

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

November 11, 2021

MEETING HELD - MEMBERS PRESENT

The Board of Education of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) held a regular meeting on November 11, 2021, beginning at 2 p.m. in the Board Services conference room of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th St., Houston, TX 77092.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
Patricia K. Allen	District IV Trustee and President	Present		
Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca	District VI Trustee, First Vice-President	Present		
Judith Cruz	District VIII Trustee, Second Vice-President	Present		
Kathy Blueford-Daniels	District II Trustee, Secretary	Present	5:01 p.m.	
Dani Hernandez	District III Trustee, Assistant Secretary	Present	5:01 p.m.	
Elizabeth Santos	District I Trustee	Present		
Sue Deigaard	District V Trustee	Present	5:01 p.m.	
Anne Sung	District VII Trustee	Present	5:01 p.m.	
Myrna Guidry	District IX Trustee	Present		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – PURPOSE

Board President Allen called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and declared the board convened to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board adjourned to closed or executive session under Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act, Subsections 551.004, 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, 551.084, and 551.089 at 2:02 p.m. for the purposes stated in the notice of this meeting. If any final action, vote, or decision on any matter considered in the closed session was required, such final action, vote, or decision was taken at the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting or at a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof.

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RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION IN THE BOARD AUDITORIUM

Board President Allen declared the meeting reconvened at 5:01 p.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

SILENT MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

After a moment of silent meditation, Superintendent House led the Pledge of Allegiance and Board President Allen led the pledge to the Texas flag.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Trustee Flynn Vilaseca read the Veterans Day proclamation.

Trustee Cruz read the American Heritage Month proclamation.

Trustee Blueford-Daniels read the Education Support Professionals Day proclamation. Wretha Thomas, president of Houston Educational Support Personnel #6315, presented certificates to HISD education support professionals in the auditorium.

HEARING OF THE COMMUNITY SPEAKERS (STUDENTS)

Speakers:

- Aniya Lela Brooks
- Melissa Ortega

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S PRIORITY ITEMS

- A-1. Approval Of Personal Services Performed By The Superintendent, Including Speaking Engagements, Panel Discussions, Workshops, Etc., In Accordance With Texas Education Code Section 11.201(E)

Speaker:

- Glory Medina

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A-2. Acceptance Of Board Monitoring Update: Presentation Of Goal 3 Progress Measure 1

On motion by Trustee Santos, with a second by Trustee Hernandez, agenda item A-2 was accepted unanimously.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
SECONDER:	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz
AWAY:	Guidry

Speakers:

- Sandra Rodriguez
- Noelia Fadic

MEETING RECESSED

Board President Allen recessed the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

Board President Allen declared the meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

B. TRUSTEE ITEMS

B-1. Adoption Of Resolution To Appoint Kathy Blueford-Daniels To The Board Of Directors Of The Harris County Appraisal District

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

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- B-2. Approval Of Amended Resolution Ordering November 2, 2021, General Election For Houston Independent School District Single-Member Districts I, V, VI, VII, And IX

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

Speakers:

- Laura Lim
- Ashley Solano
- Jessica Bowman

C. CLOSED SESSION

C-1. Personnel

- a. Deliberate the duties of the superintendent of schools, chief officers, assistant superintendents, principals, employees, chief audit executive, and board members; evaluations of the superintendent and chief audit executive, consideration of compensation, and contractual provisions.
- 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, including resignation agreements and full and final release for chief officers, assistant superintendents, executive officers, and other administrators, and, if necessary, approve waiver and release and compromise agreements.

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Flynn Vilaseca, the board approved a finding of no good cause for educators to resign or abandon employment contracts without district consent under Sections 21.105(c), 21.160(c), or 21.210(c) of the Texas Education Code as discussed in closed session and authorized the superintendent or his designee to submit a written complaint to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to impose sanctions as discussed in closed session, effective November 12, 2021.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
SECONDER:	Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca, District VI Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Santos
ABSTAIN:	Hernandez

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Flynn Vilaseca, the board approved the balance of the closed session personnel agenda, including specifically: proposed terminations of continuing, term and probationary contracts; end-of-term terminations of probationary contracts; proposed nonrenewals of term contracts; and issuance of fourth-year probationary contracts; and authorized the superintendent or his designee to provide notice of same. The board approved separation and release agreements, withdrawals of contract recommendations, and issuance of final orders on contracts and nonrenewals as discussed in closed session, effective November 12, 2021.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
SECONDER:	Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca, District VI Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Santos
ABSTAIN:	Hernandez

- c. Hear complaints against and deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers or employees and resolution of same.

