing issues, campus principals and district administrators.

2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.074 and 551.071 Discussion and Legal Consultation Regarding Term and/or Probationary Contract Employee(s) and Possible Sanctions for Contract Abandonment Pursuant to Section 21.210 of the Education Code.

Start time: 8:43 PM.

End time: 9:36 PM.

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session
2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Term and/ or Probationary Contract Employee(s) and Possible Sanctions for Contract Abandonment Pursuant to Section 21.210 of the Education Code.

Mrs. Sanchez made a motion: I move that we did not find good cause for the employee Alyssa Gomez to abandon her contract and recommend the Superintendent report to SBEC accordingly, Mrs. Prado seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. 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		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Murguia moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Prado seconded, and the Board of Managers voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 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.*