



Brownsville Independent School District

Board of Trustees

Special Called Board Meeting

September 10, 2020

5:00 PM

BISD Administration Building Boardroom

1025 Alta Mesa

Brownsville, Texas 78526

1900 Price Road

Brownsville, Texas 78521-2417

A G E N D A

NOTE: The Board of Trustees may go into Closed/Executive Session to deliberate any item on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

- I. Meeting Called to Order.
- II. Moment of Silence.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call:
- V. Recommend approving the **agenda** of the **Special Called Board Meeting of Thursday, September 10, 2020** with any corrections/deletions.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- VII. **Board Member Request(s)**
 - A. **Action Item(s)**
 1. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to accept the audit findings on the Brownsville School District Centennial Foundation Corporation conducted by the BISD Internal Audit Department and to forward a copy to the Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Examination Division for review and possible action. (Board Member Request - Drue Brown, Board Support - Eddie Garcia and Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson)
 2. Discussion, consideration and possible action on extending virtual distance learning for all BISD students & faculty for the entire 2020 fall semester. (Board Member Request Minerva Pena, Board Support Dr. Prisci Roca Tipton, Eddie Garcia and Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson)
 3. Discussion, consideration and possible action to review, amend and/ or terminate BISD Board Attorney Baltazar Salazar. (Board Member Request - Laura Perez-Reyes/Board Support Eddie Garcia and Philip Cowen).
- VIII. **General Function Item(s):**

A. Recommend approval of the following General Function Item(s):

1. Recommend approval to adopt TASB LOCAL Policy Update 115; DEC Local, and Policy Review Sections E, F, and G.

IX. CLOSED MEETING: as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Sections: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084.

A. PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

1. Presentation, acceptance and approval of Resignations. (6)
2. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2020-2021 school year – Nurse. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation. (2)
3. Recommend approval of chapter 21-term contractual personnel for the 2020-2021 school year –Lead Speech Language Pathologist. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation. (1)
4. Board Self-Evaluation.
5. Personnel Update with Superintendent (Dr. René Gutiérrez).
 - a. Recommend approval of Superintendent's Performance Goals for the 2020-2021 School Year.
6. Legal Update with Board Counsel (Baltazar Salazar).

B. ATTORNEY CONSULTATION

1. Staff Attorney
2. Board Attorney

X. BOARD RECONVENES - Board action on agenda items discussed in Executive Session.

XI. Announcement(s):

- A. Next scheduled Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

XII. Adjournment.



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Board Member Request Board of Education Meeting: 09/10/2020

Item Title:	<u>Audits Findings on the Brownsville School District</u>	<u>X</u>	Action
	<u>Centennial Foundation Corporation</u>		Information
	<u>(Board Member Request – DB)</u>		Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Board Member Request: **Drue Brown**
 Board Support: **Eddie Garcia, Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson**

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

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 Submitted by: **Superintendent**

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO

Board Member Request

Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent

Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

Patricia Perez

From: Patricia Perez
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Patricia Perez
Subject: FW: Board Member Requested Agenda Item Drue Brown (SCBM 09-10-2020)

Board Agenda Request – Drue Brown
Special Called Board Meeting September 10, 2020

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To: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
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Many thanks,
Drue Brown

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Eddie will back up request

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Hi Ms. Pat. I approve this item. Thank you.

Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson
956.499.3600

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Agenda Category: Board Member Request Board of Education Meeting: 09/10/20

Item Title: <u>Extending Virtual Distance Learning</u>	<u>X</u>	Action
<u>(Board Member Request – MP)</u>		Information
		Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Board Member Request: **Minerva Pena**

Board Support: **Dr. Prisci Roca Tipton, Eddie Garcia, Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson**

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion, consideration, and possible action on extending virtual distance learning for all BISD students & faculty for the entire 2020 fall semester. (Board Member Request – Minerva Pena, Board Support Dr. Prisci Roca Tipton/Eddie Garcia and Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson)

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Submitted by: Superintendent

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO

Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

Board Member Request

Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent

Patricia Perez

From: Patricia Perez
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Patricia Perez
Subject: (Board Agenda Request - Minerva Pena)

Board Agenda Request – Minerva Pena
Special Called Board Meeting September 10, 2020

From: Minerva Pena <pena4bisd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
Subject: Re: Board Member Invite Rivera ECHS

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Respectfully,

Minerva Pena
BISD Trustee
956-345-5564
Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2020, at 10:58 AM, Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us> wrote:

Friendly Reminder

FYI: Board of Trustees
Superintendent
Board Attorney

From: Blanca I. Sanchez <bisanchez@bisd.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
Subject: Board Member Invite
Importance: High

Patricia Perez

From: Prisci Tipton
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Patricia Perez
Subject: Re: (Board Agenda Request - Minerva Pena)

Good morning,
I approve the item.
Thank you,
Dr. Prisci Roca Tipton

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Item Title: Review, amend and/or terminate BISD Board Attorney X Action
Baltazar Salazar Information
(Board Member Request – LPR) Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Board Member Request: **Laura Perez-Reyes**
Board Support: **Eddie Garcia, Philip Cowen**

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion, consideration and possible action to review, amend and/or terminate BISD Board Attorney, Baltazar Salazar. (Board Member Request Laura Perez-Reyes/Board Support Eddie Garcia, Philip Cowen)

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Submitted by: Superintendent

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO

Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

Board Member Request

Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent

Patricia Perez

From: Patricia Perez
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Patricia Perez
Subject: FW: Baltazar Salazar

Board Agenda Request – Laura Perez Reyes
Special Called Board Meeting September 10, 2020

From: Laura Perez-Reyes <lperez-reyes@bisd.us>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
Subject: Re: Baltazar Salazar

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On Sep 4, 2020, at 10:03 AM, Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Perez-Reyes

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Thank you,

pat

From: Laura Perez-Reyes <lperez-reyes@bisd.us>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Dr. Rene Gutierrez <rene.gutierrez@bisd.us>
Cc: Patricia Perez <pperez@bisd.us>
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Board Agenda Request – Laura Perez Reyes
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Pat:

This has my approval to go on the Sept. 10 meeting.

Thanks,

Philip

Philip T. Cowen, Atty at Law Philip T. Cowen, CHB (956)541-6031 Office (956)541-6872 Fax

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