



**SOUTH TEXAS  
COLLEGE**

# **Board of Trustees**

## **Special Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
4:45 p.m.**

**Pecan Campus  
Ann Richards Administration  
Building  
Board Room  
McAllen, Texas**

**Online Board Packet**

**SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 4:45 p.m.  
Ann Richards Administration Building Board Room  
Pecan Campus, McAllen, Texas 78501**

**AGENDA**

"At anytime during the course of this meeting, the Board of Trustees may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Board of Trustees under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at anytime during the course of this meeting, the Board of Trustees may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code. At this meeting, the Board of Trustees may deliberate on and take any action deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees on the following subjects:"

**COVID-19 Public Health / Attendance Measures**

Due to COVID-19 and Social Distancing recommendations, members of the public are encouraged to watch the live broadcast of the meeting at:

<https://admin.southtexascollege.edu/president/agendas/live.html>.

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Determination of Quorum**
- III. Public Comments**
- IV. Consideration of New Items**
  1. Approval of Order #2024-011 Calling for May 4, 2024 Election of STC Trustees for Single-Member Trustee District #1, Single-Member Trustee District #2, and Single-Member Trustee District #6
- V. Announcements**
  - A. Next Meetings:
    - Tuesday, February 27, 2024
      - 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting
  - B. Other Announcements:
    - South Texas College will join the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partners to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Summit for Dual Credit Programs from February 18 – 20, 2024 at the South Padre Island Convention Center.

## **Approval of Order Calling for May 4, 2024 Election of STC Trustees for Single-Member Trustee District #1, Single-Member Trustee District #2, and Single-Member Trustee District #6**

Approval of the Order #2024-011 Calling for the May 4, 2024 Election of an STC Trustee for single-member trustee District #1, single-member trustee District #2, and single-member trustee District #6 is requested.

The Order Calling for the General Election of Board members for single-member trustee District #1, single-member trustee District #2, and single-member trustee District #6 is provided in the packet for the Board's review. The election must be called by February 16, 2024 in order to proceed with the Saturday, May 4, 2024 election.

### **Engagement of County Election Departments**

The proposed order authorizes Dr. Ricardo J. Solis as College President to act as necessary to contract with Hidalgo County and Starr County for the administration of this election. This will allow the College to formally engage the Hidalgo County and Starr County Elections Department to approve polling places for early voting and election day and to undertake other logistic activities as included in their engagement contracts.

### **Proposed Polling Locations**

#### **Starr County**

Polling locations for Early Voting and Election Day have been coordinated with the Starr County Elections Administrator, and are included within the Election Order as presented.

This includes the use of the South Texas College Starr County Campus throughout Early Voting; however, because voters in Starr County are required to vote in a precinct-based polling place, the campus would not be used on Election Day.

#### **Hidalgo County**

The proposed Order references Exhibits A and B, which are still being developed by the Hidalgo County Elections Department. These will identify the times, dates, and locations of Early Voting Polling Places and Election Day Polling Places.

Because Hidalgo County has state authorization for county-wide polling places on Election Day, voters who live within single-member districts #2 or #6 will be able to vote at any polling location administered by the Hidalgo County Elections Department throughout the county on Election Day, similar to the Early Voting process.

The College's proposed polling place locations, which will be submitted as a request to the Hidalgo County Elections Department, are included in the packet following the order. This request includes the use of the Regional Center for Public Safety Excellent and the Mid Valley Campus, as those locations fall within single-member trustee District #6.

Other entities will have until February 16, 2024 to call any elections for May 4, 2024. Should this occur, the authorization of the College President to adjust polling locations, dates, and times will help the College coordinate as needed with these entities.

The College will have the opportunity to make further amendments to the Order as needed in response to concurrent elections and coordination with the Hidalgo County Elections Department and the Starr County Elections Department.

Election Order #2024-011 Calling for the May 4, 2024 Election of an STC Trustee for single-member trustee District #1, single-member trustee District #2, and single-member trustee District #6 has been presented to legal counsel for review and feedback.

