ORDER FOR GENERAL TRUSTEE ELECTION HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HARRIS §

- 1. Pursuant to the Special Act of 1923 passed by the 38th Legislature of the State of Texas, creating and incorporating the Houston Independent School District; Article 2774b, as amended; and in accordance with Sections 11.055, 11.056, 11.0581, and 11.061 of the Texas Education Code, and the Texas Election Code, the School Board for the Houston Independent School District hereby calls and orders a general election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025, for the purpose of electing five trustees, for regular terms, to Geographic Districts I, V, VI, VII, and IX.
- 2. The election shall be administered by Harris County and conducted as a joint election with the City of Houston, and other participating entities, in precincts that can be served by common polling places pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code. Only qualified voters of the Houston Independent School District residing within Geographic Districts I, V, VI, VII, and IX shall be eligible to vote at the election.
- 3. The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of said election, to execute all necessary contracts for election services, and to serve as the District representative to coordinate with Harris County in conducting the election in accordance with, and subject to, the laws of this State. Harris County shall furnish all necessary election equipment, programming, ballots and other election supplies necessary for a lawful election.
- 4. All election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, central counting station officials, and other personnel designated by Harris County to conduct the election in the precincts covered by this Order, are hereby appointed and confirmed.
- 5. Any person residing in Geographic Districts I, V, VI, VII, and IX desiring election to the Board must submit a request in writing to have his, her, or their name placed on the ballot as a candidate for the geographic district in which he, she, or they reside. The request must be filed with the District's Board Services Department located at the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77092-8501, along with any other information required by law. Applications for the general election (Geographic Districts I, V, VI, VII, and IX) may be filed on or after July 19, 2025, through August 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
- 6. No person shall have a vote counted for him, her, or them as a write-in candidate for the general election (Geographic Districts I, V, VI, VII, and IX) unless that person has filed a written declaration of write-in candidacy no earlier than Saturday, July 19, 2025, and no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 22, 2025, with the District's Board Services Department.
- 7. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by lot through a drawing or drawings held at the District's Board Services Department, as provided by Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code. The District shall post a

notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing(s) on the bulletin board used for the notices of meetings of the School Board of the District. The notice shall remain posted continuously for seventy-two (72) hours immediately preceding the scheduled time of the drawing. The District shall also mail notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing to each candidate, at the address stated on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot, not later than the fourth (4th) day before the day of the drawing. Each candidate involved in the drawing, or a representative designated by him or her, shall have a right to be present at the drawing and to draw for a position on the ballot.

8. The official ballots for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code and Article 2774b. All candidates shall be designated on the official ballot according to the number of the geographic district in which the candidate resides. The official ballot shall have printed on it the following:

Official Ballot for the Purpose of Electing Trustees

Houston Independent School District

- 9. The polling places for this election shall be open for voting from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025.
- 10. The following regular county polling places in Harris County election precincts that contain territory lying within Geographic Districts I, V, VI, VII, and IX or parts thereof are hereby designated as polling places for the election:

[INSERT POLLING LOCATIONS WHEN AVAILABLE]

NRG Arena, Hall D, 1 NRG Parkway, Houston, Texas 77054 is designated as the main early voting place, and Teneshia Hudspeth, Harris County Clerk (telephone number: 713-755-6965), is hereby appointed clerk for early voting in the election. Applications for ballots by mail should be directed in writing to Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, Texas 77251-1148 by regular mail; to Teneshia Hudspeth, Harris County Clerk, 1001 Preston Street, Fourth Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 by common or contract carrier; by telephonic facsimile machine at 713-755-4983; or by electronic transmission of a scanned application containing an original signature to the following email address: vbm@HarrisVotes.com. Registered voters may obtain an application to vote by mail by downloading it from HarrisVotes.com/Voter/Vote-By-Mail; calling 713-755-6965; or sending an email to vbm@HarrisVotes.com. An application must be received by the Clerk for Early Voting by October 24, 2025. Additionally, if an application for ballot by mail (ABBM) is faxed or emailed, or if a federal postcard application (FPCA) is faxed, then the applicant must submit the original application to the Early Voting Clerk by mail so that the Clerk receives the original not later than the fourth (4th) business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the Early Voting Clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by this deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA is incomplete, and the Clerk cannot send the applicant a ballot. Early voting by personal appearance will be held Monday, October 20, 2025, through Friday, October 31, 2025. Dates and times for early voting by personal appearance shall be as follows: October 20 – October 25, 2025 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.; October 26, 2025 12 p.m. -7 p.m.; October 27 -31, 2025 7 a.m. -7 p.m. Early voting will be conducted at the following established Harris County early voting locations:

[INSERT EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS WHEN AVAILABLE]

- 12. All voting at the election shall be by the method provided by the Commissioners' Court of Harris County, Texas, for use in elections held in Harris County, Texas, under the conditions provided for by contract between Harris County and the Houston Independent School District.
- 13. The candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast for the position shall be deemed to be elected and be entitled to serve as trustee.
- 14. The results of the election shall be canvassed by the Board not earlier than November 7, 2025, or later than November 15, 2025, at a meeting called by the Board in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act. In the event that no person is elected by majority vote, the Board shall order a special run-off election to be held on a date specified by law and shall cause the names of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the election to be placed on the ballot as candidates for the run-off election. The special run-off election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by law for regular elections. In setting the date for the special run-off election, the Board may take into consideration any other election to be held at or around the date of the special election.
- 15. The candidates elected to office in Geographic Districts I, V, VI, VII, and IX shall assume office on January 1, 2026, continuing until December 31, 2029.
- 16. All election materials including the notice of election, ballots, instruction cards, affidavits, and other forms which the voter may be requested to sign, and all early voting materials, shall be printed in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese, or Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese translations thereof shall be made available in the circumstances permitted and the manner required by law.
- 17. Pursuant to Section 63.0013 of the Texas Election Code, an election officer may give voting order priority to individuals with a mobility problem that substantially impairs the person's ability to move around. A person assisting an individual with a mobility problem may also, at the individual's request, be given voting order priority. Disabilities and conditions that may qualify for voting order priority include paralysis, lung disease, the use of portable oxygen, cardiac deficiency, severe limitation in the ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition, wheelchair confinement, arthritis, foot disorder, the inability to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest, or use of a brace, cane, crutch, or other assistive device.
- 18. A substantial copy of this order shall serve as proper notice of the election. The notice, including a Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese translation, shall be published at least one time not more than thirty (30) days or less than ten (10) days before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and posted not later than the 21st day before the election and remain posted continuously through election day on the bulletin board used for notices of meetings of the School Board, and also on the District's website. The District shall deliver notice of this election to the Harris County Clerk not later than the 60th day before the election.

- 19. To the extent not contained within the District's official election notice, the District shall also post on its website not later than October 14, 2025, the following information: (1) the election date; (2) the location of each polling place; (3) the name of each candidate for an elected office on the ballot; and (4) to the extent applicable, each measure on the ballot.
- 20. Additionally, the District shall post the following information on its website as soon as practicable after the election: (1) the results of the election; (2) total number of votes cast; (3) total number of votes cast for each candidate or for or against each measure; (4) total number of votes cast by personal appearance or election day; (5) total number of votes cast by personal appearance or mail during the early voting period; and (6) total number of counted and uncounted provisional ballots cast.
 - 21. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this fourteenth day of August, 2025.

Paula Mendoza, Secretary
School Board
Houston Independent School District

Ric Campo, President
School Board
Houston Independent School District

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