

Board of Directors



March Board Meeting

Schedule Tuesday, March 17, 2026 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM CDT
Venue Houston-Galveston Area Council 3555 Timmons Ln. Houston, TX 77027
Organizer Kelley Misetich

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

5. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. CHAIR'S REMARKS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8a. FEBRUARY MINUTES

Request approval of the February 2026 Minutes. (Staff Contact: Kelley Misetich)

8b. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Request approval of changes to the Solid Waste Management Committee bylaws. (Staff Contact: Erin Livingston)

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8c. FREIGHT SAFETY CAMPAIGN – 2026 REGIONAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN
Request authorization to contract with media vendors to conduct a Freight Safety Campaign; total amount not to exceed \$80,000. (Staff Contact: Eric Pacheco)

8d. HGACBUY AO05-26 AIRPORT OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT SERVICES AND MATERIALS
Request authorization to contract with respondents listed for Airport Operations Equipment, Services, and Materials. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

8e. HGACBUY AI05-26 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CONSULTING SERVICES
Request authorization to contract with respondents listed for Artificial Intelligence Consulting Services. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

8f. HGACBUY SE05-26 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ACCESS CONTROL AND SECURITY FENCING SYSTEMS
Request authorization to contract with respondents listed for Video Surveillance, Access Control, and Security Fencing Systems. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

8g. RENEWAL OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL DATA
Request approval to purchase Data Axle's business and residential databases in amount not to exceed \$46,320. (Staff Contact: Thushara Ranatunga)

8h. CLEAN CITIES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
Request authorization to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy for Clean Cities and Communities program activities; total contract amount not to exceed \$1,075,000. (Staff Contact: Andrew DeCandis)

8i FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUTER PILOT PROGRAM-YEAR THREE
Request authorization to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County to continue operation of the Commuter Park & Ride Service for up to 12 months; amount not to exceed \$780,000. (Staff contact: Bennie Chambers III)

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8j. WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS OFFICE SUBLEASE

Request approval of additional \$56,539 for sublease with Schlumberger Technology Corporation; total contract not to exceed \$656,539. (Staff contact: Scott Young)

9. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

9a. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 2026

Request approval of the monthly financial report ending January 31, 2026. (Staff Contact: Christina Ordonez-Campos)

9b. SPEND DOWN UPDATE-WORKFORCE

No action required. For information only. (Staff Contact: Christina Ordonez-Campos)

10. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

10a. REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY PLANNING INITIATIVE – FISCAL YEAR 2026

Request approval of resolution, and authorization to apply for FY 2026 Regional Homeland Security Planning Initiative in the amount of \$311,606. (Staff contact: Justin Riley).

10b. FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM TOWER SITE

Request authorization to apply for the Fort Bend County Public Safety Radio System Tower Site project; amount not to exceed \$4,661,613 (Staff Contact: Justin Riley)

11. H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND AFFILIATE GROUPS

11a. MARCH 2026 NOMINATIONS

Request approval of the advisory committee and affiliate group nominations. (Staff Contact: William Matthews)

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11b. ELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

For information only. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Jay Knight)

12. REPORTS

12a. SPOTLIGHT-13 COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

For information purposes only. (Staff Contact: Bennie Chambers)

12b. OUTREACH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT

Update on important current and upcoming public affairs activities. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

12c. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

13. ADJOURNMENT

Kelley Misetich

MEETING MINUTES

H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 17, 2026

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following members of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) attended all or a portion of the February 17, 2026 Board meeting:

- Austin County – Judge Tim Lapham
- Brazoria County – Commissioner Stacy Adams
- Colorado County – Judge Ty Prause
- Fort Bend County-Judge KP George
- Harris County – Commissioner Lesley Briones
- Harris County- Commissioner Adrian Garcia
- Liberty County – Judge Jay Knight (Chair)
- City of Baytown-Mayor Charles Johnson (alternate for Laura Alvarado)
- City of DeerPark- Council Member Tommy Ginn
- City of Friendswood – Council Member Sally Branson
- City of Houston –Councilmember Joaquin Martinez
- City of Houston- Council Member Fred Flickinger
- City of Huntsville-Mayor Pro Tem Jon Strong
- City of La Porte – Councilmember Chuck Engelken
- City of Lake Jackson – Mayor Gerald Roznovsky
- City of Missouri City – Council Member Joanna Ouderkirk
- City of Pasadena- Council Member Carlos Heredia Sr. (Alternate for Councilmember Thomas Schoenbein)

- City of Sugar Land – Council Member Stewart Jacobson
- City of Texas City- Commissioner Jami Clark
- City of Waller- Council Member Nancy Arnold
- City of Pattison – Council Member Joe Garcia
- City of Bellaire – Council Member Ross Gordon
- City of Manvel – Mayor Dan Davis
- HISD – Trustee Michelle Cruz Arnold

Not Present:

- Trustee Rissie Owens
- Judge Mark K. Keough
- Commissioner Joseph Giusti
- Commissioner Brandon Decker
- Councilman Harry Hardman
- Mayor Nick Long
- Commissioner Tommy Hammond
- Judge Bobby Seiferman
- Councilmember Martin Vela
- Councilmember Laura Alvarado
- Judge Phillip Spenrath
- Mayor William Benton
- Judge Trey Duhon
- Mayor Pro Tem Marie Robb
- Mayor Russell Humphrey
- Mayor Kevin Cole

A quorum was confirmed and announced by Kelley Missetich.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair: Mr. Jay Knight

Date: February 17, 2026

Time: Approximately 10:25 a.m.

Location: 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027

The Chair called the meeting to order. The meeting room was declared open and accessible to the public.

2. INVOCATION

Judge Jay Knight led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Jay Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call conducted by Kelley Misetich.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Rick Guerrero introduced special guests in attendance:

- Representatives from federal and state agencies, and elected officials serving in alternate/regional capacities.
 - Laura Parker (Office of Commissioner Briones – Mgr. Of Govt. Affairs)
 - Freddy Guerra (Office of Commissioner Briones)
 - Sharon Lewis-City of Galveston) Council Member
 - Sloan Sweeny- (Office of Council Member Fred Flickinger)
 - Edith Santamaria, MPP (Office of Council Member Martinez-Chief of Staff)
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5. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair asked if any Board member had a conflict of interest to declare. None were reported.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment requests were made received. No comments were presented.

