

**HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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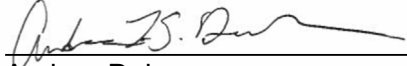
The Harris County Board of School Trustees met in a Called Board Meeting on June 28, 2022, in Room 400A, Administration Building, 6300 Irvington Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77002. The meeting was called to order at **9:25 a.m.** and notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Gov't. Code §551.041 and §551.051.

Board Members Present:	Richard Cantu, Board President; Andrea Duhon, Second Vice President; Danny Norris; Eric Dick and Erica Davis
Board Committee Members Absent:	Amy Hinojosa and David Brown
Board Attorney:	Sarah Langlois
Administration:	James Colbert, Jr., County School Superintendent
Visitors:	None
<p>1. Come to Order</p> <p>2. Open Forum</p> <p>4. Debrief of Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio, TX (June 15-18, 2022)</p>	<p>President Cantu called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.</p> <p>No one from the public requested to address the Board.</p> <p>Board members present and Mr. Colbert gave reports of the sessions they attended at the SLI conference in San Antonio, including, without limitation as follows:</p> <p>Trustees Duhon and Davis attended an SLI session that addressed how to make Board committees effective. Based on this information, Trustee Duhon suggests the creation of a Board bulletin outlining topics and notes from committee meetings that is immediately disseminated after an HCDE committee meets. This will ensure the Board is communicating clearly. The Superintendent or Board Secretary can send the bulletin.</p> <p>Trustee Duhon also mentioned that during the SLI Board Officer Academy, other boards recommended two-year cycles for their officers to increase efficiency. Also, these boards were stringent about placing term information in their policies instead of informal practice. The group discussed possible benefits and disadvantages of this model.</p> <p>Superintendent Colbert attended an SLI session that addressed employment trends and vacancies in school districts and the strategies administrators are implementing to fill positions. He also attended a presentation about controlling the narrative of Board meetings; the session addressed keeping meetings on course when they are open to the public.</p> <p>The group also discussed best practices when tracking Continuing Education credits for TASA and TASB events and</p>

	<p>trainings. The credits are not mandatory for the HCDE Board but can still be documented.</p> <p>Trustee Cantu mentioned that the closing session of the SLI conference stressed experiential learning opportunities for students, which Mr. Cantu believes will impact hard-to-reach students. He proposed HCDE partner with The Woods Project, which creates wilderness education and exploration experiences that develop critical behaviors needed for disadvantaged students in the Houston area. The group discussed expanding this idea to include cultural excursions, which also encompasses theater arts and music.</p> <p>Trustee Cantu recommended HCDE fund full-time staff to oversee the Education Foundation. He also suggested an increase in Board diversity, as well as an annual fundraiser in collaboration with vendors from the Choice Partners Cooperative.</p> <p>Trustee Davis suggested the Board promote HCDE's programs by networking with other Boards. Sarah Langlois suggested that the Board could attend meetings of the TASB Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards to network with other Board members across the region.</p>
<p>Executive Session: Under the Texas Government Code, pursuant to all purposes permitted by Sections 551.001-551.084, including, but not limited to: 551.071</p>	<p><i>The Board entered Executive Session at 10:02 a.m. to receive legal advice regarding the following:</i></p> <p>3. Discussion and possible action regarding HCDE's potential participation in the Harris County Minority-or Women-Owned Businesses Enterprise (MWBE) disparity study fund.</p> <p><i>The Board entered Open Session at 10:57 a.m.</i></p>
<p>5. Adjourn:</p>	<p><i>Motion made by Andrea Duhon, seconded by Eric Dick, to adjourn the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passes with 5-0 voting to adjourn the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.</i></p>



Richard Cantu
Board President



Andrea Duhon
First Vice President