

**HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
6300 IRVINGTON BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77022**

The Harris County Board of School Trustees **Feasibility Committee** met in a meeting on **December 7, 2021**, in room 400A, Administration Building, 6300 Irvington Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77002. The meeting was called to order at **3:06 p.m.** and notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Gov't. Code §551.041 and §551.051.

Board Members Present:	Danny Norris, Board President; Andrea Duhon, Second Vice President Note: There was no quorum present, and therefore, no meeting under the TOMA. Consequently, formal minutes are not required. These are notes from the discussion.
Board Members Absent:	Richard Cantu, First Vice President; and David Brown
Board Attorney:	Sarah Langlois
Administration:	James Colbert, Jr., County School Superintendent Jonathan Parker, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Support Services CJ Rogers, Assistant Superintendent for Education & Enrichment Darlene Breaux, Director Research and Evaluation Institute Carie Crabb, Senior Director School-Related Therapy Services Venetia Baldwin, Executive Assistant to Board of Trustees
Visitors:	None
Purpose:	At the request of Trustee Andrea Duhon, the Feasibility Committee met to discuss items relating to Feasibility and other business of that Committee, including the potential of HCDE adding Speech Therapy to its Therapy Services Division as well as HCDE's history of previously providing Speech Therapy services. HCDE's Research and Evaluation Institute (REI) will generate a study of the current Speech Therapy workforce in Houston school districts. Depending on the results of the study, HCDE may analyze the potential expansion of its current School-Based Therapy Services Division to include Speech Therapy staff. Mr. Colbert recommended that REI's research study include the quality, quantity, expectations, and demographics of current Speech Therapy degree programs at the state level, as well as the average time required for new speech therapists to obtain appropriate license(s) to practice. REI agreed to provide the study results to the Feasibility Committee in early February 2022. Based on the next committee meeting, this item could be added as a discussion item on the February 23, 2022 regular Board meeting agenda.
Adjourn:	<i>The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.</i>

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