

Harris County Department of Education
Minutes of Special Board Meeting
March 25, 2021

The Harris County Board of School Trustees met in special session on March 25, 2021 via Zoom videoconference. Eric Dick, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and declared a quorum present, that the meeting was duly called, and that notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Gov't. Code §551.041 and §551.051 and the Governor's temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Act.

Board Members Present: Eric Dick, Board President; Danny Norris, Board Vice President; David Brown; Richard Cantu; Erica Davis; and Amy Hinojosa

Board Members Absent: Andrea Duhon

Board Attorney: Sarah Langlois

Administration: James Colbert, Jr., County School Superintendent; Jesus Amezcua, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Jonathan Parker, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Support; CJ Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for Education and Enrichment; Danielle Bartz, Chief of Staff; Danielle Clark, Chief Communications Officer; Venetia Peacock, Senior Director Head Start; Karla Cantu, Board Secretary; Natasha Truitt, Executive Director Human Resources; and Rich Vela, Senior Director Facilities

Visitors: JP Grom (LAN); and T Leon Preston

1. **Call to Order** - Eric Dick, Board President
2. **Public Comment** - In lieu of a public appearance at the Board Meeting, members of the public may submit written comments to the Board via email prior to the beginning of the meeting addressed to publiccomment@hcde-texas.org, which will be provided to the Board. In your email, please state your name, address, topic, and comment.

No one from the public requested to address the Board.

3. **Possible action regarding HCDE Equine Enrichment Center**

Motion made by Richard Cantu, seconded by Danny Norris to authorize the HCDE Administration to proceed with the Equine Enrichment Center in partnership with Harris County Precinct 2 and to delegate authority to the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate, finalize, and execute contracts with Program Management firm LAN and with an equine consultant for services related thereto.

Motion passes with 6-0 voting to authorize.

4. **Consider appointing primary and alternate Board delegates to the Head Start Policy Council**

Motion made by Richard Cantu, seconded by Erica Davis to appoint David Brown as the primary and Amy Hinojosa as the alternate Board delegates to the Head Start Policy Council.

Motion passes with 6-0 voting to appoint.

5. **Consider acceptance of the Notice of Award (NOA) 06HP000311-02-02 from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for the Head Start Division (Early Head Start Child Care Partnership) in the amount of \$3,345,017.00 for the budget period of 09/01/2020 through 8/31/2021; and consider approval of related Budget Amendment in the amount of \$3,345,017.00.**

Motion made by David Brown, seconded by Richard Cantu to accept the Notice of Award (NOA) 06HP000311-02-02 from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for the Head Start Division (Early Head Start Child Care Partnership) in the amount of \$3,345,017.00 for the budget period of 09/01/2020 through 8/31/2021; and consider approval of related Budget Amendment in the amount of \$3,345,017.00.

Motion passes with 6-0 voting to accept.

6. **Consider approval of increasing the budget for Irvington Administration Building Renovation Project in the amount not to exceed \$2,600,000 (new revised total budget for the Irvington Administration Building Renovation Project will not exceed \$11,400,000).**

This item was pulled from the agenda, and no action was taken on this item.

7. **ADJOURN**

Motion made by Amy Hinojosa, seconded by Danny Norris to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passes with 6-0 voting to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary