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### H-GAC NAMES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF 2022

*Sally Branson, Trey Duhon, and Rissie Owens Now Serve as Board Chair, Chair Elect, and Vice Chair, Respectively, through the End of 2022*

**HOUSTON, TX** – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) announced a new suite of officers to the 2022 board of directors at its board meeting on June 21. Friendswood City Councilmember Sally Branson serves as chair, Waller County Judge Trey Duhon serves as chair elect, and Huntsville ISD Trustee Rissie Owens serves as vice chair.

As chair of the board of directors, Branson presides over the monthly board meetings, where members review and discuss important regional planning items and convene advisory committees to promote the sustainable growth of the 13-county region and the quality of life of its more than 7 million residents.



*Friendswood City Councilmember Sally Branson and Waller County Judge Trey Duhon were sworn into their new positions as chair and chair elect of the H-GAC board of directors on June 21.*



*Huntsville ISD Trustee Rissie Owens was sworn into her new position as vice chair at the July 19 board meeting.*

Branson has served on the board since 2017 and was originally elected as vice chair at the beginning of this year. She also serves on three of H-GAC's board committees, including the Finance & Budget Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Planning Committee.

Duhon has served on the board of directors since 2015. In addition to his duties as officer, he serves on the Plans & Projects Review Committee, for which he is chair, the Regional Broadband Committee, the Finance & Budget Committee, and the Water Resources Committee.

Rissie Owens has served on the board of directors since 2017. She serves on the Budget & Finance Committee, for which she is chair, the Planning Committee, which she also chairs, the Legislative Committee, for which she is vice chair,

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and the Regional Broadband Committee.

The new suite of officers was elected by H-GAC's Election Committee to lead the board for the remainder of 2022 in the wake of the previous chair William King III resigning and the tragic passing of Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark. King completed his term as mayor pro tem of Dickinson, Texas, and is running for Galveston County Judge in the November general election.

For his distinguished service on the board and to the region, H-GAC presented an award to King at the June board meeting, the same day Branson and Duhon were sworn in as officers. Owens was sworn into her position at H-GAC's board meeting on July 19.

The H-GAC board of directors is composed of 37 local elected officials representing 13 counties, 107 cities, and 11 school districts.

The board leads collaborative efforts with local governments and considers regional issues in solving area-wide challenges for an array of programs, such as transportation planning, rural 9-1-1 services, workforce development, aging and disability resources, and disaster and recovery programs. Board meetings are held monthly and are open to the public.

For more information about the H-GAC board of directors, visit [www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors](http://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors). For a schedule of upcoming board meetings and other H-GAC events, visit [www.h-gac.com/calendar](http://www.h-gac.com/calendar).



*Outgoing H-GAC board of directors chair William King III was honored with a resolution recognizing his service to H-GAC and the region.*

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