



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Board Member Request Board of Education Meeting: 06/24/2026

Item Title: <u>Policies and Procedures for BISD CFO Department</u>	<u>X</u>	Action
<u>Making Payments, Bills and Obligations</u>	<u>X</u>	Information
<u>(Board Member Request – Minerva Pena)</u>		Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Presentation, discussion and possible action, regarding policies and procedures for B.I.S.D. CFO Department regarding making payments, bills and obligations.

Board Member Request: Minerva Pena

Board Support: Carlos Elizondo

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Dr. Alda T. Benavides
Prepared by: Interim Superintendent

Recommended by: Interim Superintendent

Board Member Request

Dr. Alda T. Benavides
Interim Superintendent

Approved by: Interim Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.

Patricia Perez

From: Patricia Perez
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 2:48 PM
To: Patricia Perez
Subject: FW: Board Member Request

FYI: Board of Trustees
Interim Superintendent

Board Agenda Request- Minerva Pena

From: Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 2:42 PM
To: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
Subject: FW: Board Member Request

Board Agenda Request – Minerva Peña

From: pena4bisd@aol.com <pena4bisd@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 11:40 AM
To: Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us>
Subject: Re: Board Member Request

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Please add following agenda item for next board meeting; 1. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding policies and procedures for B. I. S. D. CFO Department making payments. Respectfully, Minerva Pena BISSD Trustee 956-345-5564

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On Friday, May 29, 2026, 5:02 PM, Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us> wrote:

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Interim Superintendent

Board Agenda Request – Carlos Elizondo

From: Carlos Elizondo <celizondo2@bisd.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 8:59 PM
To: Dr. Alda T. Benavides <atbenavides@bisd.us>
Subject: Board Member Request

FYI: Board of Trustees

Interim Superintendent

Board Member Request –

In light of the recent communication received from the Texas Education Agency regarding the unresolved ESSER compliance matter and the disallowed costs totaling \$573,571.74, I am formally requesting the following information and documentation from Administration in preparation for Board review and discussion:

1. A complete copy of all correspondence between the District and the Texas Education Agency related to this ESSER non-compliance matter from 2020 through the present date.
2. Copies of any correspondence, emails, memoranda, text communications, internal communications, or other written communications related to this ESSER matter involving any district employees, administrators, consultants, legal counsel, vendors, or members of the Board of Trustees.
3. A detailed breakdown of the disallowed expenditures totaling \$573,571.74, including:
 - Vendor names
 - Purchase descriptions
 - Dates of expenditure
 - Funding source details
 - Campuses or departments involved
 - Individuals responsible for authorization and approval
4. Identification of all district administrators, employees, consultants, or third parties involved in the review, approval, processing, oversight, or submission of the expenditures identified by TEA as non-compliant.
5. Copies of any internal audits, compliance reviews, corrective action plans, legal opinions, investigative findings, or consultant reports previously conducted regarding these ESSER expenditures.
6. Documentation reflecting whether the Board of Trustees was formally notified of the April 22, 2024 TEA correspondence at the time it was received, including the date of notification and the manner in which the Board was informed.
7. Clarification regarding:
 - Why the matter remained unresolved for over two years
 - What actions, if any, were taken following the April 22, 2024 notification
 - Whether any repayment discussions, appeals, or negotiations were initiated with TEA
8. A legal and financial assessment outlining:
 - Potential district liability
 - Funding sources proposed for repayment

- Whether any additional penalties, sanctions, or compliance monitoring may result from this matter

9. A timeline of all major events associated with this ESSER compliance issue from the original expenditure date through the current May 19, 2026 deadline established by TEA.

Additionally, I request that this matter be placed as an agenda item for discussion and possible action at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees under the following title:

“Discussion and possible action on matters regarding TEA ESSER Non-Compliance Correspondence issued to Dr. Jesus Chavez on April 22, 2024, and ESSER compliance matters for school years 2020–2022.”

Given the magnitude of the identified disallowed costs, the public accountability implications, and the district’s obligation to maintain transparency and compliance with federal grant requirements, it is imperative that the Board receive a complete and detailed briefing on this matter.

Respectfully,

Carlos A. Elizondo
Board Trustee, Place 1

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Patricia Perez

From: Patricia Perez
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 11:55 AM
To: Patricia Perez
Subject: FW: Agenda Item For 06/09/26 Board Meeting

FYI: Board of Trustees
Interim Superintendent

From: pena4bisd@aol.com <pena4bisd@aol.com>
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To: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
Subject: Agenda Item For 06/09/26 Board Meeting

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Please add item below to our next board meeting on 06/01/26;

1. Presentation, discussion and possible action, regarding B. I. S. D. current policy in making payments regarding all bills and obligations.

Respectfully,

Minerva Pena
BISD Trustee
956-345-5564

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Minerva Almanza

From: Patricia Perez
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 1:54 PM
To: Patricia Perez
Subject: FW: Agenda Item for June 19, 2026

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Interim Superintendent

Board Agenda Request- Minerva Pena

From: pena4bisd@aol.com <pena4bisd@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 12:35 PM
To: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
Cc: Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us>
Subject: Agenda Item for June 19, 2026

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Please add item below to our next board meeting on 06/19/26;

1. Presentation, discussion and possible action, regarding B. I. S. D. current policy in making payments regarding all bills and obligations.

Respectfully,

Minerva Pena
BISD Trustee

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Minerva Almanza

From: Carlos Elizondo
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 11:14 AM
To: Minerva Almanza; Minerva Pena; Frank Ortiz
Subject: Re: Agenda Item

Please approve all agenda items for Minerva or Frank Ortiz. Now and in future meetings.

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From: Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 6:40:30 PM
To: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
Subject: FW: Agenda Item

Good evening,

Board Agenda Request – Minerva Peña

Thank you
Minnie

From: Minerva Pena <pena4bisd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 6:32 PM
To: Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us>
Subject: Agenda Item

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Good Evening,

Please place item below on our May 2025 regular board meeting agenda;

1. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding;
 - A. Substitute Teacher Pay
 - B. TIA Pay process.

Respectfully,

Minerva Pena
BISD Trustee
956-345-5564

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