



**THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL AGENDA AND MEETING NOTICE**

**AGENDA REVIEW FOR
THE OCTOBER 8, 2020, BOARD MEETING**

OCTOBER 1, 2020

5:00 P.M.

At the October 1, 2020, Agenda Review meeting, item A-2 was approved as presented.

Additional information may be obtained from the Board Services Office, 713-556-6121.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER 2020 AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUCH MEETING IS A SPECIAL MEETING AND AGENDA REVIEW. SHOULD THERE BE A NEED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, THIS SESSION MAY BE HELD IN THE BOARD SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE HMW EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER.¹

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, THE HATTIE MAE WHITE (HMW) EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER IS OPERATING AT A REDUCED CAPACITY, AND THE BOARD AUDITORIUM IS CLOSED. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY VIDEO AND/OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE.

WAYS TO ACCESS THE BOARD MEETING INCLUDE:

- **AT&T UVERSE HISD TV CHANNEL 99**
- **COMCAST HISD TV CHANNEL 18**
- **FACEBOOK [HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HOUSTONISD](http://www.facebook.com/houstonisd)**
- **TWITTER [HTTP://TWITTER.COM/HOUSTONISD](http://twitter.com/houstonisd)**
- **WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/LIVETV](https://www.houstonisd.org/livetv)**

¹ All locations on this notice indicate where the remote meeting will be administratively run.

A RECORDING OF THE MEETING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[HTTPS://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/PAGE/31531](https://www.houstonisd.org/page/31531)

A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WISHING TO ADDRESS A BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM MAY DO SO BY REGISTERING TO SPEAK WITH THE BOARD SERVICES OFFICE BY 9:30 A.M. THE DAY OF THE MEETING. SPEAKERS SHOULD LEAVE A TELEPHONE NUMBER WHEN REGISTERING. DISTRICT STAFF WILL CALL REGISTERED SPEAKERS AND PLACE THEM IN A ZOOM VIRTUAL WAITING ROOM UNTIL TIME FOR THEM TO SPEAK. SPEAKERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE READ PUBLICLY BY A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION IN CASE THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH ZOOM. ANY SUPPORT INFORMATION (E.G., HANDOUTS) REGARDING THE COMMUNITY MEMBER'S CONCERN SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD SERVICES OFFICE. INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING TO SPEAK AND SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT: [HTTPS://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/PAGE/32478](https://www.houstonisd.org/page/32478).

THE AGENDA PACKET FOR THIS MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/PAGE/32535](https://www.houstonisd.org/page/32535).

THE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN IN ANY ORDER.

NO AGENDA OR DISTRICT BUSINESS WILL BE DISCUSSED EXCEPT AS NOTICED BELOW AND ANY ACTION WILL OCCUR ON VIDEO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO HAVE, AND THE MEETING WILL HAVE, A QUORUM PRESENT BY VIDEO AND/OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE.

CALL TO ORDER WHEN A QUORUM IS PRESENT – 5:00 P.M. BOARD AUDITORIUM

- **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
- **SPEAKERS TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- **PRESENTATION: PURCHASING SERVICES REVIEW**

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **A-2. APPROVAL OF A WAIVER TO OFFER HYBRID INSTRUCTION FOR 9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS**

CLOSED SESSION (CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC) – BOARD SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM

Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to sections 551.004, 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, and 551.084 of the Texas Government Code for the following purposes.

These items may be discussed and action taken at the October 1, 2020, Agenda Review meeting. Any action taken will be in open session.

C-1 Personnel

- a) Deliberate the duties of the interim superintendent of schools, chief officers, assistant superintendents, principals, employees, chief audit executive, and board members; evaluations of the interim superintendent and chief audit executive, consideration of compensation, and contractual provisions.
- b) 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, chief officers, assistant superintendents, and other administrators, and, if necessary, approve waiver and release and compromise agreements.
- c) Hear complaints against and deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers or employees and resolution of same.

C-2 Legal

- 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) Receive legal advice concerning the Texas Education Agency special accreditation investigation and possible options.
- f) 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
- g) Receive legal advice concerning terms of executive coach agreement.

C-3 Real Estate

- a) Sale
- b) Purchase
- c) Exchange
- d) Other

CLOSED SESSION AUTHORIZATION DURING MEETING

If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice the board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the board should be held or is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the board at the date, hour, and place given in this notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session concerning any and all

subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through Section 551.084 inclusive of said Open Meetings Act including, but not limited to:

- Section 551.071** For the purpose of a private consultation with the board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized;
- Section 551.072** For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property;
- Section 551.073** For the purpose of discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations to the District;
- Section 551.074** For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee;
- Section 551.076** To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices;
- Section 551.082** For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children, or to hear a complaint or charge brought against a school district employee by another school district employee;
- Section 551.0821** For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation;
- Section 551.083** For the purpose of considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements provided for by Section 13.901 and/or Section 11.151(b) of the Texas Education Code; and
- Section 551.084** For the purpose of excluding any witness or witnesses from a hearing during the examination of another witness.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

- a) the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or
- b) a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof, as the board shall determine.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

AGENDA REVIEW – BOARD AUDITORIUM

Review of superintendent's agenda items to be presented to the Board of Education on Thursday, October 8, 2020

A. 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)

B. TRUSTEE ITEMS

- B-1 Announcement Of Required Board Member Continuing Education
- B-2 Update From The Audit Committee Chair
- B-3 Update From The Community Engagement Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Chair
- B-4 Update From The Police Function Ad Hoc Committee Chair
- B-5 Review And Discussion Of The *Board Operating Procedures Manual*

D. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- D-1 Approval Of Certified Appraisers For The Teacher Appraisal And Development System For School Year 2020–2021

E. SCHOOL OFFICES**F. STRATEGY AND INNOVATION**

- F-1 Approval Of The Innovation Plan Committee Membership To Draft The Houston Independent School District's District Of Innovation Plan

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

- G-1 Adoption Of Resolution To Waive Work Days Missed And To Pay Employees As A Result Of The August 26–27, 2020, And The September 22–23 District Closures
- G-2 Consideration And Approval Of The University Of Houston–Downtown Memorandum Of Understanding for US PREP Membership

H. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

- H-1 Approval To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend A Construction Contract For The Mirabeau Lamar High School Agricultural Farm
- H-2 Approval To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend A Construction Contract For Auditorium And Sports Fields Improvements At Booker T. Washington High School

H-3 Authority To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend Interlocal Agreements With Lone Star College, Galena Park Independent School District, And New Caney Independent School District For Third-Party Testing Services

I. FINANCE

I-1 Approval Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Over \$100,000 And Ratification Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Under \$100,000

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

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

I-4 Approval Of Resolution Adopting Tax Rate And Levying Ad Valorem Taxes For Tax Year 2020

I-5 Approval Of The October General Fund Budget Amendment

J. OTHER

K. POLICY

L. SUPERINTENDENT’S INFORMATION ITEMS

TRUSTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Reports and comments from the board president and board members regarding meetings and conferences attended, including board committee meetings, schools visited, community and district activities, new initiatives, education programs, and continuing education. There will be no action concerning these items.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports and comments by the superintendent of schools regarding meetings and conferences attended, schools visited, community and district activities, new initiatives, and education programs, on which there will be no action. The items may be discussed, but no final action will be taken on these items at this meeting.

ADJOURN

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE

On this 28th day of September 2020, at 4:00 p.m., this notice was posted on the district's public web portal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vermuth Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Office of Board Services
Houston Independent School District