

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA REVIEW
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

January 07, 2021

MEETING HELD - MEMBERS PRESENT

The Board of Education of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) held an agenda review on January 7, 2021, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the board auditorium of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th St., Houston, TX 77092.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
Sue Deigaard	District V Trustee, President	Present		
Judith Cruz	District VIII Trustee, Second Vice-President	Present		
Patricia Allen	District IV Trustee, Secretary	Remote		
Dani Hernandez	District III Trustee, Assistant Secretary	Remote		
Elizabeth Santos	District I Trustee	Remote		
Kathy Blueford-Daniels	District II Trustee	Present		
Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca	District VI Trustee	Present	5:02 p.m.	
Anne Sung	District VII Trustee	Remote		
Myrna Guidry	District IX Trustee	Remote	5:03 p.m.	

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - PURPOSE

President Deigaard called to order the agenda review meeting of the HISD Board of Education at 5:00 p.m. and declared the board convened to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Cruz with a second by Trustee Santos, the board approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 10, 2020, and the special meeting held on December 17, 2020.

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

SPEAKERS TO AGENDA ITEMS:

- Dr. Pamela Boveland
- Sister Mama Sonya

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board adjourned to closed or executive session under Section D of Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act, Subsections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, 551.084 and 551.089 at 5:02 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 meeting of the Board upon notice thereof.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION IN THE BOARD AUDITORIUM

Board President Deigaard reconvened the agenda review meeting of the HISD Board of Education at 5:21 p.m. and declared the board convened to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSERVATORS

Board President Deigaard introduced Deputy Commissioner of Governance and Accountability, Jeff Cottrill, who presented the two special education conservators, Dr. Molly Cordeau and Mr. Fred Shafer.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dr. Lathan provided a COVID-19 update to trustees.

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BUSINESS AGENDA

G-1. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO EXTEND BENEFITS OF THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

Speakers:

- Sandy Rodriguez
- Christopher Williams
- Kendra Yarbrough Camarena
- Tiffany Johnson
- Jackie Anderson
- Dr. Fidelia Nnajofofor
- Daniel Santos
- Maria Fernandez
- Ruth Kravetz
- Donna Booker
- Coretta Fontenot
- Tara Webb
- Dr. Ann McCoy
- Josephine Lee
- Katherine Goodman
- Rachel Bohenic

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

MEETING RECESSED

President Deigaard called for a brief recess at 7:14 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

President Deigaard reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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AGENDA REVIEW

A. Review of Superintendent's Agenda Items to be presented to the Board of Education on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

B. Reports and comments by the superintendent of schools regarding meetings and conferences attended, schools visited, community and district activities, new initiatives, and education programs, on which there will be no action. The items may be discussed, but no final action will be taken on these.

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)

A-2 Approval Of Board Monitoring Update: Presentation Of Goal 2 Progress Measures 1, 2, And 3, And Goal 3 Progress Measure 1

B. TRUSTEE ITEMS

C. CLOSED SESSION

C-1. Personnel

- a. Deliberate the duties of the interim superintendent of schools, chief officers, assistant superintendents, principals, employees, chief audit executive, and board members; evaluations of the interim 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, chief officers, assistant superintendents, 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.

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

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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.
- f. Legal Update on Special Education Accreditation Investigation.
- g. Receive legal advice concerning superintendent search firms, superintendent search process, and timelines.

C-3. Real Estate

D. ACADEMIC SERVICES

E. SCHOOL OFFICES

- E-1 Approval Of School Goals Aligned To The District's Newly Adopted Board Goals

F. STRATEGY AND INNOVATION

- F-1 Authority To Renew A Partnership Agreement With The University Of Texas At Austin OnRamps For Dual-Enrollment Course Offerings

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

- G-1 Consideration And Approval Of Term Contract Employment Areas For Reduction In Force
- G-2 Consideration And Approval Of Continuing Contract Teaching Fields For Reduction in Force

H. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

- H-1 Approval To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend A Construction Contract For Structural Repairs And Renovations For Lucian Lockhart Elementary School
- H-2 Authority To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend An Agreement With The SPARK School Park Program For The Improvement And Construction Of SPARK Parks At Various Campuses

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I. FINANCE

- I-1 Approval Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Over \$100,000 And Ratification Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Under \$100,000
- 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
- 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
- I-4 Authority To Negotiate And Execute An Interlocal Agreement With EPIC6 Cooperative Lead Agency Region 6 – Education Service Center

J. OTHER

K. POLICY

L. SUPERINTENDENT’S INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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MINUTES APPROVED

The foregoing minutes of the agenda review meeting of the HISD Board of Education held on January 7, 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 January 14, 2021.

ATTEST



Sue Deigaard
Board of Education, President
Houston Independent School District



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