



Hidalgo Independent School District

100 Years of Excellence - HONORING THE PAST & INSPIRING THE FUTURE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET FOR 2026-2027 AND PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2026

AUGUST 25, 2026 – 6:00 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 SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET FOR 2026-2027 AND PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2026 ON THE 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026 AT 6:00 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 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

Y. Ayala

YESENIA AYALA, PRESIDENT
HIDALGO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEAL

AVISO DE REUNIÓN ESPECIAL DE LA JUNTA Y REUNIÓN PÚBLICA PARA DISCUTIR EL PRESUPUESTO PARA 2026-2027 Y LA TASA IMPOSITIVA PROPUESTA PARA 2026

25 DE AGOSTO DE 2026 – 6:00 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 ESPECIAL DE LA JUNTA Y REUNIÓN PÚBLICA PARA DISCUTIR EL PRESUPUESTO PARA 2026-2027 Y LA TASA IMPOSITIVA PROPUESTA PARA 2026 EL 25 DE AGOSTO DEL 2026 A LAS 6:00 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 19 DE AGOSTO DEL 2026

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YESENIA AYALA, PRESIDENTE
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The Hidalgo Independent School District, Board of Trustees will hold a Special Called Board Meeting and Public Hearing Meeting To Discuss Budget For 2026-2027 and Proposed Tax Rate For 2026 on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:00 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. PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET (2026-2027) AND PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR (2026)

Texas Education Code Section 44.004

A. Presentation on proposed budget and proposed tax rate

Ms. G. Garza

B. Public comments on proposed budget and proposed tax rate

Texas Education Code Section 44.004

C. Closing of public meeting

V. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Announcements

1. Student Transfers and Enrollment Update

Ms. L. Garza, Video

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VIII. ACTION TAKEN ON CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Approve minutes of Board Meetings:
- B. Tax Collector's Report:
 - 1. Hidalgo County Tax Office Tax Collections Report for July 2026
Ms. G. Garza
- C. Advertisement of Bids/Quotes/Proposals:
- D. Consideration of Bids/Quotes/Proposals:
- E. Other:
 - 1. Financial Report for the Month of July 2026
Ms. G. Garza
 - 2. Financial Report - Check Register July 2026
Ms. G. Garza
 - 3. Report on Purchases in the amount of \$10,000 - \$49,999.99
Ms. G. Garza
 - 4. Bluebonnet Beacon Learning Grant
Ms. J. Dimas
 - 5. MOU with Easter Seals Rio Grande Valley
Mr. J. Esquivel
 - 6. MOU with Region One to provide O&M Services to students
Mr. J. Esquivel
 - 7. Employee Handbook
Mr. G. Sanchez
 - 8. Donations
Ms. G. Garza

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

- A. Hidalgo ISD 2026 State Accountability Results
Dr. A. Guanzon
- B. Hidalgo ISD Migrant Updat
Mr. R. Tinoco, Mr. A. Ruiz
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution #2026-08 for delegation of authority to the superintendent for expeditious and effective waiver request in the interest of district operations
Mr. R. Tinoco

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

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on recommendation of Superintendent on adoption of the 2026-2027 Hidalgo ISD Official Budget
Ms. G. Garza
Texas Education Code Section 44.004 (g)
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution #2026-07 of the Board of Trustees of Hidalgo Independent School District, Adopting the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027
Ms. G. Garza

Texas Tac Code Section 26.05(b)

C. Discussion and possible action to approve checks and/or invoices over purchasing threshold of \$50,000

Ms. G. Garza

D. Discussion and possible action to approve the End-of-the-Year Budget Amendment

Ms. G. Garza

E. Discussion and possible action to approve the Additional Proposed Pay Raises for the 2026-27 School Year

Ms. G. Garza

F. Discussion and possible action to amend the Salary Compensation Plan

G. Discussion and possible action to renew Unemployment Compensation with TASB Risk Management Fund for the 2026-2027 year

Mr. E. Gonzalez

H. Discussion and possible action to renew the property & casualty insurance submitted by Silverthorn Ins. agency for plan year 2026-2027 subject to final review and negotiations

Mr. E. Gonzales

I. Discussion and possible action to approve RFQ #25-26-08 on Call Engineering Services

Mr. E. Gonzales

XI. ACTION, REPORT, AND/OR UPDATE TAKEN ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS:

A. Discussion and possible action to authorize administration to direct Architects to proceed with construction documentation for the re-roofing of Ida Diaz Jr. High and Hidalgo Early College High School.

Mr. G. Sanchez, Mr. J. Mujica

XII. 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)

1. The Board of Trustees may convene in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 (consultation with attorney) to consult with the District's attorneys regarding pending litigation styled *RG Enterprises, LLC d/b/a G&G Contractors v. Hidalgo Independent School District, et al.*, Cause No. CL-26-3478-E, in the County Court at Law No. 5 of Hidalgo County, Texas, and the related appeal, Cause No. 13-26-00552-CV, in the Thirteenth Court of Appeals, including recent orders of the Thirteenth Court of Appeals and the legal implications of the District's options concerning the Bond Project procurement, CSP No. 25-26-03.

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

2. District-wide Security Update

XIII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

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

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding Competitive Sealed Proposal No. 25-26-03 General Contractor for Bond Project, consisting of a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Building, an Agricultural Barn Building, and a Sports Center Complex Building, including one or more of the following: (a) approval of an AIA construction contract with the offeror determined to offer the best value to the District under the published selection criteria and weighted values of CSP No. 25-26-03, in accordance with the evaluation and ranking adopted by the Board of Trustees at its June 9, 2026 Special Called Meeting, and authorization for the Superintendent to execute the contract documents on behalf of the District; or (b) rejection of all proposals received in response to CSP No. 25-26-03, authorization to re-advertise the Bond Project for procurement by competitive sealed proposals under Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Subchapter D, and adoption of a Selection Criteria and Weighted Values Matrix and scoring methodology for the re-procurement; and any action incident to the foregoing.

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, Staffing Status, discipline or to hear complaints or charges regarding personnel

XV. CONSIDER ACTION ON:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT:

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a different order than listed. The Board of Trustees of Hidalgo ISD reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any 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, Hidalgo ISD will provide an open public forum/comment period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes in total. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes. Individuals wishing to address the Board must sign up prior to the start of the comment period. Members of the public may address the Board on any item, whether or not it is posted on the agenda. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics within the jurisdiction of Hidalgo ISD. For items not posted on the agenda, the Board may not deliberate or take action; however, members may direct staff to investigate or place the item on a future agenda. Additionally, members of the public may be

recognized by the Board President to speak on posted agenda items at the time those items are considered. The same three (3) minute time limit applies.."



YESENIA AYALA, PRESIDENT
HIDALGO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Posted: Date 8/19/26 Time: 5:07 p.m.

By: Yanet C. Hays