



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 11/02/2026

Item Title:	<u>Naming of Rivera Early College</u>	<u>X</u>	Action
	<u>High School Facility Athletic Complex</u>	<u>X</u>	Information
		<u>X</u>	Discussion

BACKGROUND:

On September 8, 2026, Rivera Early College High School conducted a Facility Naming Consultation Meeting to consider and develop formal recommendations for the naming of the Athletic Complex at Simon Rivera Early College High School.

The process involved the formation of a committee composed of former Rivera coaches and current staff. Each committee member carefully reviewed the qualifications and legacy of the proposed honorees. Following discussion and presentations, the committee reached a unanimous decision. A final collective vote was then conducted with all committee members present, during which the recommendations for all three facilities were unanimously affirmed.

Simon Rivera High School Athletic Complex – Proposed Name: Coach Tom Chavez Athletic Complex

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

To be determined.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of naming the following facility at Simon Rivera Early College High School's Athletic Complex to Coach Tom Chavez Athletic Complex.

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Obed Leal

Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Dr. Alma Cardenas-Rubio

Recommended by: Assistant Superintendent

Miguel Salinas

Approved by: Staff Attorney

Dr. Timothy E. Cuff

Dr. Timothy E. Cuff, Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.

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TRADITION • PRIDE • PURPOSE

Obed Leal
Principal

Alejandra Guzmán
Inst. Coach

Danny De Leon
Asst. Principal

Gloria Garcia
Asst. Principal

Noelia Lara
Asst. Principal

Rodrigo Lopez
Asst. Principal

Michelle Saucedo
Asst. Principal

Meeting Agenda

Proposed Naming of the Rivera Athletic Compound

Date: 9/8/2026 **Time:** 10:00 AM **Location:** Rivera ECHS **Facilitator:** Obed Leal

Purpose: To discuss the proposed naming of the Rivera High School athletic compound in honor of **Tom Chavez** and determine the appropriate next steps for consideration and approval.

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Purpose of Meeting**
 - Review the purpose of the meeting.
 - Establish the goal of reaching consensus on the proposed naming recommendation.
2. **Background and Rationale**
 - Review the history and purpose of the Rivera athletic compound.
 - Discuss Tom Chavez's contributions, service, and connection to Rivera High School and its athletic programs.
 - Consider how the proposed naming reflects Rivera's tradition, pride, and legacy.
3. **Proposed Facility Name**
 - Discuss the proposed name:
The Tom Chavez Athletic Facility or Athletic Compound
 - Determine whether the name will refer to the specific indoor training facility or the larger athletic compound.
4. **Proposed Signage**
 - Review the proposed monument sign concept.
 - Proposed wording:
 - Rivera High School
 - The Tom Chavez Athletic Facility or Compound
 - Brownsville Independent School District
 - Review proposed dimensions, location, stonework, colors, and visibility.
5. **District Naming Requirements and Approval Process**
 - Identify any BISD policies, procedures, documentation, or approvals required.
 - Determine whether Board of Trustees approval is necessary.
 - Identify supporting documentation needed for submission.
6. **Stakeholder Input**
 - Discuss input from administration, athletics, alumni, family, community members, and other stakeholders.
 - Identify individuals or organizations who should be included in the process.
7. **Dedication and Recognition**
 - Discuss the possibility of a formal dedication or unveiling ceremony.
 - Consider recognition of the Chavez family, former athletes, coaches, alumni, and community members.
8. **Next Steps and Assignments**
 - Finalize recommended facility name.
 - Assign responsibility for preparing the naming proposal.
 - Confirm documentation and approval timeline.
 - Finalize signage specifications and proposed location.
 - Establish a tentative dedication timeline.

