



Mission Consolidated Independent School District

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Notice and Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Mission Consolidated Independent School District will hold a **Public Hearing on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) to Discuss the Mission CISD's State Financial Accountability Rating on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:15 PM** in the **Mission CISD Annex, 925 E. Business HWY. 83, Mission, Tx 78572**. At this meeting, the Board may deliberate or act on any of the subjects listed on the following agenda. The President may change the order of items listed below for the convenience of the Board.

A G E N D A

- I. Public Comment(s) on Specific Agenda Item(s)**
- II. Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) to Discuss the Mission CISD's State Financial Accountability Rating** **2**
- III. Adjournment**

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board may enter into a closed meeting to deliberate any item that is listed above that fits within an exception listed in Subchapter D. Any final action, decision, or vote on a subject deliberated in closed meeting will be taken in an open meeting held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

This Notice was posted by 4:00 p.m., on October 4, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Cris Valdez". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Dr. Cris Valdez, Superintendent of Schools
Mission Consolidated Independent School District**



Public Hearing
Fiscal Year 2022-2023
October 9, 2024



FIRST Goals and Objectives

Objectives

- Assess the quality of Financial Management
- Publicly Report this assessment
- Implement a rating system that fairly and equitably evaluates the quality of management decisions

Goals

- Strengthen fiscal accountability
- Facilitate effective and efficient use of resources

Rating: A = Superior Achievement
District Score: 100



Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

2023-2024 RATINGS BASED ON SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 DATA - DISTRICT STATUS DETAIL

Name: MISSION CISD(108908)

Status: Passed

Rating: A = Superior Achievement

District Score: 100

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Critical Indicator 1

Indicator Description

- Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to the TEA within 30 days of the November 27 or January 28 deadline depending on the school district's fiscal year end date of June 30 or August 31, respectively?

Response

- Was your Annual Financial Report filed by the deadline?
- **The district's Annual Financial Report was submitted to the Texas Education Agency on time, meeting the required deadline.**

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Critical Indicator 2

Indicator Description

- Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole? (The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) defines unmodified opinion. The external independent auditor determines if there was an unmodified opinion.)

Response

- A modification on our financial report would have meant that corrections were needed in some of our reporting or financial controls.
- The District's goal, therefore, is to receive an "unmodified opinion" on its Annual Financial Report.
- **The opinion expressed by our independent auditors on the June 30, 2023, Annual Financial Report was unmodified, indicating a clean audit.**



Critical Indicator 3

Indicator Description

- Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end?

Response

- This indicator seeks to make certain that your district has timely paid all bills/obligations, including financing arrangements to pay for school construction, school buses, photocopiers, etc.
- **The district met all bonded indebtedness obligations, demonstrating sound financial management.**

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Critical Indicator 4

Indicator Description

- Did the school district make timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies?

Response

- This indicator seeks to make sure the district fulfilled its obligation to the TRS, TWC and IRS to transfer payroll withholdings and to fulfill any additional payroll-related obligations required to be paid by the district.
- **The district made all required payments to government agencies promptly, complying with all relevant deadlines.**



Indicator 5

Indicator Description

- Was the total net position in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position greater than zero?

Response

- **The district's total net position, which represents the difference between its assets and liabilities, was greater than zero, indicating financial stability.**



Indicator 6

Indicator Description

- Was the average change in (assigned and unassigned) fund balances over 3 years less than a 25 percent decrease or did the current year's assigned and unassigned fund balances exceed 75 days of operational expenditures?

Response

- This indicator measures the percentage change in fund balance to see whether the fund balance is declining too quickly, and if it is declining, whether sufficient fund balance remains to operate for at least 75 days.
- The District needed a \$34,790,625 available fund balance to cover the calculated 75 days of expenditures.
- **The district's average change in fund balance was 0.058%, well within the 25% threshold.**



Indicator 7

Indicator Description

- Was the number of days of cash on hand and current investments in the general fund for the school district sufficient to cover operating expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)?

Response

- This indicator measures how long in days after the end of the fiscal year the school district could have disbursed funds for its operating expenditures without receiving any new revenues.
- **As of June 30, the district had 228 days of cash on hand, significantly exceeding the standard requirements.**



Indicator 8

Indicator Description

- Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt?

Response

- This indicator measures whether the school district had sufficient short-term assets at the end of the fiscal year to pay off its short-term liabilities.
- **The district's current ratio stood at 4.1858, surpassing the standard benchmark of 3.0, demonstrating strong short-term financial health.**



Indicator 9

Indicator Description

- Did the school district's general fund revenues equal or exceed expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? If not, was the school district's number of days of cash on hand greater than or equal to 60 days?

Response

- This indicator simply asks, “Did you spend more than you earned?” (the school district will automatically pass this indicator, if the school district had at least 60 days cash on hand.)
- **The district’s revenues exceeded expenditures by \$6,422,595. Additionally, the district maintained 228 days of cash on hand as of June 30.**



Indicator 10

Indicator Description

Response

- This indicator is not being evaluated.



Indicator 11

Indicator Description

- Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency?

Response

- This question is similar to asking someone if their mortgage exceeds the market value of their home.
- **The district's assets exceeded its long-term liabilities, indicating a solid position to support long-term financial solvency.**



Indicator 12

Indicator Description

- What is the correlation between future debt requirements and the district's assessed property value?

