

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**April 14, 2022**

**MEETING HELD - MEMBERS PRESENT**

The Board of Education of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) held a regular meeting on April 14, 2022, beginning at 2 p.m. in the Board Services conference room of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th St., Houston, TX 77092.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Judith Cruz	District VIII Trustee, President	Present	
Elizabeth Santos	District I Trustee, First Vice President	Present	
Kathy Blueford-Daniels	District II Trustee, Second Vice President	Present	
Sue Deigaard	District V Trustee, Secretary	Present	
Myrna Guidry	District IX Trustee, Assistant Secretary	Present	5:04 p.m.
Dani Hernandez	District III Trustee	Present	5:04 p.m.
Patricia K. Allen	District IV Trustee	Present	
Kendall Baker	District VI Trustee	Present	
Bridget Wade	District VII Trustee	Present	

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – PURPOSE**

Board President Cruz called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and declared the board convened to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board adjourned to closed or executive session under 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 2:01 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 public meeting of the board upon notice thereof.

**RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION IN THE BOARD AUDITORIUM**

Board President Cruz reconvened the meeting at 5:03 p.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

**MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

After a moment of silent meditation, Cadet Kayla McCarthy of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program at North Forest High School led the Pledge of Allegiance and the pledge to the Texas Flag.

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### **RECOGNITIONS**

- Volunteers in Public Schools Recognition Week

Trustee Blueford-Daniels read a proclamation recognizing Volunteers in Public Schools Recognition Week.

- Arab American Heritage Month

Trustee Baker read a proclamation recognizing Arab American Heritage Month.

### **HEARING OF THE COMMUNITY SPEAKERS (STUDENTS)**

Speakers:

- Angelic Sanchez
- Bella Kaira
- Abigail Espiritu

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING 2022–2023 BUDGET ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED ON APRIL 7, 2022**

Superintendent House led the discussion.

Speakers:

- Crystal Meretz
- Lisa Sandoz Robinson
- Ruth Kravetz
- Anne Sung
- Anne Furse
- Anna Chuter
- Jessi Heiner
- Allison Newport
- Patrick Ryan
- Kourtney Revels

### **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. Acceptance Of Board Monitoring Update: Presentation Of Goal 2 Progress Measures 1, 2, And 3

On motion by Trustee Deigaard, with a second by Trustee Baker, the board approved a third round of discussion.

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sue Deigaard, District V Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kendall Baker, District VI Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker
<b>AWAY:</b>	Santos, Wade, Hernandez

On motion by Trustee Deigaard, with a second by Trustee Hernandez, the board accepted the Board Monitoring Update: Presentation Of Goal 2 Progress Measures 1, 2, And 3.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [8 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sue Deigaard, District V Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Hernandez, Wade
<b>AWAY:</b>	Santos

Speakers:

- Crystal Meretz
- Karina Quesada

### **HEARING OF THE COMMUNITY SPEAKERS**

Speakers:

- John Sigren
- Patrick Jonke
- Brenda Piatlak
- Christopher Williams
- Clark Colquitt
- Gladys House-El
- Bill Hepburn
- Yaneth Martell
- Michelle Lynette Williams
- Sam Smith
- Gerry Monroe
- Larry McKinzie
- James Pritchett
- Wesykita Light
- Jackie Anderson
- James Hayes
- Hector Mireles
- Travis McGee
- Brandy Ramos
- Rev. F.N. Williams II
- Dedreck Carr
- Anita Daniels
- Sandra Francis

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### **B. TRUSTEE ITEMS**

#### **B-1. Completion And Approval Of The Board's Quarterly Self-Evaluations And Review Of The Board's Staff Use Tracker**

On motion by Trustee Cruz, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board approved pulling Agenda Item B-1 from the consent agenda for discussion.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [8 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Allen, Cruz, Santos, Baker, Hernandez, Wade
<b>NAYES:</b>	Guidry

On motion by Trustee Cruz, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board approved its completed first-quarter, quarterly progress tracker self-evaluation scores as discussed and presented in closed session. Trustee Blueford-Daniels requested to state on the record that the self-evaluation instrument is “too broad,” and asked that it be refined in the future, perhaps to include bullet points in place of lengthy information.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Judith Cruz, District VIII Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

Speakers:

- Dr. Candice Matthews
- Gerry Monroe

### **C. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **C-1. Personnel**

- Deliberate the duties of the superintendent of schools, chief officers, assistant superintendents, principals, employees, chief audit executive, and board members; evaluations of the superintendent and chief audit executive, consideration of compensation, and contractual provisions.
- 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, including resignation agreements and full and final release for chief officers, assistant superintendents, executive officers, and other administrators, and, if necessary, approve waiver and release and compromise agreements.

