



Hidalgo Independent School District

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NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551.001, ET. SEQ., TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (SECTION 551.071), THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HIDALGO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE HIDALGO ISD LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER, 524 SOUTH BRIDGE STREET, HIDALGO TEXAS, HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ARE LISTED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Y. Ayala

YESENIA AYALA, PRESIDENT
HIDALGO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**AVISO DE JUNTA REGULAR
5 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

AVISO DE ACUERDO CON EL REQUERIMIENTO DEL GOBIERNO DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS, CAPITULO 551.001 Y SIGUIENTES, (SECCION 551.071) DE LA ACTA DE JUNTA PUBLICA, LA MESA DIRECTIVA DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE HIDALGO SE REUNIRÁ PARA UNA JUNTA REGULAR EL 5 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2026 A LAS 6:30 P.M. EN EL CENTRO DE RECURSOS DE APRENDIZAJE, CALLE BRIDGE, 524 SUR, EN EL CONDADO DE HIDALGO, HIDALGO, TEXAS., LA CUAL SE LLEVARÁ LA SIGUIENTE AGENDA PARA DISCUSIÓN Y POSIBLE ACCIÓN.

DOY FE CON MI FIRMA ESTE DÍA 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2026

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The Hidalgo Independent School District, Board of Trustees will hold a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Learning Resource Center, 524 South Bridge Street, Hidalgo, Texas 78557. The items for discussion and possible action are listed on the Agenda.

AGENDA

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

___ Yesenia Ayala, President	___ Raymundo Martinez, Vice-President
___ Diana Gaona, Secretary	___ Jennifer Quintero, Treasurer
___ Luis Trejo Jr., Member	___ Benjamin Arjona, Member
___ Martin Carrasco, Member	___ Dr. J.A. Gonzalez, Superintendent
___ Eden Ramirez, School Board Attorney	

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, TEXAS PLEDGE AND OPENING PRAYER

IV. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

A. Hidalgo Early College HS Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars 2025-2026
Ms. J. Dimas

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Announcements

1. Security District wide Report and Intruder Audit at Ida Diaz Jr. High
Mr. M. Cepeda
2. House Bill 2563 Requirements - announcing Board's Continuing Education
Credit
Ms. C. Maya
3. Attendance Matters
Ms. L. Garza, Video
4. Crisis Communication PD
Ms. L. Garza, Video

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VII. ACTION TAKEN ON CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Approve minutes of Board Meetings: September 14, 2026
- B. Tax Collector's Report:
 - 1. Hidalgo County Tax Office Tax Collection Report for August 2026
Ms. G. Garza
- C. Advertisement of Bids/Quotes/Proposals:
- D. Consideration of Bids/Quotes/Proposals:
- E. Other:
 - 1. Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending August 31, 2026
Ms. G. Garza
 - 2. Interactive Online Learning Grant Application
Ms. J. Dimas
 - 3. CTE Innovation Grand Award - 2026-2027
Ms. J. Dimas
 - 4. Consider and approve a cooperative purchasing agreement with Equalis Group
Mr. E. Gonzales
 - 5. Consider and take action on a request for students to travel out-of-town/state overnight:
 - a. The Hidalgo Golden Dazzlers are asking permission to travel to Orlando, Florida, from January 13-17, 2027, to attend a dance workshop at Disney World.
Ms. K. Garcia
 - b. The Hidalgo ISD Cheerleaders are requesting permission to attend and compete in the UIL State Spirit Competition held on January 12-17, 2027 at Forth Worth Convention Center.
Ms. A. Molano
 - c. The Hidalgo ISD Cheerleaders are requesting permission to attend and participate in the Disney World Workshop and Educational Tour, to be held April 30-May 3, 2027, in Orlando, Florida.
Ms. A. Molano

