

**NOTES**  
**SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(Spring 2022 Public Meeting)**  
**4 p.m. May 25, 2022**

**Welcome and Introductions**

The School Safety and Security Committee held an in-person Spring 2022 public meeting on May 25, 2022. Business Logistics & Purchasing Officer Alexis Licata called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Committee and support staff members present are indicated below.

<b>Committee/Support Staff Member</b>	<b>Status</b>
Millard House II	Present
Dani Hernandez	Present
Kathy Blueford-Daniels	Present
Asst. Chief of Police Lucretia Rogers	Present
George Beunik	Present
Principal Carlos Phillips	Present
Jennifer Simmons	Present
Willie Spencer	Present
Alexis Licata	Present
Yesenia Taylor	Present
Melissa Lopez	Present
Daniel Bankhead	Present
Patricia Ortiz	Present
Catosha Woods	Present
Lisa McBride	Present
Silvia Trinh	Present
Monique Lucky	Present

**Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2021**

Upon motion by Trustee Blueford-Daniels, seconded by Mr. Willie Spencer, the minutes of the December 13, 2021, School Safety and Security Committee meeting (Fall 2021 public meeting) were approved by a vote of 9-0.

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Millard House	x	
Dani Hernandez	x	
Kathy Blueford-Daniels	x	
George Beunik	x	
Principal Carlos Phillips	x	
Jennifer Simmons	x	
Willie Spencer	x	
Yesenia Taylor	x	
Alexis Licata	x	

### **Speakers to Agenda Items**

There were no speakers to agenda items.

### **Safety and Security Charter Update (Alexis Licata)**

An overview of the required safety drills as part of Senate Bill (SB) 11 and the Texas School Safety Center was provided. The School Safety and Security Committee Charter (SSSC) provides guidance in improvements to the safety and security program.

### **Risk Management Update (Melissa Lopez)**

The Safety and Emergency Management team administers a comprehensive safety and emergency management program. This is provided through inspections and trainings developed with campuses to establish individualized plans of action. The safety drills are as follows: actions to secure, lockdown, evacuate, and shelter; fire evacuation; and intruder response. The goal is to keep the district safe and be prepared for any emergencies that may arise.

Required drills were outlined, along with the frequency of each. This includes secure, lockdown, evacuate, shelter in place for hazmat, shelter for weather, and fire evacuation. The process of campus inspections was discussed, along with the report following an inspection.

The Safety and Emergency Management team also conducts intruder drills. This is to ensure that campuses are following safety procedures and to identify any issues the campus may have. All documentation is uploaded and shared on the Safety Captain SharePoint site.

### **Facility Enhancements Update (Daniel Bankhead)**

The Construction Services Department is working on several improvements and enhancements to the district's school facilities. A presentation about security vestibules was provided to show the safety measures at school entry points. Additional enhancements throughout buildings are recommended as well. Exterior enhancements are as follows: clearly delineated and fenced school boundaries; gates or access control systems installed at parking garages, parking lots, and doors; and comprehensive intrusion detection systems. The interior enhancements recommended include improvements to doors and offices; compartmentalization of buildings; and distribution of more closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras. The district will continue to work with local law enforcement, the Houston Independent School District (HISD) Police Department, and state and national groups on best practices in terms of school security.

### **Health and Medical Services Update (Patricia Ortiz)**

Current COVID-19 threat levels are at low levels of transmission for the Harris County area. It is important to continue to stay updated with vaccines and boosters and continue to monitor symptoms, test if needed, and follow the recommended protocols.

The HISD COVID-19 school testing program was able to provide over 76,000 tests. The rate for those tested remained at one percent positivity. Campuses are encouraged to

incorporate vaccination clinics in their communities. About 150 campuses have conducted vaccination clinics across the district.

The district will continue to engage families with information promoting vaccination as part of the Houston Health Department vaccine program.

The Vision Partnership Team is moving forward with the Frame It Forward campaign that seeks recycled eyeglasses that are donated and no longer in use, so that the eyeglasses can be refurbished and given back to the community.

### **HISD Police Department Update (Asst. Chief Lucretia Rogers)**

Assistant Chief Rogers presented an update on the HISD Police Department. The department hosted and took part in an Active Attack Integrated Response (AAIR) course that is designed to improve integration between law enforcement, fire responders, telecommunicators, and emergency medical services in active attack/shooter events. The course helps to improve safety and survivability of victims.

HISD Police deployed new body-worn cameras in April 2022 to campus officers, patrol officers, and investigators. The new Axon Citizen allows pictures and video of incidents to be sent to a database which may then be placed on the department's website. Information can be shared with other law enforcement agencies, decreasing investigation timelines.

The HISD Police Department created a community outreach program to build relationships between the community, students, and police.

Partnerships will continue with the Teen and Police Service Center (TAPS) and the Drug Abuse and Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

### **Closing**

The Safety and Security Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.