

**HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING
March 20, 2020 at 10 a.m. via Telephone**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.125 and 551.045 that due to the state of emergency declared by officials of Houston and Harris County, Governor Abbott on behalf of the State of Texas, and President Trump on behalf of the United States of America regarding the spread of coronavirus/COVID-19 (hereafter “COVID-19”), the Harris County Department of Education Board of Trustees will meet via telephone in an emergency called meeting on March 20, 2020, beginning at 10 a.m. An emergency exists that requires immediate action of the Board of Trustees because of an imminent threat to public health and safety and/or a reasonably unforeseeable situation, specifically the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, a determination is made that the convening at one location of a quorum of the HCDE Board of Trustees is difficult or impossible, given the emergency/disaster declarations and the mandates to socially distance.

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

- has provided online written notice containing a free-of-charge toll-free dial-in number, as well as an electronic copy of any agenda packet, before conducting this meeting via telephone; specifically, the public may use the following toll-free dial-in number: (844) 854-2222; access code: 728409;
- will provide the public with access and a means to participate in the emergency called meeting, through two-way audio connection; and
- will provide the public with access to a recording of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

B. Declaration of Quorum

Stated for the record, the names of trustees participating in the meeting, and that the notice has been posted in the time and manner required by law.

2. Superintendent’s Report regarding COVID-19 matters

3. Consider adoption of Resolution approving actions relating to COVID-19 emergency and delegating authority to the Superintendent to take all actions as may be necessary in regards to the same.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code

section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Certification as to Posting or Giving of Notice

This notice was posted, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and Governor Abbott's temporary suspension of certain TOMA requirements, at least 1 hour prior to the emergency called board meeting, on March 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. This notice was posted on HCDE's website and is readily accessible to the public upon request.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Colbert, Jr.", is written above a horizontal line.

James Colbert, Jr.
HCDE Superintendent