Response

- This indicator asks about the school district's ability to make debt principal and interest payments.
- **The district's debt per \$100 of assessed value is \$2.22, a ratio that sufficiently supports future debt repayments.**



Indicator 13

Indicator Description

- Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio?

Response

- This indicator measures the percentage of their budget that Texas school districts spent on administration.
- For districts in Mission CISD's category, the administrative cost ratio should fall below 8.55%.
- **The district's administrative cost ratio was 7.84%, well below the threshold of 8.55%.**



Indicator 14

Indicator Description

- Did the school district not have a 15 percent decline in the student-to-staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)?

Response

- Compares total student enrollment to the total number of staff members; essentially, checking if the ratio of students to staff significantly decreased over a 3-year time frame.
- **The district's ratio of 5.77% was significantly less than the 15% threshold.**



Indicator 15

Indicator Description

Response

- This indicator is not being evaluated.



Indicator 16

Indicator Description

- Did the comparison of Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data to like information in the school district's AFR result in a total variance of less than 3 percent of all expenditures by function?

Response

- This indicator measures the quality of data reported to PEIMS and our Annual Financial Report to make certain that the data reported in each aligns.
- If the difference in numbers reported in any fund type is 3 percent or more, the district fails this measure.
- **The district successfully passed this indicator.**

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Indicator 17

Indicator Description

- Did the external independent auditor report that the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds and free from substantial doubt about the school district's ability to continue as a going concern?

Response

- A clean audit of your Annual Financial Report would state that your district has no material weaknesses in internal controls.
- Any internal weaknesses create a risk of your district not being able to properly account for its use of public funds and should be immediately addressed.
- **The report was free of any instances of material weaknesses, affirming robust internal controls.**



Indicator 18

Indicator Description

- Did the external independent auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds?

Response

- This indicator measures whether the district is complying with laws, rules, and regulations related to the expenditure of grant funds, contracts, and other state and federal funds.
- **The report contained no instances of material noncompliance.**



Indicator 19

Indicator Description

- Did the school district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules that were in effect at the school district's fiscal year end?

Response

- This indicator measures whether the district is complying with legal requirements related to financial transparency by posting all required information on its website.
- **The district posted all required financial information on its website, complying with statutory obligations.**

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Indicator 20

Indicator Description

- Did the school district's administration and school board members discuss any changes and/or impact to local, state, and federal funding at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget?

Response

- This indicator measures whether the school board had the opportunity to consider the impact of changes in property value on the finances of the district.
- **The school board discussed budget and property values at meetings held from February to June 2023.**



Indicator 21

Indicator Description

- Did the school district receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over-allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds because of a financial hardship?

Response

- This indicator checks whether the district had to set up a special repayment plan over multiple years due to receiving more state funding than it was supposed to, resulting in financial difficulties.
- **The district did not receive an adjusted repayment plan.**



Disclosure 1

Disclosure

- Superintendent's current employment contract.

Response

- Attached to the Management Report.



Disclosure 2

Disclosure

- Total reimbursements received by the Superintendent and each Board Member.

Response

Reimbursements for the Twelve-Month Period Ended June 30, 2023	Dr. Carol G. Perez FORMER SUPERINTENDENT	Juan M. Gonzalez FORMER MEMBER	Iris Iglesias MEMBER	Veronica R. Mendoza MEMBER	Petra Ramirez MEMBER	Minnie Rodgers FORMER MEMBER	Roy Vela FORMER MEMBER	Gerardo Zamora MEMBER	Total
Meals	\$ 509.26	\$ 299.17	\$ 399.06	\$ 399.06	\$ -	\$ 17.90	\$ 17.90	\$ 614.06	\$ 2,256.41
Lodging	3,121.19	1,805.56	2,830.37	2,431.70	502.16	1,125.04	622.88	2,753.03	15,191.93
Transportation/ Mileage	985.87	651.38	603.40	918.20	180.25	180.25	180.25	1,833.23	5,532.83
Motor Fuel - Gasoline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other/ Registration Fees	<u>2,403.11</u>	<u>1,222.50</u>	<u>1,122.50</u>	<u>1,016.25</u>	<u>737.50</u>	<u>737.50</u>	<u>212.50</u>	<u>1,972.50</u>	<u>9,424.36</u>
Total	\$ <u>7,019.43</u>	\$ <u>3,978.61</u>	\$ <u>4,955.33</u>	\$ <u>4,765.21</u>	\$ <u>1,419.91</u>	\$ <u>2,060.69</u>	\$ <u>1,033.53</u>	\$ <u>7,172.82</u>	\$ <u>32,405.53</u>



Disclosure 3

Disclosure

- Compensation and/or fees received by the Superintendent from another school district or other outside entity in exchange for professional consulting or other personal services.

Response

- No Amounts Reported.



Disclosure 4

Disclosure

- Total dollar amount of gifts with an economic value of \$250 or more received by the executive officers and board members.

Response

- No Amounts Reported.



Disclosure 5

Disclosure

- Dollar amount received by board members for the total amount of business transactions with the school district.

Response

- No Amounts Reported.

District Score: 100

Rating: A = Superior Achievement

Questions/Comments



