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HISD Board of Education to elect president and officers for 2022

January 13, 2022 – Newly elected trustees Kendall Baker (District VII) and Bridget Wade (District VII) will take part in their first board meeting joining re-elected trustees Elizabeth Santos (District I), Sue Deigaard (District V), and Myrna Guidry (District IX) as well as trustees Patricia Allen (District IV), Judith Cruz (District VIII), Kathy Blueford-Daniels (District II), and Dani Hernandez (District III) on the dais.

During today's meeting, the board will elect a president and officers for 2022. Currently, the officers are:

- President – Patricia Allen
- First Vice President – vacated by Holly Flynn Vilaseca
- Second Vice President – Judith Cruz
- Secretary – Kathy Blueford-Daniels
- Assistant Secretary – Dani Hernandez

The board will also consider an interlocal agreement with Prairie View A&M University to provide support, in the amount of \$400,000, for phase one of the Booker T. Washington High School community statue project, THE VISION.

THE VISION is an effort of students to help memorialize the rich 129-year history of the school and to bring awareness of climate change (both locally and internationally). The project includes the erection of a statue of Booker T. Washington, a community learning plaza, community walking park, and a geodome greenhouse.

This historical landmark will be the third statue of a renowned African American in Houston, joining statues of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Congressman George Thomas "Mickey" Leland.

The board will also consider a \$5,000 donation from the Sports Authority Foundation to the Sterling HS Raider Band program to purchase new band equipment and a \$10,000 in-kind donation to Attucks MS. The donation consists of a Nook Pod to be delivered and installed on

campus. The Nook Pod is a structure that addresses sensory issues, like acoustics and lighting, for students with learning differences and neurodiversity.

The full agenda can be viewed [here](#).

The board meeting can be viewed at houstonisd.org/livety.

Newly elected trustees Baker and Wade and re-elected trustees Santos, Deigaard, and Guidry took the oath of office on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Photos from the swearing in ceremony can be viewed [here](#).

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 197,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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