

NOTES
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING
(Fall 2021 Public Meeting)
4 p.m. December 13, 2021

Welcome and Introductions

The School Safety and Security Committee held a virtual fall 2021 public meeting on December 13, 2021. Business Logistics & Purchasing Officer Alexis Licata called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. Committee and support staff members present are indicated below.

Committee/Support Staff Member	Status
Millard House II	Present
Patricia K. Allen	Present
Kathy Blueford-Daniels	Present
HISD PD Chief Pedro Lopez	Present
HPD Chief Troy Finner	Present
Principal Carlos Phillips	Present
Jennifer Simmons	Present
Willie Spencer	Present
Alexis Licata	Present
Roberta Scott	Absent
Erica Graham	Present
Lisa McBride	Present
Veronica Mabasa	Present
Jackie Birmingham	Absent
Yesenia Taylor	Present
Melissa Lopez	Present
Zandra Aguilar	Absent
Melissa Guerrero	Absent

Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2021

Upon motion by Houston Independent School District (HISD) Police Chief Pedro Lopez, seconded by Yesenia Taylor, the minutes of the August 16, 2021, School Safety and Security Committee meeting (summer 2021 public meeting) were approved by a vote of 7-0. Trustee Blueford-Daniels abstained.

Voting Member	Favor	Abstain
Millard House	x	
Patricia K. Allen	x	
Kathy Blueford-Daniels		x
HISD PD Chief Pedro Lopez	x	
Principal Carlos Phillips	x	
Jennifer Simmons		
Willie Spencer	X	
Yesenia Taylor	X	

Speakers to Agenda Items

There were no speakers to agenda items.

Risk Management Update (Melissa Lopez)

An overview of the required safety drills as part of Senate Bill (SB) 11 and the Texas School Safety Center was provided. The safety drills are as follows: secure, lockdown, evacuate, shelter, and fire evacuation.

The review was followed by a video presentation outlining the five safety drills.

HISD Police Department Update (Police Chief Pedro Lopez)

Chief Lopez presented four points that the HISD Police Department (PD) was currently involved in and in compliance with:

- Traffic assessment survey – mandated at all campuses, identifies areas where resources could be properly allocated and needing traffic control. Findings of the survey will be shared with the City of Houston in January.
- Catalytic converter thefts – campus administrators have been asked to help reduce the number of thefts by locking all gates and entrances to the bus barns, especially after normal business hours and on weekends. Campus administrators are also encouraged to park vehicles where cameras are available, as well as to report all non-working cameras. Lastly, they are asked to report any gates or entrances that are non-functional to the plant operator and immediately report thefts to HISD PD.
- Active shooter protocols – plans are underway to conduct a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training for all law enforcement officers.
- Houston Emergency Center – Efforts are underway with this organization to work out a response code that aligns with the Houston Police Department (HPD) dispatch. This effort will allow HISD PD and HPD to communicate quickly regarding ongoing activity near a school campus and will minimize or eliminate the need for campus administrators to lock down a campus unnecessarily.
- **Health and Medical Services Update (Candice Castillo)**
 - Current COVID-19 threat levels are at moderate levels. Prior to the Thanksgiving break, two indicators were yellow and 2 indicators were green. Following Thanksgiving, an increase in the number of cases occurred.
 - Community engagement strategies to inform HISD families took place in the form of two COVID vaccination townhall meetings, one in English and one in Spanish. Campuses are encouraged to incorporate vaccination clinics in their communities.

Closing

- The Safety and Security Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.