

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harris County Department of Education will be held on the **18th day of March 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** for the Board to conduct the business of that meeting. Such a meeting is a **CALLED BOARD MEETING**.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott temporarily suspended a number of open meetings laws in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing government entities, including HCDE, to conduct meetings by telephone or videoconference. Notice is hereby given that HCDE intends to conduct this called meeting via videoconference. As required by the temporary suspension, HCDE:

- Has provided online written notice containing a free-of-charge videoconference link, as well as an electronic copy of any agenda packet, before conducting this meeting via videoconference; specifically, the public may use the following free-of-charge videoconference link:

<https://hcde-texas-org.zoom.us/j/87919522379?pwd=ZDZ6a29Mc1AzZVFSTFJEalFnNyt6UT09;>

Meeting ID: 879 1952 2379; Passcode: 836247

- Will provide the public with access and a means to participate in the called meeting; and
- Will provide the public with access to a recording of the meeting.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action might be taken are on the Agenda following.

Additionally, from time to time an issue will be raised concerning an item on our agenda that had not been anticipated. The issue, while within the scope of the agenda topic, may be one that is required or authorized by law to be considered in executive session rather than in public session. In order for the Board to consider such issue in executive session, rather than postpone consideration of it until the next board meeting, the Board lists below most if not all be all of the sections of the Open Meetings Act that address the purposes for which the Board may lawfully meet in executive/closed session. The Board's purpose is not to meet in executive session to consider matters not on the agenda for the meeting. Instead, its purpose is to efficiently and timely conduct its business in accordance with the law.

Therefore, if, during the course of the meeting on agenda items covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at the date, hour, and place given in this notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all subjects and purposes authorized by Sections 551.071-551.084, inclusive, of the Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to:

Section 551.071 For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects matters authorized by law.

Section 551.072 For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Section 551.073 For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation.

Section 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

Section 551.076 To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices.

Section 551.082 For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing.

Section 551.083 For the purpose of considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with

representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements provided for by Section 13.901 of the Texas Education Code.

Section 551.084 *For the purpose of excluding witness or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.*

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either: a) the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or b) at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

James Colbert, Jr., County School Superintendent



Harris County Department of **Education**

The Board of Trustees
March 18, 2021

Agenda of Called Meeting

A Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harris County Department of Education will be held March 18, 2021, beginning at 1:00 p.m. via videoconference.

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.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment** - In lieu of a public appearance at the Board Meeting, members of the public may submit written comments to the Board via email prior to the beginning of the meeting addressed to publiccomment@hcde-texas.org, which will be provided to the Board. In your email, please state your name, address, topic, and comment.
3. **Possible action regarding HCDE Equine Enrichment Center**
4. **Consider appointing primary and alternate Board delegates to the Head Start Policy Council**
5. **Adjourn**

James Colbert, Jr.
County School Superintendent