7. SAFETY BRIEFING

Scott Young, H-GAC Facilities Manager, provided a safety briefing—no scheduled work on building life safety systems. Need to take all alarms seriously. In the event that an evacuation is needed, attendees are instructed to follow the fire wardens' instructions regarding next steps.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Knight called for the Consent Agenda and asked for questions or items for discussion.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by:

Councilmember Nancy Arnold

Second: Councilmember Sally Branson

- *All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.*

The following consent items were approved:

- Approval of previous Board meeting minutes
- Funding increases, contracts, and program authorizations as detailed in Board packet.

9. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

a. Monthly Financial Report (December 2025)

- Presented by: Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, CFO
- The report detailed near-final results for the fiscal year December 2025, showing **total revenues of \$518.7 million** and a net balance of approximately \$1 million.

- Key highlights included **Cooperative Purchasing fees exceeding the budget by 14%** (a \$1.7 million increase over 2024) and \$2.5 million spent on 911 program equipment.
- Transportation pass-through costs exceeded the budget by 23%, which staff attributed to budgeting misalignments that have been adjusted for the 2026 cycle

Motion to approve was made by: Council Member Sally Branson

Second: Commissioner Leslie Briones

- *All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.*

b. 2026 BUDGET & SERVICE PLAN – FEBRUARY ITERATION

- The Board discussed a revised budget following requests from the Gulf Coast Workforce Board to reduce outreach and government affairs indirect costs.
- The **indirect cost rate was reduced from 36.2% to 30.7%, a decrease of \$2.1 million in indirect cost.**
- H-GAC will **temporarily use \$6.5 million in local funds** while working toward more direct charging models. The revision also includes a **reduction of 5 to 7 staff positions.**

Motion to approve was made by: Council Member Sally Branson

Second: Council Member Carlos Heredia Sr.

- *All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.*
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c. LOCAL FUND POLICY

- The Board voted to table the item for one month to allow for collaborative feedback.

Motion to table was made by: Councilmember Joe Garcia

Second: Council Member Sally Branson

- *All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.*

10. AREA AGENCY ON AGING GRANT AWARD

a. Victims of Crime Act Grant Renewal

- Presented by: Alejandra Rischan
- The Board authorized the acceptance of a \$300,000 grant from the National Council on Aging.

- This 30-month grant will establish a Benefits Enrollment Center to help Medicare-eligible residents and veterans access services like SNAP and prescription assistance

Motion to approve was made by: Mayor Gerald Roznovsky

Second: Councilmember Sally Branson

- *All in favor; motion carried.*
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11. TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS-REPRESENTATIVE

- Presented by: Chuck Wemple, Executive Director
- **Ross Gordon** (City of Bellaire) was nominated and approved to replace Nancy Arnold as H-GAC's representative on the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC).

Motion to approve was made by: Councilmember Nancy Arnold

Second: Mayor Dan Davis

- *All in favor; motion carried.*

12. H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- Presented by: William Matthews, Policy & Governance Coordinator
- Mayor Dan Davis was approved for nomination to the Corporation for Regional Excellence board.

Motion to approve was made by: Council Member Nancy Arnold

Second: Council Member Sally Branson

- *All in favor; motion carried.*

13. REPORTS

a. Spotlight: PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS AWARDS

Presented by: Andrea Tantillo

- Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the program recognized 42 regional projects.
- Since its inception, the program has honored projects representing \$2.2 billion in investments and over 810,000 acres of improved and planned parkland.

b. AGENCY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Presented by: Miguel Segura- Director of Public Affairs

- **Safe Learning Environment:** The agency used a "parking lot" analogy for its rollout, providing a safe space with usage guidelines and barriers where staff could learn to "drive" the technology before using it on "the highway" of daily operations.
- **Task Efficiency and Tone Consistency:** H-GAC developed an AI model trained on past reports to ensure a uniform "agency voice". It polishes conversational text into AP-style approved documents in seconds.
- **Automated Meeting Minutes:** AI is used to transcribe recordings and generate draft minutes. The technology has become proficient at recognizing individual voices to accurately attribute motions, seconds, and specific discussion points.
- **Advanced Tools:** As staff proficiency grows, the agency is transitioning to a "toll road" approach, catering to more advanced users with specialized tools.
- **Targeted Applications:** Planned projects include precision workforce mapping for career paths, predicting meal service needs for older adults in rural counties, and grant management assistance to automate proposal drafting and deadline tracking.

c. Outreach and Government Affairs Report

Presented by: Rick Guerrero

- Rick presented and discussed his report for Outreach and Government Affairs.
- The agency is actively monitoring the partial federal government shutdown for impacts on TSA and FEMA, while also intensifying coordination for 2026 FIFA World Cup.

d. Executive Director's Report

Presented by: Chuck Wemple

- Annual Meeting: Friday Feb. 20 at the Briar Club (over 200 registrants)
- The Election Committee reported that orientation and individual interviews with members of the Election Committee are underway to identify the character traits for the next Executive Director. The goal is to have a new director seated by mid-July 2026.
- He also noted that funding for the Community Development Financial Institution (small business financing) had been restored by the federal government after being slated for elimination.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Knight adjourned the February 17, 2026, H-GAC Board of Directors meeting at 11:37 a.m.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Background

The Solid Waste Management Committee serves as a subcommittee of the H-GAC Board of Directors for the purpose of providing information and recommendations on municipal solid waste management related topics and projects. The Solid Waste Management Committee is composed of a wide array of stakeholders, representing member governments, private industry, public groups, and citizens. The composition of the Solid Waste Management Committee body, and its governing bylaws, were most recently amended in February 2014.

Current Situation

At the January 22, 2025, meeting of the Solid Waste Management Committee, staff brought up the idea of updating the bylaws and membership composition. The first vote took place at the meeting on July 23, 2025, where the Committee agreed to open the bylaws up for review. The second vote to approve the proposed changes took place at the meeting held on October 22, 2025. An additional vote was held on January 28, 2026, to incorporate comments received from the H-GAC Executive Team following the October 2025 meeting.

The proposed updates were unanimously approved, and include the following notable changes:

- Switching to the new H-GAC committee bylaws template.
- Identifying the purpose of the bylaws (**Article I**).
- Clarifying that virtual participation counts as attendance when available (**Article III**).
- Updating the membership composition to ensure representation from all thirteen counties in the region and including a mention of the nonvoting advisory members (**Article IV**).
- Identifying the resignation process (**Article VI**).
- Clarifying the process by which alternates can be appointed (**Article VIII**).
- Changing the officers from Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to Chair and Chair-Elect (**Article IX**).
- Clarifying that a quorum is based on the number of filled positions (**Article XI**).
- Removing statements regarding the initial bylaws enactment process (**Article XIII**).

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request approval of changes to the Solid Waste Management Committee bylaws. (Staff Contact: Erin Livingston)



BYLAWS OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

An Advisory Committee of H-GAC's Board of Directors

I. LEGAL NAME

These bylaws are established to govern the operations, responsibilities, and procedures of the Solid Waste Management Committee, as authorized by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Board of Directors and in accordance with regional planning guidelines and state regulations.

This document serves as the official governance framework, defining the committee's purpose, membership, operational protocols, and decision-making processes. All members are expected to adhere to these bylaws and uphold the mission of regional collaboration and strategic planning.

II. PURPOSE AND MISSION

The Solid Waste Management Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors of the Houston-Galveston Area Council to assist and advise elected officials in their decision-making responsibilities by making recommendations on issues related to solid waste management in the Gulf Coast Planning Region.

Additionally, responsibilities of the Solid Waste Management Committee include:

- a. Revise and update H-GAC's regional solid waste management plan.
- b. Score solid waste management grant applications to H-GAC's regional plan implementation program.
- c. Nominate and prioritize other solid waste management projects for state or federal funding, when appropriate.
- d. Review local solid waste management plans for consistency with H-GAC's plan.
- e. Oversee H-GAC's solid waste management work program.
- f. Serve as a forum for discussing solid waste issues and coordinating local efforts.

III. MEMBERSHIP/APPOINTMENTS

- a. Composition
 - i. Representatives from cities and counties within H-GAC region
 - ii. Expertise relevant to committee's focus
 - iii. Geographical diversity requirement
- b. Membership categories
 - i. Members
 - ii. Alternates
 - iii. Advisory members
- c. Appointments



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- i. Committee appointments shall be made by the Board of Directors of the H-GAC, after receiving recommendations from:
 1. Board of Directors members
 2. Solid Waste Management Committee
- ii. Appointees shall signify acceptance of membership. Such acceptance shall include a commitment to attend the meetings of the Committee. Attendance includes both in-person attendance and virtual attendance, if offered.

IV. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

a. Voting members

The Solid Waste Management Committee shall consist of 32 voting members.

- i. 1 member from each County in the region
- ii. 1 member from the City of Houston
- iii. 6 members from at-large Local Government (may be from any county and one of the at-large members will have a local enforcement emphasis and another a household hazardous waste emphasis)
- iv. 2 members from a Nonprofit organization (with a solid waste emphasis)
- v. 2 members from a Citizen/environmental group
- vi. 8 members from Industry (with representation from recycling, composting, hauling and disposal)

b. Advisory members

The Solid Waste Management Committee shall also include 2 advisory members:

- i. H-GAC's assigned Grant Manager from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's central office
- ii. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regional office representative

V. MEMBER TERMS

a. Term length

- i. Two-year period
- ii. Members shall serve until a successor is appointed
- iii. Members will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be replaced at any time.

VI. RESIGNATION/REMOVAL

a. Voluntary resignation

- i. Written notice to committee chair



BYLAWS OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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- ii. Effective upon receipt
- b. Removal Conditions
 - i. If any member or their alternate fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee, the member is subject to removal on a majority vote of the Committee.

VII. OPEN MEETINGS

All meetings will be open to the public. Each meeting will include an opportunity for public comment.

VIII. ALTERNATE MEMBERS

- a. Designation process
 - i. It is recommended each member have a designated principal alternate.
 - ii. The alternate may be appointed by the Board of Directors or by the member.
- b. Voting rights
 - i. The alternate may vote and count toward a quorum in the absence of the member.
- c. Attendance requirements
 - i. It is the member's responsibility to notify the alternate of scheduled meetings.

IX. OFFICERS

- a. Chair
 - i. All normal powers of the presiding officer shall be vested in the Chair.
 - ii. Consideration should be given to electing the Chair on a rotating basis to accommodate the broad categories of membership as represented by local government, industry, nonprofit organization, and citizen/environmental groups.
- b. Chair-Elect
 - i. The Chair-Elect shall preside in the absence of the Chair.
- c. Election procedures
 - i. The Chair and Chair-Elect are elected by a simple majority of those present and voting at the first quarterly meeting of the biennium.
 - ii. After two years, a new Chair-Elect shall be elected, and the current Chair-Elect shall become the new Chair.



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- d. Interim leadership selection
 - i. In the absence of both officers, the presiding officer for that meeting will be named by caucus of the Committee members present.

X. VACANCIES

- a. Member appointment process
 - i. Upon occurrence of a vacancy through any eventuality, the Board of Directors of the H GAC shall immediately be notified in order that the vacancy be promptly filled.
 - ii. When a vacancy occurs, the appointee shall serve the duration of the unexpired term to which they are appointed.
- b. Officer appointment procedures
 - i. Upon the vacancy of an officer through any eventuality, a replacement will be elected from the current membership by majority vote.

XI. VOTING PROCEDURES

- a. Quorum requirements
 - i. A quorum shall consist of a majority of filled positions.
 - ii. No action may be taken by the Committee without a quorum present.
- b. Voting requirements
 - i. Any action brought to a vote will be enacted by a majority vote of the members present, except for those provided for specifically in other paragraphs of these bylaws.
- c. Conflict of interest
 - i. No Committee member may participate in a vote in which they have a direct monetary interest.

XII. SUBCOMMITTEES

- a. Formation process
 - i. The Committee may be assisted by subcommittees, whose Chair will be appointed by the subcommittee.
 - ii. At least one member of the subcommittee must be a Committee member; all subcommittee members do not have to be a Committee member or alternate.
- b. Reporting requirements



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- i. When active, the subcommittee shall present a report to the Committee at regularly scheduled or called meetings.

XIII. BYLAWS AMENDMENT

- a. Proposed changes
 - i. These bylaws may be amended upon the petition of a majority of the membership present and enacted by the vote of two-thirds of the membership present at the next meeting, the petition or proposal serving as the first reading in such a case, and the vote to deny or enact serving as the second reading, provided, however, that the members have been sent a copy in writing ten days prior to the second reading.
- b. Approval process
 - i. Amendments to the bylaws take effect when approved by the H-GAC Board of Directors.

