

# HISD PRESS RELEASE

## HISD Board of Education set to elect officers for 2021-2022

*Jan. 12, 2021* — The Houston Independent School District Board of Education is scheduled to elect officers for the 2021-2022 school year at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

**The board's virtual regular monthly meeting begins at 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 14 and can be viewed live online at [www.hisd.tv.org](http://www.hisd.tv.org) and on HISD TV (Xfinity channel 18 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99). Click [here](#) to view the full agenda.**

The current officers are: President Sue Deigaard (District V), First Vice President (vacant), Second Vice President Judith Cruz (District VIII), Secretary Patricia K. Allen (District IV), and Assistant Secretary Daniela "Dani" Hernandez (District III).

January is School Board Recognition Month. HISD is proud to honor its trustees for their dedication and willingness to serve as advocates for public education.

The board is also scheduled to vote on the improvement and construction of SPARK Parks on various HISD campuses. The SPARK Program is a Texas nonprofit corporation formed in 1983 to develop public school grounds into neighborhood parks that are accessible after the school day ends and on weekends.

This year, the SPARK Program has secured funding to develop or improve existing projects at the following HISD elementary schools:

- Anderson
- Daily
- Garden Oaks Montessori
- Henderson
- Montgomery
- Park Place
- Reynolds
- West University

SPARK Parks are supported by the City of Houston, HISD, Harris County, the private sector, neighborhood groups, and parent-teacher organizations.

The board is also set to approve a Staples gift card grant of \$5,000 for C. Martinez Elementary School Teacher Leticia Gonzalez, who was a winner in the office retailer's Thank-a-Teacher contest. Gonzalez was selected because she routinely uses her own money to purchase welcome kits, gifts and treats for her students. She also provides assistance to students' families. Gonzalez will use the gift cards to purchase school supplies and other items her students may require. Click [here](#) for photo.

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