



## **Agenda of Called Meeting / Work Session Tuesday, May 31, 2022 The Board of Trustees Richardson ISD**

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A Called Meeting / Work Session of the Board of Trustees of Richardson ISD will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2022, beginning at 1:00 PM in the Administration Building, 400 S. Greenville Ave, Richardson, TX 75081.

The meeting will be held live and by video conference. A quorum of the Board will be physically present at 400 S. Greenville, Richardson, Texas 75081. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed in the agenda for this meeting. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the posted agenda. Prior to or during consideration of agenda subjects, the board will hear public comments from any member of the public who has complied with District procedures for signing up to speak. The notice for this meeting was posted on May 27, 2022.

Public Comments: Public comments must address agenda items posted for the open meeting. Any person who signs up to speak acknowledges and accepts the Board's procedures for public comment that may be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/pcprocedures122021>. Public Comment cards will be accepted until 15 minutes before the scheduled time for the meeting to begin and must be completed in their entirety with accurate and truthful information and must designate the specific agenda item the speaker wishes to address. Speakers are limited to three minutes unless the time has been adjusted to maintain effective meeting management. (If 20 or more persons submit a speaker card, the time will be reduced to 2 minutes; if 30 or more persons submit a speaker card, the time will be reduced to 1 minute.) A speaker's attempt to address a non-agenda topic during the public comment period or failing to yield the podium when a speaker's time has elapsed is considered a disruption.

Disruptions. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated during a meeting. After providing at least one warning to a disruptive visitor, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to remove from the meeting any person who continues to disrupt the meeting by utterances or actions. A visitor who exhibits disruptive behavior in a subsequent meeting may be issued a trespass warrant. It is a criminal offense for a person, with intent to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, to substantially obstruct or interfere with the ordinary conduct of a meeting by physical action or verbal utterance.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ENTER CLOSED MEETING in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, including but not limited to Section 551.074 - Personnel, Discussion with Search Firm on matters related to Superintendent Search; and Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney.**
- III. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION**  
Comments from visitors who complete a card requesting to address Board Members.
  - A. Agenda Related Topic
- V. **ACTION / INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - A. Discussion and Action to Post the Position of Superintendent  
Action Item
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Procedures for Public Comments During Board Meetings**

The Board of Trustees of the Richardson Independent School District welcomes members of the public to its meetings. The purpose of meetings is to allow trustees to conduct the business of the District. Although Board meetings are held in public, they are not public meetings and the public does not have a right to participate except as provided by the Board. The Board offers a limited open forum at meetings through its Public Comment Sections to provide opportunities for members of the public to convey information to the Board.

The Board adopted the following procedures concerning public comments to facilitate the efficient operation of meetings:

- Public Comment Section.
  - The Board of Trustees will include a Public Comment Section on the posted Agenda for each meeting. The Board holds regular monthly business meetings each month of the year, excluding July. Business meetings typically are scheduled for the first Monday of the month. The Board schedules work sessions to address topics of study or as other needs arise. The Board reserves the third Monday of each month for work sessions, but they also may be scheduled at any other time when a need arises. The Board reserves the right to schedule or reschedule meetings as necessary to meet the operational needs of the District. A written Agenda is posted for each Board meeting at least 72 hours before the meeting is scheduled. If an Emergency Meeting is authorized, an agenda will be posted at least one hour before the meeting is scheduled.

The Public Comment Section for agenda-related topics ordinarily will be placed on the Agenda just prior to the first business item on the Agenda. Where appropriate for efficient meeting management, the section for comments related to non-agenda topics may be placed on the Agenda after other action and information items. A speaker who attempts to address a nonagenda-related topic during any period reserved for agenda-related topics is engaging in disruptive behavior. The speaker must stop his or her comments when directed.

- When necessary for effective meeting management, to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board at a meeting, or when otherwise advisable to accommodate specific circumstances, the Board delegates to the presiding officer the authority to make adjustments to these public comment procedures. Such adjustments may include, without limitation, adjusting when public comment will occur during a meeting, reordering agenda items, deferring public comment on non-agenda items, continuing an agenda item to a later meeting, temporarily revising public comment procedures as necessary if a meeting is conducted via videoconference, providing expanded opportunity for public comment, or establishing an overall time limit for public comments and adjusting the time allotted to each speaker.
- Speaker Topics.
  - Regular Business Meetings. Speakers may comment on specific Agenda items as well as matters not on the posted Agenda during the Public Comment Section at regular business meetings.