XIV. REVISION HISTORY

- a. Revision Adoption- February 2014

FREIGHT SAFETY CAMPAIGN – 2026 REGIONAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Background

Regional transportation safety efforts aim to create a safer environment for bicyclists, pedestrians, first responders, commercial motor vehicles, and all road users. The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is noted for the substantial cargo traversing our region daily. In 2023, the Metropolitan Planning Organization region reported 6,331 crashes involving Commercial Motor Vehicles. While many did not result in reported injuries, 155 caused serious injuries and 50 unfortunately ended in fatalities. Unsafe lane changes by drivers were the main cause of Commercial Motor Vehicle crashes, totaling 1,251 incidents, closely followed by speeding at 1,101 incidents. As our population grows and freight traffic increases due to rising consumer delivery demands, accidents involving passenger cars and Commercial Motor Vehicles are also likely to rise. It is crucial to remind Commercial Motor Vehicles operators and the public that adhering to speed limits, being mindful of large truck blind spots, and maintaining driver awareness can greatly enhance safety for all road users. Improving freight safety is a priority in the 2023 Regional Goods Movement Plan, and this pilot program aims to implement recommendations to enhance freight safety in the region.

Current Situation

The freight safety campaign is part of the larger Task 4 Regional Safety Campaign of the Public Outreach Projects (CSJ 0912-00-634). It will deliver safety messages through billboards, social media, and radio, promoting safer driving behaviors for commercial truck and single occupancy vehicles drivers. This campaign will broaden its impact as part of a larger safety initiative. The freight campaign will run for five months during the peak Commercial Moter Vehicle related crash season, spanning early summer and early fall.

Funding Source

Federal Highway Administration- Surface Transportation Block Grant

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request authorization to contract with media vendors to conduct a Freight Safety Campaign; total amount not to exceed \$80,000. (Staff Contact: Eric Pacheco)

**HGACBUY AO05-26
AIRPORT OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND MATERIALS**

Background:

The H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGACBuy) establishes contracts for a variety of products and services through competitive solicitations. Member governments are able to use the contracts to make purchases. HGACBuy received and opened 23 proposals for Airport Operations Equipment, Services, and Materials on February 12, 2026. The following companies submitted a proposal:

AeroCloud Systems Inc.	Wilmington, DE
AET Transportation Co. LLC	Houston, TX
Calder Brothers Corporation	Taylors, SC
Carpenter Bus LLC	Elm Mott, TX
Chief Technologies, LLC	Milton, DE
Chinook Chemical Corporation	Tyler, TX
EcoBeton-USA	Sparks, NV
Eldorado National (California), Inc.	Riverside, CA
Evans Consoles Incorporated	Grapevine, TX
GOV AI INC, dba Think GOV	New Orleans, LA
Jamie Crandall Equipment Corp, dba Richmond Equipment	Richmond, TX
Kucera International Inc.	Willoughby, OH
Great Plains Manufacturing Inc.	Salina, KS
Lavi Industries LLC, dba Lavi Industries	Valencia, CA
M-B Co, Inc., dba M-B Companies, Inc.	New Holstein, WI
Metal Pless Inc.	Quebec, Canada
Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	Indianapolis, IN
Sherwin Industries Inc.	Milwaukee, WI
Smart Manufacturing Inc.	Advance, IN
SmithCo Mfg., Inc.	Le Mars, IA
SVI Inc, dba Specialty Vehicles	Henderson, NV
UFA Inc.	Woburn, MA
Westnet, LLC	Huntington Beach, CA

Current Situation:

This contract is a new addition to our portfolio, consisting of various types of equipment and services related to our members' operational and security needs for airports and runways. All proposal responses have been evaluated by H-GAC staff. The response from Kucera International was deemed non-responsive. 19 proposals are being recommended for award. Request authorization to contract with each respondent listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table, and as may be applicable, to extend contract assignments to other authorized entities during the contract period.

Funding Source: Participating local government purchasers.

Budgeted: NA

Action Requested: Request authorization to contract with respondents listed for Airport Operations Equipment, Services, and Materials. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

HGACBuy
Contract Awards Recommendation Table
Airport Operations Equipment, Services, and Materials AO05-26

Award Recommendations	Description
AeroCloud Systems Inc.	Current AeroCloud Systems airport operations software catalog and options
Calder Brothers Corporation	Current Calder Brothers airport operations equipment catalog and options
Carpenter Bus LLC	Current Carpenter Bus airport operations equipment and services catalog
Chief Technologies, LLC	Current Chief Technologies airport operations equipment and services catalog
Chinook Chemical Corporation	Current Chinook Chemical Corporation airport operations materials catalog
EcoBeton-USA	Current EcoBeton airport operations materials catalog and options
Eldorado National (California), Inc.	Current Eldorado National airport operations equipment catalog and options
Evans Consoles Incorporated	Current Evans Consoles airport operations equipment catalog and options
GOV AI INC, dba Think GOV	Current GOV AI airport operations and services catalog and options
Great Plains Manufacturing Inc.	Current Great Plains airport operations equipment and services catalog and options
Lavi Industries LLC, dba Lavi Industries	Current Lavi Industries airport operations equipment catalog and options
M-B Co, Inc., dba M-B Companies, Inc.	Current M-B Companies airport operations equipment and services catalog
Metal Pless Inc.	Current Metal Pless airport operations equipment catalog and options
Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	Current Model 1 airport operations equipment catalog and options
Sherwin Industries Inc.	Current Sherwin Industries airport operations equipment and materials catalog and options
SmithCo Mfg., Inc.	Current SmithCo airport operations equipment catalog
SVI Inc, dba Specialty Vehicles	Current SVI airport operations equipment catalog and options
UFA Inc.	Current UFA airport operations equipment, materials, and services catalog and options
Westnet, LLC	Current Westnet airport operations equipment, materials, and services catalog and options

HGACBUY AI05-26 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CONSULTING SERVICES

Background:

The H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGACBuy) establishes contracts for a variety of products and services through competitive solicitations. Member governments are able to use the contracts to make purchases. HGACBuy received and opened 57 proposals for artificial intelligence consulting services on December 18, 2026. The following companies submitted a proposal:

22nd Century Technologies, Inc.	MacLean, VA
Abbas Broachwala, dba International Traders & Resources, Inc.	Lombard, IL
Agilify, LLC	Baton Rouge, LA
Aikitech, Inc.	Scottsdale, AZ
Ampcus, Inc.	Chantilly, VA
AMSYS Innovative Solutions, LLC	Houston, TX
Ashish Trivedi, dba Total Recall Systems, LLC	Houston, TX
BDO USA, P.C.	Grand Rapids, MI
BuzzClan, LLC	Flower Mound, TX
Claritics, LLC	Cypress, TX
CleanEra Technologies, Inc.	Naperville, IL
CloudAI Technologies	Washington, DC
Cogent Infotech Corporation	Pittsburg, PA
Compunnel Software Group, Inc., dba Compunnel, Inc.	Princeton, NJ
Computer Task Group, Inc.	Amherst, NY
Concourse Tech, Inc.	New York, NY
Consultadd, Inc.	New York, NY
Crowe, LLP	South Bend, IN
Cyte, LLC	Katy, TX
Echo Exchange, LLC, dba Solarys Group	San Antonio
FedTec, LLC	Reston, VA
Fuchsia Services, Inc., dba Fushiaa	Plano, TX
GenSigma, LLC	San Francisco, CA
Gov AI, Inc., dba Think GOV	New Orleans, LA
Infojini, Inc.	Columbia, MD
Interesting Interests, Inc.	San Diego, CA
Jessica Fan, dba BridgePoint Insights	Sugarland, TX
Kellton Tech Solutions, Inc.	Plano, TX
K.L. Scott & Associates, LLC	Atlanta, GA
Lillielé, LLC	Cypress, TX
Matthew Bates, dba Liberty Tec Group	Taylors, SC
Monument Assets, Inc.	Houston, TX

MVS360, LLC	Austin, TX
Neurocraft Data Services, Inc.	Houston, TX
OGUN Security Research and Strategic Consulting, LLC	Celina, TX
Open Teams, Inc.	Austin, TX
Paramount Software Solutions, Inc.	Alpharetta, GA
PMCS Services, Inc.	Austin, TX
Pricesenz, LLC	Dallas, TX
Protivit Government Services, Inc.	Alexandria, VA
Resource Data, Inc.	Anchorage, AK
Resultant, LLC	Indianapolis, IN
Sargad, LLC	Troy, MI
Sastah Solutions, LLC	Cedar Park, TX
Sidetool, LLC	Doral, FL
Smart IT Pros, Inc.	Rockwall, TX
Sunlight Technologies, Inc., dba Readyly	Green Farms, CT
Tracee Gilbert, dba System Innovation, LLC	Arlington, VA
Tech Vedika Software, Inc.	Dover, DE
Technology Management Corporation	Shorewood, MN
The CNA Corporation	Arlington, VA
Tryfacta, Inc.	Pleasanton, CA
UpSela Talent Solutions, Inc.	Farmers Branch, TX
VeAssis, LLC	Round Rock, TX
Vulcan Technologies, Inc.	Austin, TX
Waypoint Transit, Inc.	San Francisco, CA
XL Eagle, LLC	Austin, TX

Current Situation:

This contract is new to our portfolio and consists of various types of AI consulting and related services needs. All proposal responses have been evaluated by H-GAC staff. 28 proposals are being recommended for award. Request authorization to contract with each respondent listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table, and as may be applicable, to extend contract assignments to other authorized entities during the contract period.

Funding Source: Participating local government purchases.

Budgeted: NA

Action Requested:

Request authorization to contract with respondents listed for Artificial Intelligence Consulting Services. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

HGACBuy
Contract Awards Recommendation Table
AI Consulting Services (AI05-26)

Award Recommendations	Description
22nd Century Technologies, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Agilify, LLC	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Aikitech, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
AMSYS Innovative Solutions, LLC	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Claritics, LLC	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Cogent Infotech Corporation	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Compunnel Software Group, Inc., dba Compunnel, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Computer Task Group, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Consultadd, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Crowe, LLP	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Cyte, LLC	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
FedTec, LLC	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Fuchsia Services, Inc., dba Fushiaa	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
GenSigma, LLC	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Infojini, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Kellton Tech Solutions, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Neurocraft Data Services, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Paramount Software Solutions, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
PMCS Services, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Protivit Government Services, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Resource Data, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Resultant, LLC	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Sunlight Technologies, Inc., dba Readyly	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Tracee Gilbert, dba System Innovation, LLC	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Technology Management Corporation	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
The CNA Corporation	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
Tryfacta, Inc.	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services
VeAssis, LLC	Artificial Intelligence/AI consulting and related services

**HGACBUY SE05-26
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE, ACCESS CONTROL AND
SECURITY FENCING SYSTEMS**

Background

The H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGACBuy) establishes contracts for a variety of products and services through competitive solicitations. Member governments are able to use the contracts to make purchases. HGACBuy received and 6 proposals for Video Surveillance, Access Control and Security Fencing Systems on January 29, 2026. The following companies submitted a proposal:

Anderson Fencing and Custom Welding	Wills Point, TX
APIC Solutions Texas, LLC	El Paso, TX
Dwarpaal Inc.	Mason, OH
PACE EQ	Katy, TX
Pavion Corp.	Chantilly, VA
Scientel Solutions LLC	Aurora, IL

Current Situation

This contract is a continuation of an existing contract in our portfolio. All proposals have been evaluated by H-GAC staff. Four proposals are being recommended for award. Request authorization to negotiate contracts with each respondent listed in the Contract Award Recommendation Table, and as may be applicable, to extend contract assignments to other authorized entities during the contract period.

Funding Source: Participating local government purchases.

Budgeted: N/A

Action Requested: Request authorization to contract with respondents listed for Video Surveillance, Access Control, and Security Fencing Systems. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

HGACBuy
Contract Awards Recommendation Table
Video Surveillance, Access Control and Security Fencing Systems SE05-26

Award Recommendations	Description
APIC Solutions Texas, LLC	Current APIC Surveillance & Access Control catalog and options
Dwarpaal Inc	Current Dwarpaal Surveillance & Access Control catalog and options
Pavion Corp.	Current Pavion Surveillance & Access Control catalog and options
Scientel Solutions LLC	Current Scientel Surveillance & Access Control catalog and options

RENEWAL OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL DATA

Background

H-GAC and members of Geographic Data Workgroup rely on business and residential data for various analytic and mapping activities. For several years, H-GAC has utilized Data Axle (formerly Infogroup) as the most reliable resource in terms of accuracy of business classifications and ancillary data, as well as address locations. In addition, individual residential data has been a resource trusted by the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network and the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District for address verifications.

Current Situation

On behalf of contributing members of Geographic Data Workgroup, H-GAC has negotiated to renew the license agreement of Data Axle's 2026 Business and Residential database. The renewed license agreement would allow H-GAC and the contributing members to obtain data containing approximately 1.2M business and 3.4M residential records. The negotiated cost of the annual renewal is \$46,320.00 (a reduction of \$10,680 from 2025), borne collectively through committed, elective following list of cost-sharing contributors.

Harris County Office of the County Engineering
City of Houston
Harris County Appraisal District
Harris County Fire Marshalls Office
Harris County Flood Control District
Harris County Toll Road Authority
City of Missouri City
Montgomery County, Texas
Rice University
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Workforce Solutions
LJA Engineering, Ltd.

The current license agreement expires March 21, 2026.

Funding Source

Funds committed by participating cost-share organizations.

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval to purchase Data Axle's business and residential databases in amount not to exceed \$46,320. (Staff Contact: Thushara Ranatunga)

CLEAN CITIES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Background

The Clean Cities and Communities Program is a Department of Energy funded program that provides support to regional Clean Cities and Communities coalitions across the nation. This program funds activities that enhance energy security, support economic prosperity, and improve air quality by fostering locally driven transportation energy choices that leverage domestic energy resources and innovative mobility technologies through collaborative partnerships with public and private stakeholders.

The Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition was established in 1996 and has always been hosted by H-GAC. The coalition works to support the overall goals of the Clean Cities and Communities Program and extend those efforts directly to stakeholders throughout our region. Through these activities, the Clean Cities and Communities Program help support the activities of H-GAC's Air Quality Program, other agency programs including the Clean Vehicles Program, and the regional Transportation Demand Management Program, as well as initiatives of several coalition stakeholders and partners. This helps support H-GAC's regional air quality goals to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions, reduce the formation of ground-level ozone, and help our region meet air quality requirements.

Current Situation

Clean Cities and Communities Program cooperative agreements typically last for five years and are renewed annually with additional funding being made available each calendar year. This year marks the beginning of a new contract and five-year cycle between H-GAC and the Department of Energy. This contract is anticipated to last for five years total with annual extensions totaling no more than \$1,075,000 available to be used for eligible program activities beginning in April 2026. H-GAC staff recommends acceptance of funds from the U.S. Department of Energy for the assigned work efforts as outlined above.

Funding Source

Federal: Department of Energy

Budgeted

Amend the H-GAC Budget

Action Requested

Request authorization to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy for Clean Cities and Communities program activities; total contract amount not to exceed \$1,075,000. (Staff Contact: Andrew DeCandis)

FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUTER PILOT PROGRAM-YEAR THREE

Background

The Fort Bend County Transit Park & Ride Pilot service was initiated in 2021 via the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Commuter Pilot Program to provide peak-hour transit connections between Fort Bend County and major regional employment centers in Downtown Houston. The project supports regional efforts to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips, mitigating congestion, and improving regional air quality.

The service has demonstrated steady ridership growth and continued demand. Year Three will allow continued service operations while advancing long-term sustainability planning.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement will establish funding and administrative terms for operations for a third year.

Current Situation

Fort Bend County Transit continues to operate the Downtown Commuter Service under the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Commuter and Transit Pilot Program. In the most recent reporting period, the Downtown Commuter Service carried nearly 16,000 passengers over 38 service days, averaging approximately 421 daily riders. Service levels remained consistent, with approximately 35 runs per day and steady vehicle hours. The service continues to support regional congestion mitigation efforts, with emissions impacts equivalent to removing nearly 8,000 vehicles from peak-hour traffic.

Funding Source:

Federal: Federal Highway Administration

Budgeted:

Yes

Action Requested:

Request authorization to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County to continue operation of the Commuter Park & Ride Service for up to 12 months; amount not to exceed \$780,000. (Staff contact: Bennie Chambers III)

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS OFFICE SUBLEASE

Background

Workforce Solutions currently has an office sublease that supports the Texas Rising Star Mentors Program. On August 19, at the August 2025 Board Meeting, H-GAC proposed negotiating a sublease with Schlumberger Technology Corporation for space located at 5599 San Felipe, Houston Texas 77056, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. This space includes 22,382 rentable square feet and is a fully furnished office space. The proposed lease was to be effective September 1, 2025, through July 31, 2027. The proposal was approved.

Current Situation

On October 6, 2025, H-GAC executed this sublease to take possession on October 28, 2025, through July 31, 2027, with one month abated. The total sublease negotiated, to include deposit equal to one month of rent, is \$656,538.74.

Funding Source

State; Texas Workforce Commission

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval of additional \$56,539 for sublease with Schlumberger Technology Corporation; total contract not to exceed \$656,539. (Staff contact: Scott Young)

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 2026

Background

N/A

Current Situation

Presenting the results of the January 2026 financials.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

Not Applicable

Action Requested

Request approval of the monthly financial report ending January 31, 2026.
(Staff Contact: Christina Ordonez-Campos)



HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

FY26 Monthly Financial Report

For Month Ending January 31, 2026

Prepared on March 3rd, 2026

Esteemed H-GAC Board of Directors and Executive Director Wemple, please find attached the financial report for last month. The information contained within is intended for managerial reporting purposes. All figures are unaudited and subject to change. Should you have any questions, please feel free to let me or a member of my staff know. Respectfully submitted, Christina Ordóñez-Campos, CPA - Chief Financial Officer.

SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

REVENUES

- > Membership dues invoices were sent to members during the last week of February, and we anticipate that most membership dues will be received by June. A proactive approach will be taken in following up on outstanding balances to help ensure timely collection of dues. Of the payments reported so far, 37.8K relates to 2025 membership dues collected in 2026, and one payment for 2026 was received in advance.
- > During January 2026, cooperative purchasing fees decreased by 133K compared to the same period last year.
- > Federal revenue is performing well compared to last year, currently reaching 6% of the FY 2026 budget.

EXPENDITURES

- > Personnel expenditures are a 5% of budget while 8.33% of time has elapsed. We currently have 446 employees compared to 337 in January 2025.
- > Consultant expenses typically experience a delay at the beginning of the fiscal year; however, this timing difference is expected to normalize over the next few months. This pattern has been observed consistently each year.
- > Renovation of additional rented floors remains in progress, and as they are completed, we anticipate an increase in equipment-related expenses.

*** Please note: the financial activity outlined above and in the report falls within the past trends observed in H-GAC's operations and is not out of the ordinary. ***

The January activity (revenues and expenses) included in this report reflect actual amount recorded to date; some billings have not yet been processed or fully recorded. Reported figures are presented on a cumulative Year-to-Date basis and may be adjusted in subsequent periods to reflect finalized amounts.

Monthly Trends Chart

As of January 31, 2026



HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

FY26 Monthly Trends Report

For Month Ending January 31, 2026

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
Revenues				
General & Enterprise Fund Revenues				
Membership Dues	\$ 38,083			
HGAC Energy Corporation	3,735			
Cooperative Purchasing Fees	199,384			
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees	319,365			
Interest Income	33,613			
Other Revenues	68,866			
General Funds - Local	69,655			
Total General & Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$ 732,701	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund				
Federal Grants	\$ 512,118			
State Grants	33,401,154			
Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues	\$ 33,913,272	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 34,645,973	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures				
Personnel	\$ 4,233,634			
Pass-through Funds - Grant	28,908,852			
Consultant and Contract Services	283,688			
Lease of Office Space	181,274			
Equipment	39,967			
Travel	15,066			
Other Expenses	1,385,364			
Total Expenditures	\$ 35,047,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	\$ (401,872)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

FY26 Budget to Actual Report - All Funds

For Month Ending January 31, 2026

8.33% of Year Elapsed

	FY26 Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY26 % of Actuals to Budget	FY25 Budget	FY25 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY25 % of Actuals to Budget
Revenues						
General & Enterprise Fund Revenues						
	FY26 Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY26 % of Actuals to Budget	FY25 Budget	FY25 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY25 % of Actuals to Budget
Membership Dues	\$ 466,414	\$ 38,083	8%	\$ 462,937	\$ -	0%
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation	135,000	3,735	3%	130,000	7,717	6%
Cooperative Purchasing Fees	7,413,865	199,384	3%	6,759,626	333,326	5%
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees	5,175,896	319,365	6%	5,812,715	327,668	6%
Interest Income	1,200,000	33,613	3%	1,000,000	32,271	3%
Other Revenues	2,033,509	68,866	3%	5,491,781	159,168	3%
General Funds - Local	5,517,184	69,655	1%	2,457,640	15,990	1%
Total General & Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$ 21,941,868	\$ 732,701	3%	\$ 22,114,699	\$ 876,140	4%
Special Revenue Fund						
	FY26 Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY26 % of Actuals to Budget	FY25 Budget	FY25 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY25 % of Actuals to Budget
Federal Grant	\$ 8,116,344	\$ 512,118	6%	\$ 695,000	\$ 11,608	2%
State Grants	570,138,869	33,401,154	6%	572,017,611	38,190,394	7%
Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues	\$ 578,255,213	\$ 33,913,272	6%	\$ 572,712,611	\$ 38,202,002	7%
Total Revenues	\$ 600,197,081	\$ 34,645,973	6%	\$ 594,827,310	\$ 39,078,142	7%
Expenditures						
	FY26 Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY26 % of Actuals to Budget	FY25 Budget	FY25 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY25 % of Actuals to Budget
Personnel	\$ 60,035,230	\$ 4,233,634	7%	\$ 51,073,701	\$ 3,268,714	6%
Pass-through Funds - Grant	491,423,054	28,908,852	6%	500,863,097	34,905,968	7%
Consultant and Contract Services	25,221,377	283,688	1%	23,427,840	133,856	1%
Lease of Office Space	3,599,393	181,274	5%	2,118,027	121,103	6%
Equipment	6,501,726	39,967	1%	4,782,834	91,509	2%
Travel	1,129,779	15,066	1%	899,870	6,081	1%
Other Expenses	12,286,522	1,385,364	11%	11,661,941	471,070	4%
Total Expenditures	\$ 600,197,081	\$ 35,047,845	6%	\$ 594,827,310	\$ 38,998,301	7%
Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (401,872)		\$ -	\$ 79,841	
Beginning Fund Balance (all funds) - Jan. 1 (1)	\$ 46,532,496	\$ 46,532,496		\$ 48,127,368	\$ 48,127,368	
Ending Fund Balance (all funds) - Jan. 31 (2)	\$ 46,532,496	\$ 46,130,624		\$ 48,127,368	\$ 48,207,209	

(1) Jan. 1, 2026 beginning fund balance is preliminary & subject to change. This figure is unaudited.

(2) All ending fund balances are as of January 31 for each year.

SPEND DOWN UPDATE – WORKFORCE

Background

N/A

Current Situation

Staff will provide an update on the spend down process for Workforce contracts.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

No action required. For information only. (Staff Contact: Christina Ordonez-Campos)

REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY PLANNING INITIATIVE – FISCAL YEAR 2026

Background

The Emergency Preparedness Program supports local jurisdictions by providing comprehensive planning and coordination services in partnership with the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office. Through the Regional Homeland Security Planning Initiative, H-GAC convenes and facilitates the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council, manages initiatives designed to strengthen regional resilience to both natural and human-caused disasters, and delivers direct technical assistance to member governments and regional coalitions. The program's overarching goal is to enhance the region's capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from all hazards, including acts of terrorism.

Current Situation

This grant will enable H-GAC to sustain critical homeland security planning efforts across the 13-county region. Program staff will lead development and maintenance of the Regional Homeland Security Implementation Plan; coordinate closely with the Houston Urban Area Security Initiative; convene and support the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council; participate in statewide homeland security and emergency management workgroups; and advance both regional and local catastrophic planning initiatives. Staff will also provide technical assistance to jurisdictions adopting or updating the Gulf Coast State Planning Regional Mutual Aid Agreement. In addition, the grant will support the training and associated travel necessary for H-GAC personnel to carry out these responsibilities in alignment with state and national best practices.

Funding Source

Public Safety Office, Office of the Governor

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval of resolution, and authorization to apply for FY 2026 Regional Homeland Security Planning Initiative in the amount of \$311,606. (Staff contact: Justin Riley).



RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM FUNDS AS SET FORTH BELOW:

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council is a council of governments serving the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Area, which has more than 7 million residents, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Houston-Galveston Area Council is to help local government plan for the future; and

WHEREAS, funds for the coordination of area-wide homeland security programs have been made available by the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Houston-Galveston Area Council that:

1. The Executive Director is hereby designated as the Authorized Official with the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate this grant on behalf of H-GAC.
2. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby designated as the Financial Officer with the authority to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of H-GAC.
3. In the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, H-GAC assures the Office of the Governor that funds will be returned to the Public Safety Office in full.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors approves the submission of a State Homeland Security Program grant application on behalf of the H-GAC Emergency Preparedness Program to the Office of the Governor.

Grant Number: 5911501

Application Amount: \$311,605.88

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of March 2026, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

The Honorable Joe Garcia
Councilmember, City of Pattison
H-GAC Chair

The Honorable Ross Gordon
Councilmember, City of Bellaire
H-GAC Vice Chair

FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM TOWER SITE

Background

The Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office solicited applications from Texas Councils of Government for projects supporting interoperable emergency radio infrastructure under the Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure program, authorized by the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 26. Through a regional call for projects, eligible jurisdictions submitted proposals that were reviewed and scored by the H-GAC Regional Interoperable Communications Committee, the region's technical advisory body for public safety communications, to ensure alignment with the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan, address identified radio coverage gaps in the H-GAC Regional Interoperable Communications Plan and evaluate technical feasibility. Because only one project may be submitted per region, the Committee conducted a structured evaluation process and selected the most competitive and regionally impactful project for H-GAC to advance and submit on behalf of the Houston-Galveston region.

Current Situation

H-GAC applied for a turnkey project on behalf of Fort Bend County to design and construct a 400-foot, disaster-resilient, P25-compliant communications tower in southern Fort Bend County. The project includes engineering design, environmental and historic preservation compliance, geotechnical assessments, permitting, procurement, construction, and system integration, including repeater and microwave backhaul connectivity. This project would also increase public safety radio coverage for Brazoria, Matagorda, and Wharton Counties.

Funding Source: Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division

Budgeted: No

Action Requested

Request authorization to apply for the Fort Bend County Public Safety Radio System Tower Site project; amount not to exceed \$4,661,613 (Staff Contact: Justin Riley)



RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 STATE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AS SET FORTH BELOW:

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council is a council of governments serving the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Area, which has more than 7 million residents, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Houston-Galveston Area Council is to help local government plan for the future; and

WHEREAS, funds for the coordination of area-wide homeland security programs have been made available by the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Houston-Galveston Area Council that:

1. The Executive Director is hereby designated as the Authorized Official with the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate this grant on behalf of H-GAC.
2. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby designated as the Financial Officer with the authority to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of H-GAC.
3. In the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, H-GAC assures the Office of the Governor that funds will be returned to the Public Safety Office in full.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors approves the submission of a State Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant application on behalf of the H-GAC Emergency Preparedness Program to the Office of the Governor.

Grant Number: 5885401 Application Amount: \$4,661,613.45

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of March 2026, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

The Honorable Joe Garcia
Councilmember, City of Pattison
H-GAC Chair

The Honorable Ross Gordon
Councilmember, City of Bellaire
H-GAC Vice Chair

MARCH 2026 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE GROUP APPOINTMENTS

Background

H-GAC advisory committees are appointed by H-GAC's Board as a whole, based upon nominations from individual Board members and other groups.

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request approval of appointments to H-GAC advisory committees. (Staff Contact: William Matthews)

2026 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE GROUP APPOINTMENTS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee advises the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board on law enforcement and criminal justice issues, recommending funding priorities for criminal justice grants and other regional criminal justice issues.

Nominations received for terms expiring in May 2027:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
Cathy Prieto-Smith (alternate)	At-Large	Committee Nomination

AGING AND DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC's) Aging and Disability Advisory Committee (ADAC) exists to provide information and recommendations to the H-GAC Board of Directors on services for older adults, individuals living with a disability, and family caregivers in the 12-county service area of the Houston-Galveston Area Agency on Aging and Houston-Galveston Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Nominations received for terms expiring in December 2028:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
Curtis Cooper	Special Interest	Committee Nomination

REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council (RHSCC) advises the H-GAC Board of Directors on regional homeland security priorities, funding, and strategy, ensuring coordinated and effective emergency management across the 13-county Gulf Coast region. RHSCC members provide expert input on planning, grant proposals, and policy direction to strengthen the region's preparedness and resilience.

Nominations received for terms expiring in March 2029:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
Josh Mizrany	Walker County	Judge Colt Christian
Jesse Ryholt	Galveston County	Judge Mark Henry

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT UPDATE

Background

Update on process and timeline for H-GAC executive director search.

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

For information only. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Jay Knight)

REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN 2027-2031

Background

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Houston-Galveston region, H-GAC is required to update the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan every five years in accordance with federal and state coordinated planning requirements.

The Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan covers the 13-county Houston-Galveston region and serves as the region's strategic framework for coordinating public transit and human service transportation.

Since the completion of the 2022 plan, several recommendations have advanced, including enhancements to Mobility Links, regional fare coordination initiatives, and expanded collaboration among transit and human service providers.

The 2027–2031 update builds on this foundation by incorporating updated demographic data, service area mapping, and a refreshed Transit Need Index. The plan is guided by the Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee, serving as the steering committee.

Current Situation

The Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 2027–2031 update is being developed by H-GAC staff in coordination with regional partners and with TxDOT. Current work includes updated demographic and service data analysis, refinement of the Public Engagement Plan and Provider Inventory, and tracking implementation of prior recommendations while identifying new regional priorities.

The plan will assess regional needs and service gaps and establish updated goals and strategies. The Interim Plan (Draft) is due March 2026, with final adoption targeted for October 2026.

Funding Source:

Federal: Federal Transit Administration

Budgeted:

Yes

Action Requested

For information purposes only. (Staff Contact: Bennie Chambers)

OUTREACH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT

Background

N/A

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Update on important current and upcoming public affairs activities. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Background

N/A

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)