

**Harris County Department of Education
School Finance Council
General Organizational Guide**

Introduction

The facilitator is Jesus J. Amezcua, CPA. With over 20 years of experience, Jesus J. Amezcua, CPA brings an extensive knowledge of business and finance management. A certified public accountant, Jesus has served as a consultant for Harris County Department of Education and has over 17 years experience of university teaching at Texas A&M International University. He has three masters' degrees from TAMU and has headed the Finance Departments of the City of Laredo, Laredo ISD, Cotulla ISD and currently, Harris County Department of Education. He has taught governmental accounting, principles of accounting, intermediate accounting, auditing, state, federal and international taxation, corporate finance, financial statement analysis, ethics for accountants, marketing, school facilities, and special issues in management and accounting.

Business Services Division

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SFC Members

HCDE serves the 26 school districts located in Harris County, Texas and this group composes the School Finance Council.

Agenda Review Committee

In an effort to assist in the scheduling of topics that are of interest to the group, HCDE requests the appointment of at least three committee members.

Communications will be via email unless otherwise requested.

Any member may request a topic or type of speaker to be brought to the Council for presentation.

CPE Credits

All sessions will earn TASBO CEUs and/or CPA CPEs for Texas CPAs (minimum of 4 hours). Certificates will be presented at the end of each session only.

Services

HCDE is available to provide a variety of services including Purchasing Cooperatives, Finance Reviews and other training services from the Business Support Group. (See Attached list of services).

Monthly Luncheon

The SFC will include a luncheon each month to be hosted by a firm that will bring information to the SFC.

Other Contacts Available through HCDE

Other contacts that can provide various services through HCDE:

Dr. Richard Griffin, Governance and Finance Studies
(713) 696-1378

Jim Schul, Chief Information Officer (713) 696-8207

- Digital Learning Instructional Technology
- Records Management
- Technology

Dr. Linda Pitre, Assistant Superintendent (713) 696-1790

- Alternative Certification
- Communication and Public Information
- Instructional Support
- Research and Evaluation
- Resource Development

Celeste Harris, Assistant Superintendent (713) 696-1713

- **Adult Education**
- **Cooperative for After School Enrichment (CASE)**
- **Special Schools and Services**
- **Head Start**
- **Center for Safe and Secure Schools**

**Joanie Rethlake, State Director of Adult Education (Texas
LEARNS) (713) 696-1701**

Les Hooper, Executive Director of Facilities (713) 696-8261

- **Choice Facility Partners**
- **Construction**
- **Maintenance and Operations**

**Natasha Truitt, Executive Director of Human Resources
(713) 696-8283**