- Work Sessions or Other Called Meetings. Speakers may comment only on specific agenda items during the Public Comment Section at work sessions and other called meetings.
- Public Hearings. When RISD gives notice of a public hearing, speakers may complete a separate comment card for the public hearing. Speakers may only comment on the specific topic noticed for the public hearing. All other rules noted herein apply to comments during a public hearing.
- Public Comment Cards.
  - Persons wishing to address the Board must complete a Public Comment card. Public Comment cards are located in the foyer of the Auditorium in the Administration Building before scheduled meetings. (If the Board schedules a meeting at another location, Public Comment cards will be available in a conspicuous location at the meeting site.) A staff member typically will be present to receive Public Comment cards.
  - Completed cards must be placed in the designated box no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the posted time for the meeting to begin. Most meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. RISD will not accept Public Comment cards later than fifteen minutes prior to the posted meeting time.
  - In addition to identifying information, each speaker must indicate the specific Agenda item about which he or she wishes to comment and/or identify the non-Agenda topic of the comments.
  - If RISD gives notice of a public hearing, it will provide a separate public hearing comment card that persons who wish to speak must complete.
- Written Materials. A speaker who wishes to provide written materials to the Board of Trustees must attach at least nine (9) copies of the materials to the completed Public Comment card. Staff will provide a copy of the materials to the trustees before the speaker is called. The speaker may not distribute materials when he or she is called to speak.
- Time.
  - Each speaker is limited to a total of three\* minutes and a speaker may not use time of another speaker to extend his or her comment period. *Note:* A speaker who addresses the Board through a translator will have six\* minutes to present comments to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to address the Board.
  - Staff will set a three\*-minute digital timer for each speaker. The speaker shall end his or her comments when the timer expires. Any speaker who fails to stop speaking and yield the podium at the end of his or her allotted time is considered out of order and may be escorted from the podium and/or asked to leave the meeting.  
(\*Unless the comment period has been limited as provided herein.)
- Single comment. A speaker may complete one Public Comment Card for each meeting. A speaker who comments during a public hearing is not ineligible to speak during the regular public comment period.
- Protocol for Speakers.
  - The Board Secretary will call the name of each speaker who has submitted a public comment card and state the topic(s) on which the individual has registered to speak.

- Each speaker should approach the podium when his or her name is called. An adjustable microphone is affixed to the podium in the Auditorium. The speaker should clearly state his or her name and the school or school(s) the speaker's children attend or have attended before beginning to comment.
  - The Board will not engage in dialogue with a speaker. Specific factual information or reference to an existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries or statements. The Board cannot deliberate or make a decision on any subject that is not on the Agenda.
  - The public comment period is not the appropriate forum for presentation of formal complaints. RISD maintains a formal grievance policy to address complaints. The Board will only consider formal complaints that remain unresolved after they have been addressed through proper administrative channels and when they have been placed on the Agenda. Attacks of a personal nature against Board members, RISD staff, students, or other citizens by name or unique title will not be allowed or tolerated. Speakers who wish to make a complaint regarding an employee should comply with the appropriate complaint policy. (DGBA – Employee Complaints; FNG – Student/Parent Complaints; GF – Public Complaints). Complaint policies are available on the RISD website.
  - Remarks or other conduct that disrupt the meeting are considered out of order and will not be allowed. Visitors and staff must listen quietly and respectfully during the public comment section whether they agree or disagree with a speaker's message. It is not appropriate for staff or visitors to clap, cheer, boo, display banners, or otherwise engage in disruptive conduct. Persons who disrupt the meeting will be cautioned to observe meeting rules. Persons who persist in disrupting the meeting may be removed from the meeting.
- Consent for Online Publication. RISD may audio and video record its meetings. A person who chooses to speak during the Public Comment Section is consenting to the online audio/video publication of his or her comments.
  - Reasonable Accommodation and Translation. Persons desiring to make a public comment who need reasonable accommodations of a disability or who require a language translator should contact the Board office at 469-593-0403 in advance of the meeting to request assistance.

Approved: December 13, 2021