



**Texas Council for International Studies, Inc
Board of Directors**

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2020

2:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88185401902>

Under authority given by the Governor of Texas, a called Virtual Board Meeting of the Texas Council for International Studies will be held on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 2 PM. The open session portion of the meeting will be streamed as a Zoom meeting. The link will be provided at www.texascis.org by 12:00 PM on Friday, November 13, 2020. The Zoom link for the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88185401902>. **Members of the community who wish to address the Board during the Public Forum** may submit their requests in writing to board@texascis.org by Monday, November 16, 2020 at 12:00 PM. These statements will be read on the behalf of the submitter by the Secretary to the Board. **Submissions must include name, address, phone number and the open session subject or agenda item(s) to be addressed.**

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting Called to Order
- b. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
 - i. Dr. Dolph Briscoe
 - ii. Ms. Karen Phillips
 - iii. Dr. Bill Thomas
 - iv. Mr. Walter Sorensen

- v. Mr. Ted Williams
- c. Recording of Chief Executive Officer Present
 - i. Ms. Margaret Davis
- d. Recording of Secretary to the Board Present
 - i. Ms. Linda Buie

2. Recognitions

- a. Introduction of TCIS Counsel
 - i. Ms. Janet Bubert
- b. Introduction of TCIS Board Consultants
 - i. Dr. Courtney Gober, TCIS San Antonio ISD Liaison
 - ii. Mr. Doyle Vogler, Director of Business Operations
 - iii. Ms. D’Les Gonzales, San Antonio Director
 - iv. Ms. Leah Trainham, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction
 - v. Ms. Gina Vera, Marketing
 - vi. Ms. Georgia Mayo, Web Design
 - vii. Mr. Jacob Navarrete, Blogger
 - viii. Ms. Lindsay Bruehl, Bookkeeper

3. Public Forum

- a. Submitted comments read by Secretary to the Board

4. Closed Session

- a. Private consultation with the Board’s attorney as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
- b. Deliberation regarding personnel matters, including but not limited to employment, duties, discipline, reassignment, resignation, retirement, reclassification, and dismissal of an employee as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and 551.074.

5. Reconvene in open session for possible action on items discussed in closed session

6. Actions Items (Consent Agenda)

- a. Approve TCIS Board minutes of September 29, 2020
- b. Approve TCIS budget report for September 2020
- c. Approve TCIS budget report for August 2020

7. Approval Actions Items

- a. Consider a resolution to approve the TCIS Whistleblower Policy
- b. Consider a resolution to approve the TCIS Document Retention Policy

- c. Consider resolution to approve the TCIS application for Edgewood ISD
- d. Consider resolution to authorize TCIS CEO to enter into ancillary agreements consistent with and as may be necessary to implement the terms of the Partnership Agreement between TCIS and Longview ISD

1. Information and Discussion Items

- a. Longview ISD Partnership: Presentation from Hudson PEP Elementary School (Sue Wilson presenting)
- b. San Antonio ISD Partnership: Presentation from Woodlawn Academy (Karen Rose presenting)
- c. San Antonio ISD partnership Update
 - i. Enrollment: Schools are working hard on enrollment to the point they are going missing student by missing student. Open-enrollment taking place now for 2021-22 school year.
 - ii. Attendance: Jefferson High School had the highest 1st nine weeks attendance. The schools in San Antonio are about 25% face-to-face. Starting this week phasing in additional students based on need and attendance issues.
 - iii. Academics: COVID gaps are being addressed. Burbank High School is planning a Saturday in the parking lot tutorial session. Campuses have taken a holistic approach and met with teachers and teams to determine students with the highest need and developed campus support plans to phase in student between now and December to improve student academic success and reduce barriers to learning virtually.
- d. Longview ISD TCIS Partnership Update
 - i. Enrollment: Schools exceeded projections by 100 students. This will provide more than \$800,000.00 in funding for our schools. The schools are more than 60% in person.
 - ii. Charter School Start-Up Grants: 5 of the 6 schools have from \$450,000.00 to \$800,000.00 in grants on top of the additional 1882 funding. By rule, this money must be spent by March.
 - iii. Local Advisory Council: The initial meeting of parents appointed by the schools as a local council was held. The purpose of the local council is highlighting the fidelity of implementation of the IB at our schools.
- e. TCIS Curriculum and Instruction Update
 - i. TCIS leadership is meeting monthly with the Heads of School in San Antonio and in Longview.
 - ii. TCIS Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction is providing professional development sessions for campuses and working individually with campuses.
 - iii. TCIS is providing consultants and materials directly to campuses.

iv. TCIS Director of Schools has been developing Targeted Improvement Plans with Heads of School and their leadership teams. Submitting to SAISD Board in November and TEA in December.

f. TEA update: TCIS Asynchronous Plans Approval



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g. TCIS Marketing Update

- i. For San Antonio activities include (1) distribution of door hangers, (2) commercials to be aired on Spectrum, (3) banners to run on the internet on Spectrum, and (4) advertisements to be placed in Our Kids magazine.
- ii. For Longview activities include (1) an advertisement in the Longview News Journal, (2) segments on the Longview ISD radio show and (3) articles in the digital and print versions of the Longview Voice.

h. TCIS Website Update

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- i. A major update of the website is in development to move to a look like this on the homepage:

j. Announcement: Next regularly schedule TCIS Board Meeting: March 29, 2021 and March 30, 2021

2. Adjournment

NOTICE:

ANY ITEM ON THIS POSTED AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS LONG AS THE SUBJECT OF THE ITEM IS WITHIN ONE OF THE AUTHORIZED EXCEPTIONS IDENTIFIED IN TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 THROUGH 551.076 OR SECTIONS 551.087 THROUGH 551.089.

Recess: The Board of Trustees may recess the meeting at any time and reconvene the meeting within 24 hours. The reconvened meeting will occur at the same location as the original meeting and will address the original agenda without the need for reposting.