Desired Outcome:

A clear recommendation regarding the naming of the Rivera athletic facility in honor of **Tom Chavez**, along with an agreed-upon process for obtaining district approval, completing signage, and planning an appropriate dedication.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN-SERVICE SIGN-IN SHEET

Course Title: Proposed Naming of Rivera Athletic Compound Level: ☐ Elementary ☐ Secondary ☐ All Level

Course# Section#

Date: September 8, 2026 Scheduled Time: 10:00am

Campus | Department: Rivera ECHS / 004 Location: Principal's Office

Contact Person Audience Community

Credit Type CPE Hours Stipend Administrator Obed Leal

PARTICIPANT SIGN IN

#	Employee Number	Name (PRINT)	Campus Loc. #	Signature	Time IN	Time OUT
1	350920	Johnny Garza	004	<i>[Signature]</i>	10:00am	
2		ARMANDO HURTADO	004	<i>[Signature]</i>	10:00am	
3		JEFFERY ROBERTSON		<i>[Signature]</i>		
4	119814	Daniel Castillo	004	<i>[Signature]</i>	10:00am	
5		Salvador Green		<i>[Signature]</i>	10:00am	
6		Obed Leal	007	<i>[Signature]</i>	11:00am	
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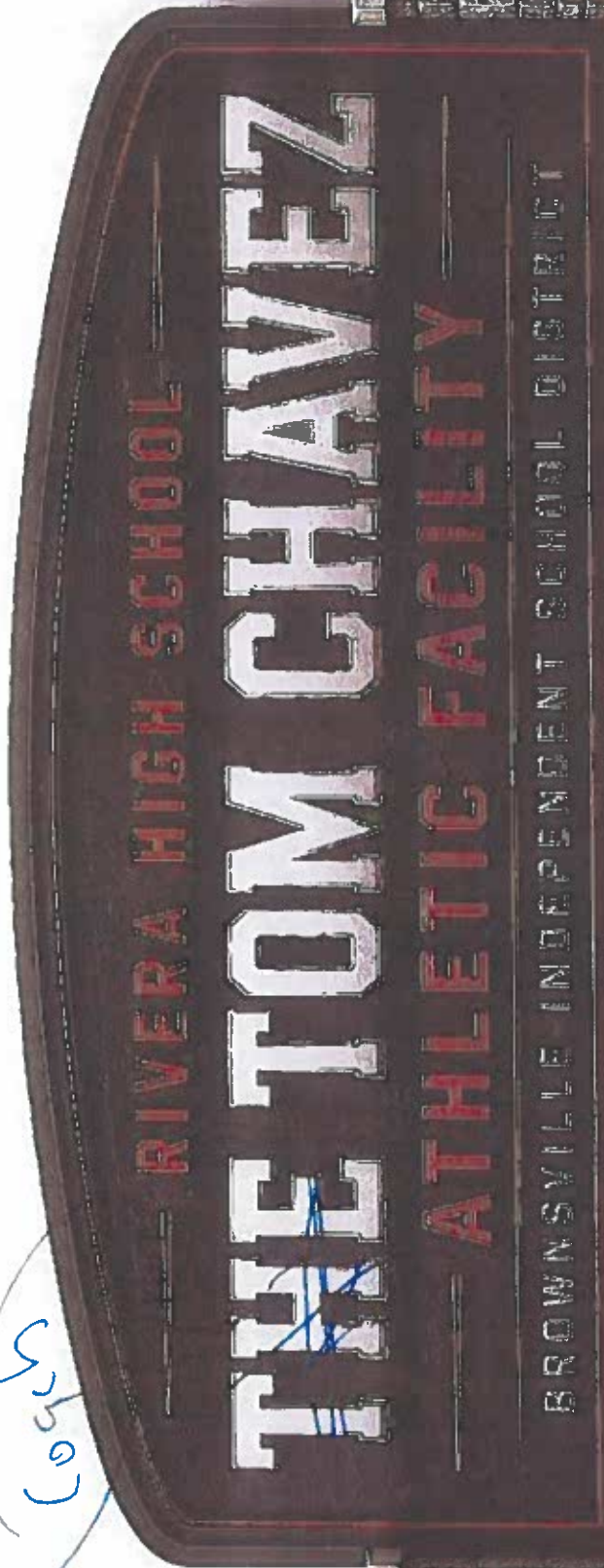
Original sign-in sheets for required district and campus staff development days and TEA topics must be sent to the Professional Development Department.
Sign-in sheets are recommended for documentation of attendance at all BISD sessions. Records will be retained for five years. BISD Record: Item 1050-28sig