C-2. Legal Matters

- 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. Legal discussion and advice concerning House Bill 1842 (84th Leg., 2015), Senate Bill 1882 (85th Leg., 2017), and the district's options.
- e. Legal discussion concerning Houston ISD v. Texas Education Agency, et al., in the 459th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas, Cause No. D-1-GN-19-003695.

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- f. Legal Update on Special Education Accreditation Investigation.
- g. Consideration And Authority To Settle In The Matter Of Mario Cortez v. HISD, Et Al., In The County Court At Law No. 4, Harris County, Texas; Cause No. 1148858.

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Flynn Vilaseca, the board authorized the district to settle the matter of Mario Cortez v. HISD, Et Al., In The County Court At Law No. 4, Harris County, Texas; Cause No. 1148858 on the terms discussed in closed session, effective November 12, 2021.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
SECONDER:	Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca, District VI Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

- h. Consideration And Authority To Settle In The Matter Of Madeleine O. B/N/F Krista & Robert O. v. HISD; Before The Texas Education Agency; TEA Docket No. 245-SE-0821.

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Flynn Vilaseca, the board authorized the district to settle the matter of Madeleine O. B/N/F Krista & Robert O. v. HISD; Before The Texas Education Agency; TEA Docket No. 245-SE-0821 on the terms discussed in closed session, effective November 12, 2021.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
SECONDER:	Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca, District VI Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen
NAYS:	Cruz, Guidry
ABSTAIN:	Sung

C-3. Real Estate

- a. **Sale**
- b. **Purchase**
- c. **Exchange**
- d. **Other**

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1. Authority To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend All Documents Pertaining To A Release Of Use Restrictions Related To A Privately-Owned Property In The Niels Esperson Industrial District And Vicinity Of David Burnet Elementary School And Ninfa Lorenzo Early Childhood Center, For The Purpose Of Constructing An Expansion Of East End Maker Hub, A Mixed-Use Property.

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Flynn Vilaseca, the board authorized the superintendent or his designee to Negotiate, Execute, And Amend All Documents Pertaining To A Release Of Use Restrictions Related To A Privately-Owned Property In The Niels Esperson Industrial District And Vicinity Of David Burnet Elementary School And Ninfa Lorenzo Early Childhood Center, For The Purpose Of Constructing An Expansion Of East End Maker Hub, A Mixed-Use Property, on the terms discussed in closed session, effective November 12, 2021.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
SECONDER:	Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca, District VI Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

2. Update On Cage Elementary Amendment To Deed.

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D. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

D-1. Approval Of Fall 2021 Class-Size Waiver Requests

On motion by Trustee Hernandez, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board unanimously approved postponing a vote until November 18, 2021.

RESULT:	POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 11/18/21 9:00 AM
MOVER:	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee	
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee	
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry	

Speaker:

- Daniel Santos

D-2. Approval Of Remote Conferencing Waiver Requests

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

D-3. Approval Of The Executive Summaries Of School Improvement Plans For The 2021–2022 School Year

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

E. SCHOOL OFFICES– **NO ITEMS**

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F. **ACADEMICS– NO ITEMS**

G. **TALENT– NO ITEMS**

H. **BUSINESS OPERATIONS– NO ITEMS**

I. **FINANCE**

- I-1. Approval Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Over \$100,000 And Ratification Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Under \$100,000

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

- I-2. Approval Of Current And Anticipated Donations For Districtwide And School-Specific Programs And Authorization To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend Necessary Contracts Associated With These Donations

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

- I-3. Acceptance Of Grant Funds In Support Of Districtwide And School-Specific Programs And Authorization To Negotiate And Execute Contracts Required Under The Grants

