

Southwest Independent School District  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
January 7, 2025  
11:30 a.m.

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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwest ISD was held Tuesday, January 7, 2025, beginning at 11:30 AM in the Central Office Building No. 800, 11914 Dragon Lane, San Antonio, TX.

The following Trustees were present: *Florinda Bernal, James Gonzalez, Ida Sudolcan, James Sullivan, and Sylvester Vasquez Jr. Daniel Carrillo arrived late.*

The following Trustees were absent: *Jose Diaz*

I. Call meeting to order

*The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Board President, Sylvester Vasquez Jr.*

II. Invocation and Pledges to Allegiance

*Roger Campos presented the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge.*

III. Public comments related to posted agenda items

*There were no citizens signed up for public comments for this meeting.*

*(The Board took a short break.)*

IV. Consider approval of Southwest Independent School District Scholarship Committee Recommendations 2025.

**Board action:** *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve the Southwest ISD Scholarship Committee recommendation to update the bylaws and guidelines for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

V. Consider approval of CAST STEM High School 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Pensacola, FL.

**Board action:** *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve the CAST STEM High School overnight trip to Pensacola, Florida. Mrs. Sudolcan seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VI. Consider approval of Southwest Legacy High School 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Pensacola, FL.

**Board action:** *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the Southwest Legacy High School overnight trip*

*to Pensacola, Florida. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VII. Items of Information

VII.A. Gaining Early Awareness Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Grant with The University of Texas at Austin.

*Executive Director for Secondary Education, Zelene Aragon, presented information on the Gaining Early Awareness Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant overview.*

VIII. Closed session

*Board President Vasquez announced as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.001-551.146, the Board would convene in closed session at 12:08 p.m.*

VIII.A. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, discussion of Superintendent's performance evaluation.

*Any action by the Board concerning matters considered in closed session will be taken in open session.*

IX. Convene in open session

*The board reconvened in open session at 12:39 p.m. No action was taken on any items discussed in closed session.*

X. Other business

*Dr. Ball announced January as Board Appreciation month, notified the Board of plans to discuss imminent weather with Bexar County Superintendents, notified the Board of district events cancellations and postponements, and announced Leia Edmonds, Southwest Special Education Teacher for Auditory Impaired, being awarded the VFW Region 20 Teacher of the Year.*

XI. Adjournment

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.*

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary