

THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



AGENDA

**School Board
Meeting**

October 15, 2025

SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

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BOARD AUDITORIUM – OPEN SESSION

- Call to Order
- Speakers to Agenda Items
- Public Hearing Regarding the Tax Rate
- Consideration and Approval of Agenda Item
- Recess to Closed Session under Sections 551.004 through 551.089 of the Texas Government Code for the Purposes Listed in this Notice
- Reconvene in Open Session
- Consideration and Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Approval Of Resolution Reconsidering Adoption Of The Tax Year 2025 Tax Rate To Include Adoption Of Disaster Pennies Under Texas Property Tax Code Section 26.042
 - Resolution

CLOSED SESSION

Personnel

- a) Deliberate the duties of the superintendent of schools, chief officers, deputy chief officers, executive directors, principals, employees, and board members; evaluations of the superintendent; consideration of compensation, and contractual provisions of same.
- b) Consider and approve proposed appointments, reassignments, proposed terminations, terminations/suspensions, contract lengths, proposed nonrenewals, renewals, and resignations/retirements of personnel including teachers, assistant principals, principals, chiefs, division superintendents, senior executive directors, executive directors, directors, and other administrators, and, if necessary, approve waiver and release and compromise agreements.
- c) Hear complaints against and deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers or employees and resolution of same.

Legal

- a) Matters on which the district's attorney's duty to the district under the Code of Professional Responsibility clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Law, including specifically any matter listed on this agenda and meeting notice.

- b) Pending or contemplated litigation matters and status report.
- c) Update on federal law enforcement activity on February 27, 2020.
- d) Update and possible action in the matter of Nathan v. Alamo Heights Independent School District, in the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Civil Action No. 5:25-cv-00756.
- e) Update and possible action in the matter of Houston Federation of Teachers v. Mike Miles, in the District Court of Harris County, Texas, 164 Judicial District, Cause No. 2025-53237.
- f) GSA Network et al., v. Mike Morath, Houston ISD et al., in the Southern District of Texas, Civil Action No. 4:25-CV-04090.

District Safety, Emergency Management, And Security Audits

- a) Discussion of district safety concerns, including districtwide intruder detection audit report findings and HB3 compliance.

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Consent Agenda

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10/15/2025

1.

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Office of Finance and Operations

Approval Of Resolution Reconsidering Adoption Of The Tax Year 2025 Tax Rate To Include Adoption Of Disaster Pennies Under Texas Property Tax Code Section 26.042

To support the approved 2025-2026 budget and to make required expenditures, on September 11, 2025, the Houston Independent School District (HISD) adopted a tax rate of \$0.8489 per \$100 of taxable value. This rate included a maintenance and operations component of \$0.6822 and a debt service component of \$0.1667. Upon further review, it is recommended that HISD reconsider its adoption of the tax rate to include an additional \$0.0294 cents under Texas Property Tax Code Section 26.042 *Calculation and Adoption of Certain Tax Rates in Disaster Area*.

HISD incurred increased expenditures of money that were necessary to respond to Hurricane Beryl. The governor of Texas declared a disaster and requested federal disaster assistance that included Harris County where HISD is located. The inclusion of disaster pennies will change the previously adopted tax year 2025 tax rate of \$0.8489 per \$100 of taxable value to \$0.8783 per \$100 of taxable value. This reconsidered rate includes a maintenance and operations component of \$0.7116 and a debt-service component of \$0.1667.

Texas Property Tax Code Section 26.042 states that "an election is not required under Tax Code Section 26.08 to approve the tax rate adopted by the governing body of the school district for the year following the year in which the disaster occurs".

Approval of this tax rate will allow the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector to begin preparation of the 2025 tax bills.

Tax Rates	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	Change
Adopted Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate	\$0.7016	\$0.6822	(\$0.0194)
Interest & Sinking Tax Rate	\$0.1667	\$0.1667	\$0.00
Tax Code Sec. 26.042 Pennies	\$0.00	\$0.0294	\$0.0294
Total Tax Rate 2025	\$0.8683	\$0.8783	\$0.0100

The resolution and ordinance reconsidering the adoption of the tax rate for tax year 2025 to include Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 26.042 disaster pennies is attached.

COST/FUNDING SOURCE(S): None

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS: None

THIS ITEM DOES NOT ESTABLISH, MODIFY, OR DELETE BOARD POLICY.

RECOMMENDED: That the School Board reconsiders and amends the previously adopted tax year 2025 property tax rate of \$0.8489 to include Tax Code Sec. 26.042 disaster pennies; and, subject to the School Board's motion to reconsider, that the School Board approves the attached resolution under Property Tax Code Sec. 26.042 to adopt a total tax rate for tax year 2025 of \$0.8783 per \$100 of taxable value, which includes disaster pennies and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2025 as reflected in the resolution, effective October 16, 2025.

**RESOLUTION
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
2025**

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE FIXING AND ADOPTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2025:

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Houston Independent School District hereby approves, in the manner required for official action, a Resolution specifying a disaster declaration as providing the basis for tax calculation and adopting the tax rate for the year 2025; and,

WHEREAS, such action item was duly and timely placed on the agenda of this meeting of the School Board of the Houston Independent School District and appeared in the due course of the meeting of the School Board; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Houston Independent School District finds that after reviewing all sources of revenue, it is necessary that the Board fix the rate for tax year 2025 for all purposes at Eighty Seven and 83/100 Cents (\$0.8783) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed property value to operate the school system during the 2025–2026 budget year, and provide for the bonded indebtedness of the School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends and the School Board finds that the school tax rate for the Houston Independent School District should be fixed at Eighty Seven and 83/100 Cents (\$0.8783) and taxes levied based per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed property value, with Seventy One and 16/100 Cents (\$0.7116) being for current maintenance and operations of the school district, and Sixteen and 67/100 Cents (\$0.1667) for payment of interest on outstanding bonded indebtedness and to provide for Sinking Fund requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

1. All of the above paragraphs are incorporated and made a part of this Resolution; and,
2. All things prerequisite to the passing of this Resolution, including all notices of hearings, consideration and adoption of a budget, and all other things have been done and performed; and,

3. Pursuant to Section 26.042 (g) of Chapter 26 of the Texas Property Tax Code, designation is hereby made specifying Hurricane Beryl, which caused damage to the School District, as providing the basis for authorizing the Houston Independent School District to calculate or adopt a tax rate under Section 26.042(e); and,
4. A disaster declaration was made by the Governor of the State of Texas on the 5th day of July 2024 by official order, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes; and,
5. The School Board of the Houston Independent School District accordingly exercises its rights as provided for in Texas Property Tax Code Section 26.042(e) due to increased expenditures necessary to respond to the disaster; and,
6. The school tax rate for the HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, for the year 2025 shall be, and the rate is hereby fixed at Seventy One and 16/100 Cents (\$0.7116) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed property value for maintenance and operations of the schools of the district, and Sixteen and 67/100 Cents (\$0.1667) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed property value to pay interest on outstanding bonded indebtedness and provide for Sinking Fund requirements, making a total tax rate of Eighty Seven and 83/100 Cents (\$0.8783) per each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed value of taxable property, such ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property situated in the district for all purposes, not exempt from taxation by valid laws, during the year 2025, and the Assessor and Collector of Taxes of the district is hereby authorized and directed to assess property and collect school taxes on the basis of this rate for the year 2025; and,
7. The tax rate adopted herein exceeds the School District's voter-approval tax rate due to increased expenditures necessary to respond to a disaster, and because the tax rate adopted herein is in response to a disaster and is adopted in the year following the disaster, an election to ratify the adopted tax rate required under Texas Tax Code Section 26.08 is not required pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 26.042(e); and,
8. The assessed value of taxable property shall be based upon the current assessment ratio of one hundred percent (100%) of market value; and the tax rolls for 2025 and all prior years are approved.

**"THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE
AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE."**

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this _____ day of October 2025.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

President
School Board

Attest:

Secretary
School Board