**Enclosed Documents:**

Election Order #2024-011 Calling for the May 4, 2024 Election of an STC Trustee for single-member trustee District #1, single-member trustee District #2, and single-member trustee District #6 is included in the packet, and any further revisions provided by legal counsel will be distributed at the meeting.

The packet also includes a list of proposed polling places for use in single-member trustee District #2 and single-member trustee District #6, which would be added to the list of county wide polling places used throughout Hidalgo County.

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of South Texas College approve the following Minute Order proposed for consideration:**

The Board of Trustees of South Texas College approves and authorizes Election Order #2024-011 Calling for the May 4, 2024 Election of an STC Trustee for single-member trustee District #1, single-member trustee District #2, and single-member trustee District #6 as presented.

**Approval Recommended:**

**Dr. Ricardo J. Solis**  
**President**

# ORDER #2024-011 CALLING GENERAL ELECTION

IT IS ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE DISTRICT THAT:

**Section 1. Call of Election: Date: Eligible Electors: and Hours.** A general election shall be held on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**, within and throughout single-member trustee District No. 1, single-member trustee District No. 2, and single-member trustee District No. 6 of the South Texas College District. At this general election, only the resident, qualified electors of single-member trustee District No. 1 shall be entitled to vote for a trustee to represent District No. 1 on the Board of Trustees of the South Texas College District, only the resident, qualified electors of single-member trustee District No. 2 shall be entitled to vote for a trustee to represent District No. 2 on the Board of Trustees of the South Texas College District, and only the resident, qualified electors of single-member trustee District No. 6 shall be entitled to vote for a trustee to represent District No. 6 on the Board of Trustees of the South Texas College District (the "Election").

The hours during which the polling places for each voting precinct within each single-member trustee district are to be open at the Election shall be from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

**Section 2. Single-Member Trustee Districts: Boundaries Thereof.** The geographical boundaries of single-member trustee District No. 1, of single-member trustee District No. 2, and of single-member trustee District No. 6 are designated as follows:

## **SINGLE-MEMBER TRUSTEE DISTRICT NO. 1**

**ALL OF THE TERRITORY** lying within the geographical boundary of Starr County, Texas.

## **SINGLE-MEMBER TRUSTEE DISTRICT NO. 2**

The presently existing boundaries of the respective Hidalgo County Election Precincts that are wholly or partially within the territorial boundaries of South Texas College's Single-Member Trustee District No. 2 are hereby designated as the voting precincts for that Single-Member Trustee District, and consist of the following Hidalgo County Election Precincts; and as more accurately described in the map made part of the redistricting resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the South Texas Community College District Board of Trustees on December 14, 2021:

Precinct 011	Precinct 088	Precinct 133	Precinct 195	Precinct 217
Precinct 028	Precinct 093	Precinct 145	Precinct 197	Precinct 218
Precinct 029	Precinct 098	Precinct 170	Precinct 198	Precinct 219
Precinct 050	Precinct 099	Precinct 182	Precinct 205	Precinct 241
Precinct 051	Precinct 100	Precinct 183	Precinct 209	Precinct 243
Precinct 064	Precinct 125	Precinct 185	Precinct 210	Precinct 254
Precinct 078	Precinct 128	Precinct 187	Precinct 211	Precinct 257
Precinct 080	Precinct 131	Precinct 194	Precinct 212	

### **SINGLE-MEMBER TRUSTEE DISTRICT NO. 6**

The presently existing boundaries of the respective Hidalgo County Election Precincts that are wholly or partially within the territorial boundaries of South Texas College's Single-Member Trustee District No. 6 are hereby designated as the voting precincts for that Single-Member Trustee District, and consist of the following Hidalgo County Election Precincts; and as more accurately described in the map made part of the redistricting resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the South Texas Community College District Board of Trustees on December 14, 2021:

Precinct 002	Precinct 045	Precinct 120	Precinct 173	Precinct 229
Precinct 003	Precinct 055	Precinct 123	Precinct 174	Precinct 232
Precinct 004	Precinct 057	Precinct 132	Precinct 175	Precinct 235
Precinct 005	Precinct 071	Precinct 137	Precinct 176	Precinct 238
Precinct 021	Precinct 077	Precinct 146	Precinct 177	Precinct 250
Precinct 022	Precinct 091	Precinct 147	Precinct 178	Precinct 251
Precinct 023	Precinct 111	Precinct 155	Precinct 186	Precinct 253
Precinct 025	Precinct 112	Precinct 156	Precinct 190	
Precinct 039	Precinct 113	Precinct 157	Precinct 191	
Precinct 040	Precinct 114	Precinct 171	Precinct 196	
Precinct 042	Precinct 118	Precinct 172	Precinct 214	

**Section 3. Early Voting Clerk and Deputy Early Voting Clerk(s).** The Early Voting Clerks and the Deputy Early Voting Clerk(s) shall be the following:

#### **Hidalgo County**

Hidalgo County Early Voting Clerk:	Hilda A. Salinas, Hidalgo County Election Administrator
Hidalgo County Deputy Early Voting Clerk(s):	To be appointed by the Hidalgo County Early Voting Clerk

#### **Starr County**

Starr County Early Voting Clerk:	Armandina Martinez, Starr County Election Administrator
Starr County Deputy Early Voting Clerk(s):	To be appointed by the Starr County Early Voting Clerk

The duties of the Early Voting Clerk and the Deputy Early Voting Clerk(s) shall be those prescribed by the Texas Election Code. The early voting clerk's office shall remain open for early voting activities during the hours the polls are required to be open for voting on Election Day.

**Section 4. Early Voting Days, Dates, Hours, And Polling Places:** Early voting by personal appearance shall commence on **Monday, April 22, 2024** and terminate on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**. The **main early voting polling place** and each **temporary branch early voting polling places**, for early voting by personal appearance, shall be as follows:

**MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE**

**Hidalgo County**

Elections Annex  
317 N. Closner Blvd  
Edinburg Texas 78539

**Starr County**

Starr County Courthouse  
401 N. Britton Avenue  
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582

**TEMPORARY BRANCH EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES**

**Hidalgo County**

Any voter who is entitled to vote an early voting ballot by personal appearance for an STC Single-Member District within Hidalgo County, Texas may do so at the **main early voting polling place** or at any **temporary branch early voting polling place** throughout Hidalgo County, established. Early voting shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code during the early voting period, as set forth in Exhibit A, the *Hidalgo County May 4, 2024 Local Entities Election Early Voting Polling Locations Dates and Times*.

**Starr County**

Any voter who is entitled to vote an early voting ballot by personal appearance for STC Single-Member District #1 within Starr County, Texas may do so at the **main early voting polling place** or at any **temporary branch early voting polling place** throughout Starr County, established. Early voting shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code during the early voting period, as set forth below:

<b>Location for Early Voting Polling Places</b> (Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección)	<b>Days and Hours of Operations</b> (Días y Horas Hábiles)
Starr County Courthouse Commissioner's Court 401 N. Britton Ave., Rio Grande City, TX	
STC Starr County Campus, Bldg E Main Hallway 142 FM 3167, Rio Grande City, TX	
Roma Nutrition Center 867 Morelos Ave., Roma, TX	
La Rosita Public Library 4192 W. US Hwy 83, La Rosita TX	
El Cenizo Building 70 Old Casita Road, Rio Grande City, TX	
La Victoria Community Center 532 Gabriela St.	

**Section 5. Early Voting Clerk; Application for Ballot Voted by Mail.** The mailing and physical address of the Early Voting Clerk for the Election where an application for a ballot to be voted by mail is to be submitted shall be as follows:

**Hidalgo County**

STC Early Voting Clerk  
Election Administration  
County of Hidalgo  
P.O. Box 659  
Edinburg, Texas 78540-0659

**Starr County**

STC Early Voting Clerk  
Election Administration  
100 N. FM 3167 Suite 218  
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582

**Section 6. Election Day Polling Places**

**Hidalgo County**

District-wide voting is permitted in Hidalgo County and voters may vote at any designated voting place, as set forth in Exhibit B, the *Hidalgo County May 4, 2024 Local Entities Elections Countywide Polling Places Election Day Locations*.

**Starr County**

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote, as set forth below:

<b>Location of Election Day Polling Places</b> (Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección)	<b>Precinct Number(s)</b> (Número de precinto)
Starr County Courthouse Commissioner's Court 401 N. Britton Ave Rio Grande City Tx	1,2,4,13
Roma Nutrition Center 867 Morelos Ave., Roma TX	6,7,11
La Rosita Public Library 4192 W. US Hwy 83, La Rosita TX	3,5,10,12
El Cenizo Building 70 Old Casita Road Rio Grande City, TX	8
La Victoria Community Center 532 Gabriela St.	9,14

**Section 7. Notice of Election.** Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner prescribed by the Texas Election Code.

**Section 8. Authorized to Execute.** The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of South Texas College District is authorized to execute this Order, and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is authorized to attest the same on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the South Texas College District.



The President of South Texas College is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

**Section 9. Delegation of Authority to President.** The President of the College is delegated the authority of approving the final precinct voting locations in conjunction with the Hidalgo County Elections Administrator and the Starr County Elections Administrator.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

**SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Rose Benavidez  
Chair, Board of Trustees

**ATTEST:**

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Mrs. Victoria Cantu  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

**May 4, 2024 Early Voting Polling Place Request for  
South Texas College Single Member Districts 2 and 6**

<b>STC District</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
2	Alton Recreation Center, Classroom	349 Dawes Ave., Alton, Texas
2	Pct. #3 "The Mansion", Back Entrance	2401 N. Moorefield Rd., Palmview, Texas
2	Penitas Public Library, Main Area	1111 S. Main St., Penitas, Texas
2	Sullivan City WIC Clinic, Lobby	371 W. Expwy 83, Sullivan City, Texas
2	La Joya Youth Center, Back Room	604 Salomon Chapa Dr, La Joya, Texas
6	STC Mid Valley Campus, Library Building E Conference Room	400 N. Border, Weslaco, Texas
6	Business Visitor and Event Center, Conference Rooms A & B	275 S. Kansas Ave., Weslaco, Texas
6	Amigos Del Valle, Main Area	1408 Silver Ave., Donna, TX
6	Sgt. Fernando De La Rosa Library, Large Meeting Room	416 N. Tower Rd., Alamo, Texas
6	STC Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence, Rm. 1.111	3901 S Cage Blvd, Pharr, TX 78577
6	Progreso Family Comm. Ctr., Main Entrance	510 FM 1015, Progreso, Texas
6	San Juan Memorial Library, Multi-Purpose Room	1010 S. Standard St., San Juan, Texas

<b>Day of Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
Monday	4/22/2024	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	4/23/2024	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	4/24/2024	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	4/25/2024	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Friday	4/26/2024	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	4/27/2024	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	4/28/2024	Closed	Closed
Monday	4/29/2024	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	4/30/2024	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.

**May 4, 2024 Election Day Voting Polling Place Request for  
South Texas College's Single Member Districts 2 and 6**

<b>City</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Address</b>
La Joya	La Joya Youth Center, Back Room	604 Salomon Chapa Dr, La Joya, Texas
Palmview	Pct. #3 The Mansion, Back Entrance	2401 N. Moorefield
Penitas	Penitas Public Library	1111 S. Main St. Conference Room
Sullivan	Sullivan City WIC Clinic, Lobby	371 W. Expwy 83, Sullivan City, Texas
Donna	Amigos Del Valle, Main Area	1408 Silver Ave., Donna, TX
Pharr	STC Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence, Rm. 1.111	3901 S Cage Blvd, Pharr, TX 78577
Progreso	Progreso Family Comm. Ctr., Main Entrance	510 FM 1015, Progreso, Texas
San Juan	San Juan Memorial Library, Multi-Purpose Room	1010 S. Standard St., San Juan, Texas
Weslaco	STC Mid Valley Campus, Library Building E Conference Room	400 N. Border, Weslaco, Texas
Weslaco	Business Visitor and Event Center, Conference Rooms A & B	275 S. Kansas Ave., Weslaco, Texas

## **Announcements**

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