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On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board approved a finding of no good cause for educators to resign or abandon employment contracts without district consent under Sections 21.105(c), 21.160(c), or 21.210(c) of the Texas Education Code as discussed in closed session and authorized the superintendent or his designee to submit a written complaint to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to impose sanctions as discussed in closed session, effective April 15, 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [8 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Wade, Baker
<b>NAYS:</b>	Santos

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board approved closed session personnel agenda item 7, as discussed in closed session, effective April 15, 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Cruz, Guidry, Wade, Baker
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Allen

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board approved the balance of the closed session personnel agenda, including specifically the proposed terminations of continuing, term, and probationary contracts; end-of-term terminations of probationary contracts; proposed nonrenewals of term contracts; and issuance of fourth-year probationary contracts. The board also authorized the superintendent or his designee to provide notice of same, and approved separation and release agreements, withdrawals of contract recommendations, and issuance of final orders on contract terminations and nonrenewals, as discussed in closed session, effective April 15, 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

- c. Hear complaints against and deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers or employees and resolution of same.

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### 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 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. Consideration and approval to settle in the matter regarding Propel Financial Services eminent domain order of foreclosure concerning 5525 Gasmer Drive, Houston, TX 77035.

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board authorized the district to settle the matter regarding Propel Financial Services eminent domain order of foreclosure concerning 5525 Gasmer Drive, Houston, TX 77035, on the terms discussed in closed session, effective April 15, 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

- h. Consideration and approval to settle in the matter of Alex Curtis, Jr. v. HISD; In the District Court, Harris County, Texas, 190th Judicial District; Cause No. 2019-21692.

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board authorized the district to settle the matter of Alex Curtis, Jr. v. HISD; In the District Court, Harris County, Texas, 190th Judicial District; Cause No. 2019-21692, on the terms discussed in closed session, effective April 15, 2022.

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**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee  
**SECONDER:** Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee  
**AYES:** Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

- i. Consideration and approval to settle in the matter of Floyd Davis vs. Earl Smith Richard and HISD, et al.; In the District Court, Harris County, Texas, 133rd Judicial District; Cause No. 2019-51480.

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board authorized the district to settle the matter of Floyd Davis vs. Earl Smith Richard and HISD, et al.; In the District Court, Harris County, Texas, 133rd Judicial District; Cause No. 2019-51480, on the terms discussed in closed session, effective April 15, 2022.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [8 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee  
**SECONDER:** Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee  
**AYES:** Santos, Deigaard, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade  
**ABSTAIN:** Blueford-Daniels

- j. Consideration and approval to settle in the matter of Raymond Freeman, et al. vs. HISD; In the District Court, Harris County, Texas, 11th Judicial District; Cause No. 2020-78459.

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board authorized the district to settle the matter of Raymond Freeman, et al. vs. HISD; In the District Court, Harris County, Texas, 11th Judicial District; Cause No. 2020-78459, on the terms discussed in closed session, effective April 15, 2022.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [8 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee  
**SECONDER:** Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee  
**AYES:** Santos, Deigaard, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade  
**ABSTAIN:** Blueford-Daniels

- k. Consideration and approval to settle in the matter of Angela Joubert vs. HISD; In the District Court, Harris County, Texas, 269th Judicial District; Cause No. 2016-30814.

On motion by Trustee Guidry, with a second by Trustee Santos, the board authorized the district to settle the matter of Angela Joubert vs. HISD; In the District Court, Harris County, Texas, 269th Judicial District; Cause No. 2016-30814, on the terms discussed in closed session, effective April 15, 2022.

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Blueford-Daniels

- I. Consideration and authority to settle in the request for TEA special education mediation regarding Sommer D.; TEA Mediation Docket No. 050-DM-0222.

