

**Board of Education
Community Engagement Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Virtual Meeting
September 28, 2020**

Committee Member	Present
Judith Cruz, Committee Chair	Remote via Zoom
Patricia Allen	Remote via Zoom
Wanda Adams	Remote via Zoom
Other Trustees	
Sue Deigaard	Remote via Zoom

Staff: Silvia Trinh, Chief of Staff
Elneita Hutchins Taylor, General Counsel
Vermeille Jones, Director, Board Services

Other: Lisa McBride, Attorney, Thompson & Horton
Dr. Doris Delaney, Conservator

Committee Chair Trustee Cruz called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. The board members present were Trustee Cruz, Trustee Allen and Trustee Deigaard. Trustee Adams joined the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Cruz, the minutes of the Community Engagement Ad Hoc Committee held on August 19, 2020 were approved by a vote of 2 to 0.

DISCUSSION

The committee members discussed the Literacy Summit scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2020. Specifically, they discussed the panel composition (HISD Interim Superintendent Dr. Grenita Lathan and representatives from external organizations, namely, Neuhaus, Rice University and American Public Media). After extensive dialogue, the members ultimately decided that there should be more HISD representatives (board members and administrative staff) on the panel, and that more time should be allowed for community input and questions. Therefore, it was resolved that the summit should be cancelled.

The committee members will now dedicate their time to the structuring of two future meetings, scheduled for October 6, 2020 and October 15, 2020. Those meetings will be geared toward:

Trustee Allen: Having more HISD representation and community engagement,

Trustee Adams: Focusing on why reading is so important and highlighting current achievements, and

Trustee Cruz: Having parents understand where they can go for resources and for the community to understand the board's vision of where we are and where we want to go.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 2, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.