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

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I-4. Approval Of The November General Fund Budget Amendment

On motion by Trustee Flynn Vilaseca, with a second by Trustee Deigaard, the item was approved.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 3]
MOVER:	Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca, District VI Trustee
SECONDER:	Sue Deigaard, District V Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen
NAYS:	Santos, Cruz, Guidry

I-5. Approval Of The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

J. OTHER– NO ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board adjourned to closed or executive session under Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act, Subsections 551.004, 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, 551.084, and 551.089 at 8:15 p.m. for the purposes stated in the notice of this meeting. If any final action, vote, or decision on any matter considered in the closed session was required, such final action, vote, or decision was taken at the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting or at a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION IN THE BOARD AUDITORIUM

Board President Allen declared the meeting reconvened at 9:12 p.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

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K. POLICY

K-1. Approval Of Proposed Revisions To Board Policy BED(LOCAL), Board Meetings: Public Participation—Second Reading

On motion by Trustee Cruz with a second by Trustee Sung, the board approved postponing a proposed amendment and vote on Board Policy BED(LOCAL) to the next board meeting on November 18.

RESULT:	POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 11/18/21 9:00 AM
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee	
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee	
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Santos	

On motion by Trustee Deigaard with a second by Trustee Santos, the board approved moving the Hearing of the Community up to that moment and tabling the rest of the business agenda until after the speakers.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Deigaard, District V Trustee
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Santos

HEARING OF THE COMMUNITY SPEAKERS

Speakers:

- Steve Moore
- Dr. Kevin Simms
- Sam Smith
- Marie Pitkin Flores
- Samuel Cole Riner
- Nikki Keyser
- Jamie Collier

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- Dovie Williams
- Ana Lopez
- Michelle Williams
- Danny Droubi
- Mercedes Harris
- Caroline Walter
- Keleigh Krueger
- Megan Jasper
- Carlos Perez
- Jackie Abreu-Hill
- Jana McEwen

President Allen announced that Item K-2, which had been pulled for discussion, was placed back on the consent agenda.

- K-2. Approval Of Proposed Revisions To Board Policy CE(LOCAL), Annual Operating Budget—Second Reading

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

- K-3. Approval Of Proposed Revisions To Board Policy CAA(LOCAL), *Fiscal Management Goals And Objectives: Financial Ethics*—Second Reading

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

- K-4. Approval Of Proposed Revisions To Board Policy CLB(LOCAL), *Buildings, Grounds, And Equipment Management: Maintenance*—Second Reading

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Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

Speaker:

- Traci Riley

- K-5. Approval Of Proposed Revisions To Board Policy EEH(LOCAL), *Instructional Arrangements: Homebound Instruction*—Second Reading

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

- K-6. Approval Of Proposed Revisions To Board Policy FDE(LOCAL), *Admissions: School Safety Transfers*—Second Reading

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

- K-7. Approval Of Proposed Revisions To Board Policy FEA(LOCAL), *Attendance: Compulsory Attendance*—Second Reading

Approved by consensus

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

- K-8. Approval Of Proposed Revisions To Board Policy FNF(LOCAL), *Student Rights And Responsibilities: Interrogations And Searches*—Second Reading

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

- K-9. Approval Of Proposed Revisions To Board Policy GKA(LOCAL), *Community Relations: Conduct On School Premises*—Second Reading

Approved by consensus

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
SECONDER:	Anne Sung, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry

L. SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

On motion by Trustee Hernandez, with a second by Trustee Deigaard, the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 14, 2021, and the special board meeting held on October 21, 2021, were approved unanimously.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
SECONDER:	Sue Deigaard, District V Trustee
AYES:	Flynn Vilaseca, Sung, Santos, Deigaard, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Blueford-Daniels

TRUSTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

The foregoing minutes of the regular meeting of the HISD Board of Education held on November 11, 2021, in the board auditorium of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas, were duly approved at a meeting held on

ATTEST



Dr. Patricia K. Allen
Board of Education, President
Houston Independent School District



Kathy Blueford-Daniels
Board of Education, Secretary
Houston Independent School District