VIII. ACTION, REPORT AND/OR UPDATE TAKEN ON INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT SUPPORT:

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Hidalgo ISD 2026-2027 Grading Guidelines and JH/HS Honors Course Agreements
Ms. J. Dimas
- B. Hidalgo Early College High School - STC Student Performance Status Report 2025-2026
Ms. J. Dimas
- C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2026-2027 Hidalgo ISD District and Campus Improvement Plans
Ms. J. Dimas
 - 1. HISD District Improvement Plan
 - 2. HECHS
 - 3. Ida Diaz Jr. High
 - 4. Hidalgo Elementary

- 5. JC Kelly Elementary
- 6. Salinas Elementary
- 7. Hidalgo Park Elementary
- D. Bilingual/DL/ESL Program Evaluation Report
- Ms. J. Gaona
- E. Hidalgo ISD June 2026 STAAR End-of-Course Assessment Results
- Dr. A. Guanzon

IX. ACTION, REPORT AND/OR UPDATE TAKEN ON FINANCE:

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the Budget Amendment from Fund Balance
- Ms. G. Garza
- B. Discussion and possible action to amend the Salary Compensation Plan for 2026–2027 as recommended by Administration
- Ms. G. Garza
- C. Discussion and possible action to the Unique, Gifted, Loved, Individual (UGHLI) Club Grant for Hidalgo Elementary
- Ms. G. Garza, Ms. A. Solano
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve the Proposed Contract between the Hidalgo ISD and Hidalgo County Elections for the Election Services for the District Trustee Election on November 3, 2026
- Mr. R. Tinoco

X. ACTION, REPORT, AND/OR UPDATE TAKEN ON OPERATIONS:

- A. Discussion and possible action to authorize administration to renew services agreement with Trane for HVAC systems district wide
- Mr. G. Sanchez, Mr. M. Rivera, Mr. E. Gonzales
- B. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve a Forward Energy Procurement Plan to secure future electricity pricing and explore funding opportunities through the NextEra Energy Integrated Efficiency Program for qualifying energy-efficiency and capital-improvement projects, and to authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements, subject to legal review and applicable procurement
- Mr. E. Gonzales, Mr. J. Galvan

XI. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board may convene in Closed Session in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.074

- A. Consultation with School attorney to receive legal advice
(Section 551.071, Texas Government Code)
- B. Personnel Matters:
(Section 551.074, Texas Government Code)
 - 1. Discussion of Superintendent Recommendations concerning Employment, Resignations, Reassignments, Retirements, Renewals, Non-Renewals, Terminations, Staffing Status, discipline or to hear complaints or charges regarding personnel

- C. Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
 - 1. Security District wide Report and Intruder Audit
 - 2. Intruder Detective Audit Report Findings for Ida Diaz Jr. High

XII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

XIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

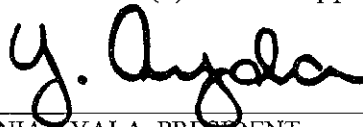
- A. Consultation with School attorney to receive legal advice
- B. Personnel Matter:
(Section 551.071, Texas Government Code)
 - 1. Consideration of and Possible Action Regarding Superintendent's Recommendations Concerning Employment, Resignations, Reassignments, Retirements, Non-Renewals, and Terminations, discipline or to hear complaints or charges regarding personnel
- C. Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
 - 1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Safety Audit Report for Ida Diaz Jr. High
 - 2. Discussion and possible action on Security District wide Report and Intruder Audit

XIV. CONSIDER ACTION ON:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above. The Board of Trustees of The Hidalgo ISD reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.

Public Input Policy: "During the meeting, the Hidalgo ISD will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half hour (1/2) hour in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the Hidalgo ISD must sign up to do so, prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the Hidalgo ISD. Members of the public may comment on any issue or topic, regardless of whether it is included on the posted agenda for the meeting. For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the President as the items are considered, and the same time limitations of three (3) minutes applies."



YESENIA AYALA, PRESIDENT

HIDALGO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Posted: Date 9/28/26 Time: 3:20 p.m.

By: Hana C. Goya