

Houston Independent School District  
Board Audit Committee  
Meeting Minutes: October 12, 2015  
2:09 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order by: Juliet Stipeche

Present:

Committee Members: Anna Eastman, Juliet Stipeche, Manuel Rodriguez

Audit Staff: Richard Patton, Stephanie Sandifer, Lauro Garza, Debora Fincher

Proceedings:

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

On motion by Anna Eastman, seconded by Manuel Rodriguez, the motion to approve the September 8, 2015, September 11, 2015, and September 24, 2015 minutes passed unanimously (3 for, 0 opposed).

Entered closed session at 2:14 pm

Reconvened in open session at 2:39 pm

**AUDIT PLAN ADMINISTRATION**

The committee approved a request to add an audit of the Dual Credit Program for Austin High School to the 2015 Audit Plan.

**STATUS OF AUDIT PLAN/KEY REPORTS ISSUED**

Provided an update the audit projects status to the committee members.

At the request of the Audit Committee, Mr. Patton discussed the draft audit results of the Review of the Request for Additional Funding for the 2012 Bond Program. There was a discussion of the difference between true inflation costs that are not controllable and other improvement opportunities that should assist the district in lowering the cost experienced by Construction Facilities Services. Trustee Stipeche expressed that she had concern and questions as to how the \$211 million request was calculated, including cost-containment and inflation, what control mechanisms were put into place, and how the original amount was allocated. She requested the Chief Operations Officer provide a project by project analysis and respond to the draft audit report by Friday, October 16, 2015 at noon.

On motion by Anna Eastman, seconded by Manuel Rodriguez, the motion to postpone the acceptance of the \$211 million funding request for the 2012 bond program passed (2 for, 0 against, 1 abstention). Trustee Stipeche abstained.

Entered closed session at 3:28 pm. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

