NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harris County Department of Education will be held on the **20th of May 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** for the Board to conduct the business of that meeting. The meeting will be held in Conference Room 401 of the Administration Building, 6300 Irvington Boulevard, Houston Texas. Such a meeting is a **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action might be taken are on the Agenda following.

Additionally, from time to time an issue will be raised concerning an item on our agenda that had not been anticipated. The issue, while within the scope of the agenda topic, may be one that is required or authorized by law to be considered in executive session rather than in public session. In order for the Board to consider such issue in executive session, rather than postpone consideration of it until the next board meeting, the Board lists below most if not all be all of the sections of the Open Meetings Act that address the purposes for which the Board may lawfully meet in executive/closed session. The Board's purpose is not to meet in executive session to consider matters not on the agenda for the meeting. Instead, its purpose is to efficiently and timely conduct its business in accordance with the law.

Therefore, if, during the course of the meeting on agenda items 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 in relation to any item included in this notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. 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 meeting or session concerning any and all subjects and purposes authorized by Sections 551.071-551.084, inclusive, of the 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 matters authorized by law.*
Section 551.072	*For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.*
Section 551.073	*For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation.*
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 by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing.*
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 of the Texas Education Code.*
Section 551.084	*For the purpose of excluding witness or witnesses from a hearing during 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) at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

James Colbert, Jr., County School Superintendent

Harris County Department of Education

The Board of Trustees
May 20, 2026

Agenda of Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harris County Department of Education will be held May 20, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. **Invocation -** Donald Mims, Records Center Tech / Driver, Records Management

2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag -** Luis Sanchez, Coordinator, Client Engagement

3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag -** Luis Sanchez, Coordinator, Client Engagement

4. **Open Forum** - Gov't Code 551.007 - Public Participation. Pursuant to Policy BED (Local), a citizen who wishes to speak may do so by completing a participation request card available at the Board room at least 10 minutes prior to a regular Board meeting.

5. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

   A. **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

   B. **Teacher Appreciation Month**

   C. **Employee of the Month -** Dr. Tyrone Sylvester, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources

   D. **Superintendent Monthly Report -** James Colbert, Jr.

   E. **Annual Division Update -** Records Management

   F. **Annual Division Update** - Communications and Marketing

   G. **Other reports from Board members** concerning attendance or participation in a board or HCDE-related conference, event, activity, or committee; accolades for an HCDE staff member or other deserving person.

   H. **Report of Board Committees -** Committee Chairs

   I. **Monthly Financial Reports through 04/30/2026 -** Ann Westbrooks, CFO

6. **ACTION ITEMS - CONSENSUS**

A. Consider approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes:

1. April 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. Consider ratification/approval of the following Interlocal Contracts:

1. **Consider approval of Interlocal (Revenue) Agreements for FY 2027 with School-Based Therapy Services in the aggregate amount of $154,100 with the following districts:** Columbia-Brazoria ISD (86 students served in FY2025) in the amount of $130,500 and Brazos ISD (7 students served in FY2025) in the amount of $23,600, for the period of 08/16/2026 through 08/15/2027.

2. **Consider ratification of the amendment to the Interlocal (Revenue) Agreement with School-Based Therapy Services and UT Austin-UT Charter Schools in the amount of $2,850 for FY 2026 for the period of 08/16/2025 through 08/15/2026.** The contract amount is proposed to be amended from $1,710 to $2,850 (an increase of $1,140) for additional days of physical therapy services.

3. **Consider approval of Interlocal (Revenue) Extended School Year (ESY) Agreement for FY 2026 in the aggregate amount of $70,400 for ABS East with the following district:** Clear Creek ISD for 11 in-county ESY (Summer School) contracts ($6,400 each) for the period of 06/10/2026 through 07/09/2026.

4. **Consider ratification of Interlocal (Revenue) Monthly Agreements for FY 2026 in the aggregate amount of $62,775 for ABS West with the following districts:** Angleton ISD for one out-of-county monthly contract ($4,650 each) for the period of 02/23/2026 through 06/04/2026; East Bernard ISD for one out-of-county monthly contract ($4,650 each) for the period of 04/15/2026 through 06/04/2026; Royal ISD for one out-of-county monthly contract ($4,650 each) for the period of 02/09/2026 through 06/04/2026; and Willis ISD for one out-of-county monthly contract ($4,650 each) for the period of 02/11/2026 through 06/04/2026.

5. **Consider ratification of Interlocal (Revenue) Agreement for FY 2026 in the aggregate amount of $59,500 for ABS East with the following district:** Splendora ISD for two out-of-county annual contracts ($29,750 each) for the period of 08/25/2025 through 06/04/2026.

6. **Consider ratification of Interlocal (Revenue) Agreement for FY 2026 in the amount of $29,750 for ABS West with the following district:** Magnolia ISD for one out-of-county annual contract ($29,750 each) for the period of 08/25/2025 through 06/04/2026.

7. **Consider ratification of Interlocal (Revenue) Monthly Agreements for FY 2026 in the aggregate amount of $15,000 for ABS East with the following district:** YES Prep Public Schools for student #2 for one in-county monthly contract for a total of $7,500 ($3,750 each) for the period of 04/06/2026 through 06/04/2026; YES Prep Public Schools for student #3 for one in-county monthly contract for a total of $7,500 ($3,750 each) for the period of 04/13/2026 through 06/04/2026.

8. **Consider ratification of Interlocal (Expenditure) Agreement for FY 2026 CASE for Kids Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center(s) Cycle 11, Year 5 grant, in the aggregate amount of $135,000 with the following entities:** Alief ISD in the amount of $90,000 (220 students served) and Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans in the amount of $45,000 (92 students served) for the period of 08/04/2025 through 07/31/2026.

9. **Consider ratification of the amendment to the Interlocal (Expenditure) Agreement for FY 2026 CASE for Kids Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center(s) Cycle 12, Year 3 grant, to extend the date of grant from the period of 08/04/2025 through 08/31/2026 with Houston ISD.**

10. **Consider ratification of Interlocal (Expenditure) Agreement for FY 2026 CASE for Kids Project CASE Debates in the amount of $2,500 with Crosby ISD** (a maximum of 25 students served) for the period of 09/01/2025 through 08/31/2026.

11. **Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Harris County Department Head Start and the Lawson Academy** to provide pre-kindergarten services in the Head Start Pre-K classrooms for the period of 08/01/2026 through 07/31/2027.

12. **Consider ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding between Head Start and The Harris Center for Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Services** for the period of 01/01/2026 through 07/31/2028, to ensure the transition of children with disabilities or developmental delays from ECI to Head Start and referrals of EHS students to ECI.

13. **Consider ratification of Interlocal (Revenue) Agreement for Records Management and the Harris County Toll Road Authority in the amount of $45,000** for Records Management Services for the renewal period of 05/03/2026 through 05/02/2027.

C. Consider approval of the following items for the HCDE Choice Partners Cooperative:

1. **Consider approval of the Contract Award for job no. 26/009LL for Roofing, Waterproofing, and Masonry Maintenance Component (TEC 44.031) and Component for Single Trade Job Order Contracting (TGC 2269) for the period of 05/20/2026 through 05/19/2027 with the following vendors:**ABC Restoration, Inc. (26/009LL-01); A.W. Farrell & Son, Inc. dba Farrell Roofing (26/009LL-05); Brazos Urethane, Inc (26/009LL-08); R. B. Hash & Associates, Inc. (26/009LL-19); and TADCO Houston, LLC dba TADCO Roofing and Waterproofing (26/009LL-22).

2. **Consider approval of HCDE Interlocal Agreements with:** Alfalfa County, Cherokee, OK; Clifton Water District, Clifton, CO; Dewey County, Taloga, OK; Faithbridge Church, Spring, TX; and Harrisburg School District, Harrisburg, PA.

D. Consider approval of the following items for Internal Purchasing:

1. **Consider approval of Contract Award for job no. 26/001IA-2 for CASE for Kids Youth Services for Afterschool and Summer for the period of 06/01/2026 through 05/31/2031 with the following proposers:** Arab American Cultural & Community Center (ACC/CPRE/Coalition for Peace Relief and Equity); Animation Station, Inc., (dba American Robotics Academy); Basketball Essentials; Braintrust Tutors Inc.; Coach Mercer LLC (Christopher Mercer); EB-C Group West LLC (Erica Benson); Emerging Roots HTX; Friends of the Children - Houston; I.T.S. Fatherhood (Innovative Technology Services); iHeartHTX (Daisies and Pancakes); Innovation Learning LLC; KIDS ROBOTIC ACADEMY LLC; Legends of Learning, Inc.; Lit for Life, LLC (Natasha McDaniel); Little Scholars, LLC; MBSB (Mind, Body, Spirit Is Your Business); Money Mentor, LLC; Multicultural Literacy Center, LLC (Ethel Lewis); The Brown Book Box, LLC; Tears To Cheers Handwriting Clinic, LLC; Teen KICK (Kisha Simmons); Tender Loving Care Foundation; and YEAT UP ORGANIZATION (Utricia Randolph).

2. **Consider approval of Contract Award for job no. 26/018TD for Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships for the period of 07/01/2026 through 06/30/2027, with four (4) one-year options to renew, to the following proposers:** EB-C Group West, LLC and Mrs. Nikki's Childcare & Academic Center.

3. **Consider approval of Contract Award for job no. 25/047GM-03 Advisors, Coaches, Consultants, Counselors, Speakers, and Trainers for the period of 06/01/2026 through 05/31/2031 with the following proposers:** Alexandria Harrison (Geaux Guidance LLC); Array Education, Inc.; Bonfire Leadership Solutions LLC; CapacityED; Comrades Consulting; Counseling In Color; Dorian Valentina Wesley (Teacher Study Hall LLC); First3Years; Harris-Jones Staffing & Recruiting, LLC (HJ Staffing); HR&Co., LLC; Jessica Lamb (Lamb Consulting LLC); Journey to Achievements; KIDS ROBOTIC ACADEMY LLC; KIM GERMANY (GERMANY CONSULTING GROUP); Krystal Soularie (Resilience Clinical & Educational Services); Maiers Educational Services Inc; Peolocity LLC; Pope Audit Group LLC (Pope Consulting); Tanesha Townsend; The Clarity Coach Enterprises; The Tristen Johnson LLC; True Voice, LLC; and Upfront Solutions for Education.

7. **ACTION ITEMS - NON-CONSENSUS**

1. **Consider approval of (Expenditure) Agreement for Head Start and Age of Learning (Choice Partners Job No.24/030SG-01), in the amount of $207,196, for the period of 01/01/2027 through 12/31/2029** for My Math Academy and My Reading Academy software subscription for Head Start students and Professional Learning for Head Start staff.

2. **Consider approval of (Expenditure) Agreement with the Center for Educator Success (CES) and Protiviti Government Services, Inc., (Job No. 23/035SG-05) in the amount of $181,370, for the period of 06/01/2026 through 12/31/2026** to provide marketing services for the CES teacher certification program.

3. **Consider approval of the Job Order Contract (JOC) with Quality Security Systems (Job No. 24/047TC-23)** for Fire Alarm Replacement at NPO in an amount not to exceed of $ 219,787 and delegate authority to HCDE Superintendent or his designee to negotiate, finalize, and execute the Job Order Contract.

4. **Consider approval of the Job Order Contract (JOC) with Atlas Universal (Job No. 25/035MR-07)** for Partial Roof Recover at NPO in an amount not to exceed of $ 1,218,903 and delegate authority to HCDE Superintendent or his designee to negotiate, finalize, and execute the Job Order Contract.

5. **Consider approval of a Temporary Surface Use Agreement over Department property located at the Coolwood Head Start Center to Targa Gulf Coast NGL Pipeline LLC** for the installation of a pipeline in an existing easement and delegate authority to the Superintendent to negotiate, finalize, and execute all document related thereto.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Under the Texas Government Code pursuant to any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.001-551.084, including, but not limited to: 551.071; 551.074

A. **Deliberate the appointment and duties of Board officers and Board members and obtain legal advice regarding the same.**

B. **Deliberate** the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and/or dismissal of HCDE employee

C. **Deliberate** the purchase, exchange, sale and/or value of real propert(ies) and obtain legal advice regarding the same.

9. **RECONVENE** for possible action on items discussed in executive session

1. **Consider election of President and one or more Vice Presidents of HCDE Board of Trustees.**

10. **Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items**

11. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Submission of grant proposal to Dollar General Literacy Foundation via the Education Foundation of Harris County in the amount of $4,125** for ABS-East and Fortis Academy, Special Schools Division. Requested funds will cover expenses to purchase technology (iPads), books/book sets, and novels for 161 students.

2. **Notice of correction: The vendor’s name, MSV360, LLC was incorrectly spelled on the 04/15/2026 board agenda. The vendor’s correct name is "MVS360, LLC".**

3. **Notice of acceptance of the Head Start (OHS) Program Performance Summary Report- 06CH013307 & 06HP000559 of the Harris County Department of Education Head Start Program.**

4. **Submission of grant proposal to Port of Houston via the Education Foundation of Harris County in the amount of $46,805** to support CASE for Kids' Port of the Future: Cultivating Future Maritime Leaders project. Requested funds will serve 100 middle and high school students to encourage them to pursue STEM careers related to the maritime industry.

A. **Human Resources**

1. Personnel

2. Employee Count

3. Chapter 21 and Non-Chapter 21 Contracts for FY 2026 - 2027

12. **ADJOURN** - Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.



James Colbert, Jr.
County School Superintendent