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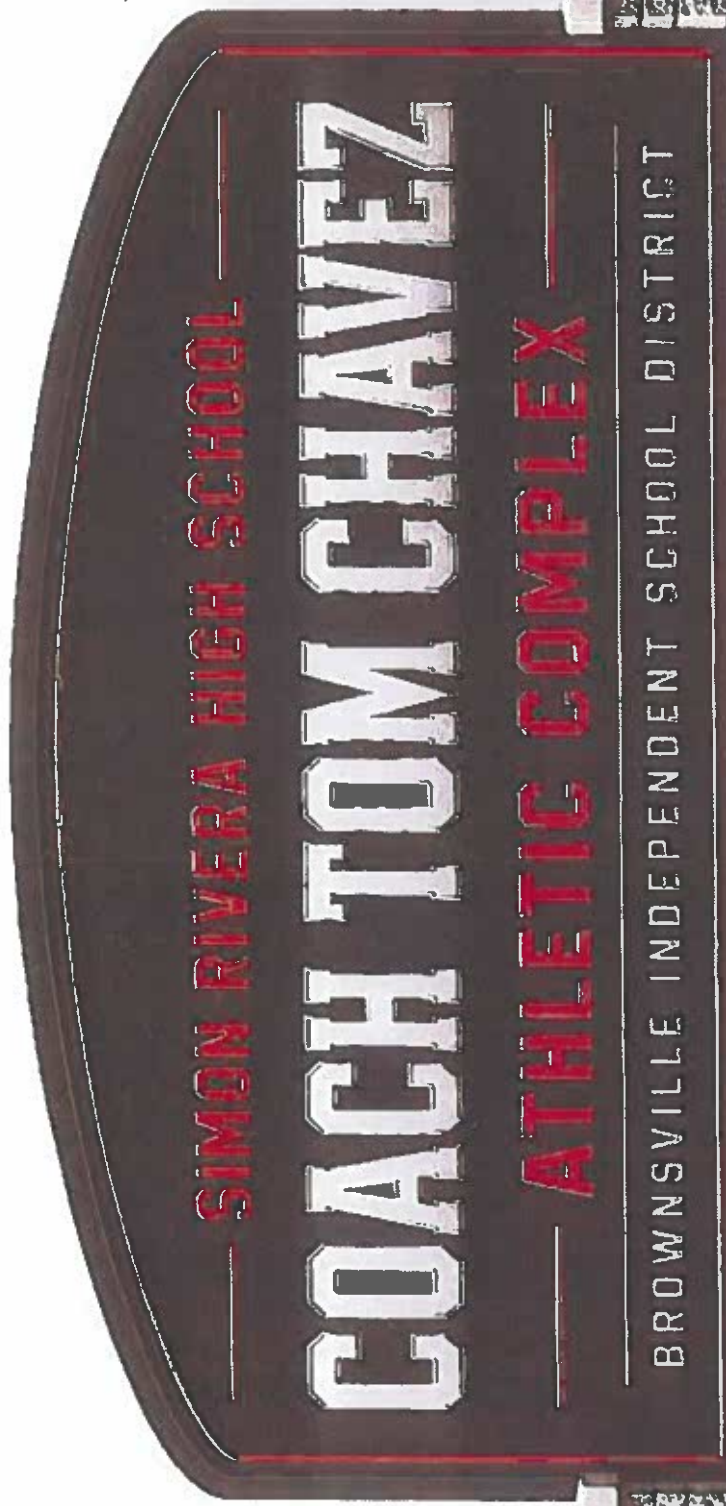


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