

ORDER CALLING RUNOFF TRUSTEE ELECTION; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HARRIS COUNTY FOR ELECTION SERVICES; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HARRIS §
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM §

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2022, a special election for the office of Trustee for Single-Member District II (“District II”) of the Houston Community College System (“System”); and

WHEREAS, to be elected to such office, Section 130.088(1), Education Code provides that a candidate must receive the majority of the votes cast; and

WHEREAS, no candidate for Trustee, District II received a majority of the votes cast by the resident, qualified voters in District II; accordingly, no candidate has been elected to the office of Trustee, District II; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.021, Election Code provides that a runoff election shall be conducted if no candidate receives the required number of votes to be elected; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.023 of the Election Code provides that the candidates in the runoff election shall be the candidate receiving the highest number of votes and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Ward Johnson received the highest number of votes and Kathy "Lynch" Gunter received the second highest number of votes in the special election for Trustee, District II; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the System (the “Board”) deems it necessary to order a runoff trustee election (the “Election”) for geographic Trustee, District II pursuant to Chapter 130, Texas Education Code, Chapter 2, Texas Election Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 to be held on June 18, 2022 (“Election Day”); and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, intends to conduct a joint election with certain other political subdivisions within Harris County (the “County”) and contract with the Harris County Elections Administrator (the “County Elections Official”) for election services; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM:

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. A runoff trustee election (the “Election”) shall be held on Election Day, in District II. The office of Trustee, District II is to be filled for a term of office commencing in accordance with applicable law, and continuing until December 31, 2025.

Section 3. Candidates for trustee in the Election shall be voted upon and elected only by the qualified voters residing within District II. The results of the Election shall be canvassed by the Board as and when required by law.

Section 4. The hours during which the polling places (which are listed in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and shall be updated as determined by the County Elections Official) shall be open for voting on Election Day, shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of geographic Trustee, District II situated within all or part of one or more County election precincts.

Section 5. (a) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts in the County shall be held at the locations, at the times, and on the days set forth in **Exhibit B** (which shall be updated as determined by the County Elections Official).

(b) The County Elections Official, Ms. Isabel Longoria, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk to perform those functions for the System’s voters who are qualified under state and federal law. Applications for ballots to be voted by mail by should be delivered to the County Elections Official at:

Official Mailing Address: Ms. Isabel Longoria, Harris County Elections Administrator,
P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX 77251-1148

Physical Address: 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Houston, TX 77002

E-mail Address: ybm@harrisvotes.com and voters@harrisvotes.com

Phone Number: (713) 755-6965

Fax Numbers: (713)-755-4983 or (713)-437-8683

Website Address: <https://www.harrisvotes.org/>

Applications to vote by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk by Tuesday, June 7, 2022 no later than the close of business.

Section 6. The System may participate in a joint election with other participating governmental entities in the County that are also holding elections on Election Day and will contract with the County for election services. The Board hereby authorizes the Chancellor of the System and/or General Counsel or either such person’s designee(s) to enter into a contract with the County for election services in connection with the Election.

Section 7. Prior to Election Day, the election judges, clerks, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election will be appointed by the County Elections Official, and the election judges and alternate judges may be changed and the polling places may be combined for some precincts, pursuant to the decision of the County Elections Official. The County Elections Official shall also be responsible for establishing the central counting station for the ballots cast in such election and appointing the personnel necessary for such station. The Board hereby authorizes the Chair of the Board of Trustees to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed by the County Elections Official as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Texas Elections Code.

Section 8. Notice of the Election shall be given pursuant to the Texas Election Code by publication in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese, at least one time, not later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the System. To the extent required by law, the following shall also be included in such Notice: “The System’s website is located at: <https://www.hccs.edu/>. More information regarding the Election may be found at: <https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/board-of-trustees/board-information/trustee-elections/>.”

The Board hereby authorizes the Chancellor and/or General Counsel of the System or either of their designee(s) to cause such publication to occur, including, but not limited to, entering to any contracts for such publication or incurring costs related to same for and on behalf of the System.

Section 9. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272, Election Code pertaining to bilingual voters.

Section 10. The Chancellor of the System, or his designee, in consultation with the System's attorneys are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, the Texas Education Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 11. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or any phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity, or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

[Signature page follows]

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this May 18, 2022.

/s/ Dr. Cynthia Lenton-Gary

Chair, Board of Trustees
Houston Community College System

ATTEST:

/s/ Eva L. Loreda

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Houston Community College System

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EXHIBIT A
Election Day Information

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THIS IS A LIST OF POSSIBLE POLLING PLACES. VOTERS SHOULD CONFIRM LOCATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION PRIOR TO VOTING AT WWW.HARRISVOTES.COM OR (713) 755-6965.

Precinct Precinto Phân Khu 選區	Location Lugar Địa Điểm 地點	Address Dirección Địa Chỉ 地址	Voting Room Sala de votación Phòng Bỏ Phiếu 投票室	City Ciudad Thành Phố 城市	Zip Código Postal Số Zip Code 郵遞區號
890	Harris County Administration Building*	1001 Preston Street	Northeast Sub Foyer; 1st Floor	Houston	77002
42	Kashmere MultiService Center*	4802 Lockwood Drive	Room 126	Houston	77026-2941
307	City of Nassau Bay Council Chambers*	1800 Space Park Drive No 200	Council Chambers	Nassau Bay	77058-3508
327	Acres Homes Multi Service Center*	6719 West Montgomery Road	Auditorium	Houston	77091
611	Northeast Multi Service Center*	9720 Spaulding Street	Auditorium	Houston	77016
966	The Grand Tuscan Hotel*	12801 Northwest Freeway	The Plaza	Houston	77040
195	Burrus Elementary School	701 East 33rd Street	Gym	Houston	77022
122	John F Kennedy Elementary School	400 Victoria Drive	Multipurpose	Houston	77022-2422
325	High School Ahead Academy	5320 Yale Street	Library Front Entrance	Houston	77091-5730
505	Wainwright Elementary School	5330 Milwee Street	Cafeteria	Houston	77092-6655
73	Harper Alternative School	4425 North Shepherd Drive	Agriculture Room	Houston	77018
197	Osborne Elementary School	800 Ringold Street	Cafeteria	Houston	77088-6337
171	Roderick Paige Elementary School	7501 Curry Road	-	Houston	77093
408	Moreno Elementary School	620 East Canino Road	Foyer	Houston	77037
168	Kashmere High School	6900 Wileyvale St	Gym	Houston	77028-4156
205	Fonwood Elementary School	9709 Mesa Drive	Cafeteria	Houston	77078
585	North Forest High School	10726 Mesa Drive	Cummunity Room	Houston	77078-1401
606	Key Middle School	4000 Kelley Street	Auditorium	Houston	77026-1534
253	Little Union Missionary Baptist Church	6609 Letcher Drive	Education Room	Houston	77028-4029
259	Pleasantville Elementary School	1431 Gellhorn Drive	Cafeteria	Houston	77029-3343
160	Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men	1700 Gregg Street	Lecture Hall	Houston	77020
323	Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel	3000 North Loop West Freeway	Jasmine I & II	Houston	77092-8810
321	Hardy Street Senior Citizens Center	11901 West Hardy Road	Auditorium	Houston	77076-1220
252	Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church	10505 Bainbridge Street	Sanctuary	Houston	77016-3007
832	Greater New Grove Christian Worship Center Church	7518 E Mount Houston Road	Sanctuary	Houston	77050
401	Lakewood Park Community Center	8811 Feland Street	Multi-purpose Room	Houston	77028-2016
401	Bethany Baptist Church Fellowship Hall	7304 Homestead Road	Fellowship Hall	Houston	77028-3027
854	Tuffly Park Community Center	3200 Russell Street	Multi-purpose Room	Houston	77026
161	Julia C Hester House	2020 Solo Street	Auditorium	Houston	77020-4224

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EXHIBIT B
Early Voting Information

Main Early Voting Polling Place

Harris County Administration Building, Northeast Sub Foyer; 1st Floor
1001 Preston Street, Houston, Texas 77002

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Early Voting Hours of Operation		
Days	Dates	Hours
Monday-Saturday	June 6-11	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday	June 12	12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Monday-Tuesday	June 13-14	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

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