### C-3. Real Estate

Speaker:

- Travis McGee

### D. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT – NO ITEMS

### E. SCHOOL OFFICES

- E-1. Authorization To Proceed With The Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports Blended Learning Model At Fonville Middle School And McReynolds Middle School

Approved by consensus

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

### F. ACADEMICS

- F-1. Adoption Of Resolution To Convene Local School Health Advisory Council For The Purpose Of Making Recommendations Regarding Curriculum Materials For The School District's Human Sexuality Instruction, And Instruction On The Prevention Of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, And Sex Trafficking

On motion by Trustee Santos, with a second by Trustee Deigaard, the board approved Agenda Item F-1.



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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sue Deigaard, District V Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

### Speakers:

- Jackie Abreu-Hill
- Richard Calderon
- Huyen Chau
- Laura Lim
- Jana McEwen
- Alexandria Warren

### G. **TALENT – NO ITEMS**

### H. **BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

- H-1. Authority To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend Agreements With The City Of West University Place And West University Tri-Sports Association For The Use Of The Scout House Located At West University Elementary School And The Athletic Fields Located On The John J. Pershing Middle School And The West University Elementary School Sites

Approved by consensus

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

- H-2. Authority To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend An Agreement With The SPARK School Park Program For The Construction Of A SPARK Park At Billy Reagan K–8 Education Center

Approved by consensus

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

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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

Approved by consensus

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

Speakers:

- Daniel Santos
- Benadette Eze

- 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

Approved by consensus

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

- 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

Approved by consensus

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

- I-4. Approval Of The April General Fund Budget Amendment

Approved by consensus

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

Speakers:

- Angela Box
- Laura Lim
- Jackie Abreu-Hill
- Jana McEwen
- Hector Mireles

- I-5. Approval Of Resolution Designating Officers And Administrators Authorized To Act On Behalf Of The Houston Independent School District In All Matters In Connection With Depository Contract And All Other Banking And Investment Matters

Approved by consensus

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

- I-6. Approval Of Resolution Designating Employees Of The District To Act As Authorized Representatives For Financial Transactions At TexPool And Lone Star Pools

Approved by consensus

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Guidry, District IX Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

### J. OTHER

- J-1. Discussion Of The Redrawing Of Trustee District Boundary Lines And Approval Of Related Resolutions

On motion by Trustee Santos, with a second by Trustee Hernandez, the board approved a resolution related to Agenda Item J-1: Guidelines For Persons Submitting Specific Redistricting Proposals And Providing Comments.

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

On motion by Trustee Santos, with a second by Trustee Wade, the board approved a second resolution related to Agenda Item J-1: Resolution Adopting Criteria For Use In 2022 Redistricting Process.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bridget Wade, District VII Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Baker, Wade

Speakers:

- Gerry Monroe
- Dr. Pamela Boveland
- SisterMama Sonya Lucas-Roberts
- Ashley Solano
- Travis McGee

**K. POLICY – NO ITEMS**

**L. SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ITEMS**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Trustee Santos, with a second by Trustee Hernandez, the board approved the minutes of the regular board meeting held on March 10, 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Elizabeth Santos, District I Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dani Hernandez, District III Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Santos, Deigaard, Blueford-Daniels, Hernandez, Allen, Cruz, Guidry, Wade, Baker

### **ADJOURNMENT**

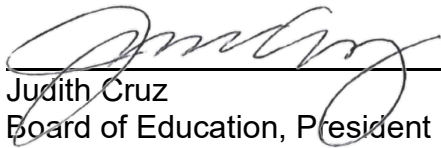
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

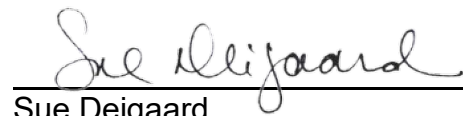
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### **MINUTES APPROVED**

The foregoing minutes of the regular meeting of the HISD Board of Education held on April 14, 2022, 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 May 12, 2022.

### **ATTEST**

  
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Judith Cruz  
Board of Education, President  
Houston Independent School District

  
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Sue Deigaard  
Board of Education, Secretary  
Houston Independent School District