



**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 Tuesday, June 13, 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		
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**

*Abelardo Saavedra, TEA Monitor:* Thank you Mr. Flores. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My remarks will be brief, just a couple of things; another reminder Board Governance Training still hasn't been done, so I would encourage the Board to move forward with that as soon as possible. I would also encourage you to start your process on discussing a replacement for Mrs. Alderete as she steps down in a few weeks. My last comment is in reference to your agenda item. It's completely in executive session, simply a reminder to the Board that there's a very narrow focus as to what you can discuss in closed session. I've actually have discussed off-line with your attorney to make sure that he tries to keep you in line in reference to what gets discussed back there because it's not that difficult to violate open meetings if things get out of hand in closed session so I would simply encourage you to follow the direction of your attorney. Thank you. *Ernest Arrellano Jr., Trustee,* addressed the Board stating that Mr. Yzaguirre and his staff have been subjected to micromanaging and intimidation by the Board President and the Vice President adding that Mr. Rocha and Mr. Kingman were interrogated at last night's committee meeting by them. He stated that Mr. Kingman has been talking about a deficit since Dr. Puig was here. He apologized to staff and Superintendent as he said they are not deserving of what's been going on for the last four months. He said that the item in closed session is supposed to be out here in the open.

Mr. Lopez called a point of order: I would like to make a motion to handle all of item #1, agenda item #1 in open session and if need to go into closed session for legal advice we can do that but I would like to handle the majority of this in open session in front of the camera in front of the mic, seconded by Mr Arrellano

Mr. Flores stated: There is no motion because I do not recognize that point of order so we will continue to go into closed session.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)-*Not acknowledged by Board President***

**CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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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 the duties and responsibilities of Trustees, the Superintendent, and the Head Start Director as they apply to the Early Childhood/Head Start Program for the South San Antonio Independent School District as it pertains to district policies and head start policies and guidelines in the Head Start program book.
2. Consultation with attorney regarding status of pending TEA investigations and matters related thereto.  
Start time: 6:13 PM.  
End time: 7:02 PM.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session  
Mark Sanchez, Legal Counsel stated for the record; Regarding item #1 regarding duties and responsibilities pertaining to the Head Start Program—for the record there was no legal advice sought or given in executive session and it was not discussed.

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Mr. Yzaguirre explained and provided a timeline along with other chronological documentation to include Head Start business and training completion.

After stepping off the dais to obtain legal advice, Mr. Flores played a phone call recorded by former Trustee Gilbert Rodriguez. On the call with Mr. Rodriguez was Rosanna Carmona Mercado, former Head Start Director, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent.

No Action Taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Alderete moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.

### **ATTEST**

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Manuel Lopez, Board President

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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.*

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