

# Board of Directors



## June Board of Directors

**Schedule** Tuesday, June 16, 2026 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM CDT  
**Venue** 3555 Timmons Ln. Houston, TX 77027  
**Organizer** Rick Guerrero

### Agenda

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CALL TO ORDER

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGES

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ROLL CALL

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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CONSENT AGENDA

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1. MEETING MINUTES - MAY 2026 MEETING

Request approval of the May 2026 meeting minutes. (Staff contact: Rick Guerrero)

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2. REGIONAL COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING GUIDE

Request authorization to contract with firms in the order presented for a 12-month contract term effective on the contract execution date for a total of \$250,000 for all years including renewals. (Staff Contact: Rodney Sigua)

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## 3. HOW'S THE WATER – PUBLIC HEALTH RISK AWARENESS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

Request approval to enter into a contract with the Galveston Bay Estuary Program of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to conduct a public health risk awareness outreach campaign; total contract amount \$99,304. (Staff Contact: Jenny Oakley)

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## 4. COMMUTE SOLUTIONS OZONE ACTION MONTH

Request approval to enter an Interlocal Agreement for up to three months with Fort Bend County Transit, City of Conroe, Harris County Transit, The Woodlands Express, and Gulf Coast Transit District for an amount not to exceed \$145,000. (Staff Contact: Robyn Egbert)

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## 5. HGACBUY RN07-26 RENTALS – EQUIPMENT & PORTABLE FACILITIES

Request authorization to contract with the respondents listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table for Rentals – Equipment & Portable Facilities. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

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## 6. HGACBUY GR07-26 GROUNDS AND TURF EQUIPMENT

Request authorization for contracts with the respondents listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table for Grounds and Turf Equipment. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

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## 7. SOUTHBELT LIVABLE CENTER STUDY – VENDOR SELECTION

Request authorization to contract with firms in order ranked to conduct the Southbelt Livable Centers Study, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000. (Staff Contact: Ellary Makuch)

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## 8. WORKFORCE PRINTING SERVICES - RENEWAL

Request approval to execute a contract renewal with ImageSet for printing services in the total amount of \$150,000. (Staff Contact: Thomas Brown)

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## COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

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## 9. HOMEOWNER WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS

Request approval of prequalified Septic System Contractors for a one-year term and extend the work for up to one additional one-year term; and increase the total expected amount by \$300,000 to an amount not to exceed \$600,000. (Staff Contact: Todd Running)

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## 10. TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Discussion and review of regional priority recommendations. First reading; no action requested. (Staff contact: Ellary Makuch)

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## FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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## 11. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2026

Request approval of the monthly financial report ending April 31, 2026. (Staff Contact: Shaun Downie)

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## 12. 2026 H-GAC MID-YEAR BUDGET REVISIONS

Presentation and discussion of H-GAC budget revisions. First reading; no action requested. (Staff Contact: Yvette Gonzalez)

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## WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

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## 13. ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY - CONTRACT RENEWALS

Request approval to negotiate and execute contract renewals with Houston City College, Lone Star College, San Jacinto College, and Region 6 Education Service Center, and to extend the contract with BakerRipley for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (Staff Contact: Kristi Hayman)

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## 14. WORKFORCE FINANCIAL MONITORS - CONTRACT RENEWAL

Request approval to renew contracts for one (1) year with Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.; Christine H. Nguyen CPA; and Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC for a combined amount not to exceed \$900,000. (Staff Contact: Thomas Brown)

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15. FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT CENTER - CONTRACT AMENDMENTS  
Request approval to amend contract with Equus to increase funding by \$357,000, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$11,857,000. (Staff Contact: Thomas Brown)
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16. WORKFORCE CAREER SERVICES - CONTRACT AMENDMENT  
Request approval to amend contracts with BakerRipley, EDSI, and SERCO of Texas to increase each contract maximum by up to \$500,000 to support expanded staffing capacity and mobile workforce service delivery tools. (Staff Contact: Thomas Brown)
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## H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE GROUPS

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17. JUNE 2026 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
Request approval of the June advisory and affiliate group nominations. (Staff contact: Raquel Meyer)
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## H-GAC BOARD COMMITTEES

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18. BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES  
Request confirmation of the Chair's ad hoc committee and roster update. (Contact: Judge Ty Prause)
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## ELECTION COMMITTEE

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19. H-GAC VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENT  
Discussion and possible action on Election committee recommendation to fill the unexpired term of the Vice Chair. (Contact: Judge Jay Knight)
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20. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL  
The Board of Directors may hold an Executive Session to review the appointment of an employee in accordance with Government Code, Title 5, Section 551.074. (Contact: Judge Ty Prause)
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## 21. H-GAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

Discussion and possible action on Election Committee recommendation to appoint the next Executive Director of H-GAC. (Contact: Judge Jay Knight)

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## REPORTS

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## 22. TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE PRESENTATION

Presentation and discussion of Hurricane Beryl Resources. (Contact: Denise Joseph, GLO)

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## 23. OUTREACH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT

Report on public affairs activities in the region. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

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## 24. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

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## ADJOURNMENT

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**May 19, 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 May 19, 2026 Board meeting:

- Austin County – Judge Tim Lapham
- Brazoria County – Commissioner Stacy Adams
- Colorado County – Judge Ty Prause (Chair)
- Fort Bend County – Commissioner Andy Meyers
- Galveston County – Commissioner Hank Dugie
- Harris County – Commissioner Adrian Garcia
- Liberty County – Judge Jay Knight
- Walker County – Commissioner Brandon Decker
- Waller County – Judge Trey Duhon
- Wharton County – Judge Phillip Spenrath
- City of Alvin – Councilmember Martin Vela
- City of Baytown – Mayor Charles Johnson (alternate for Mayor Pro Tem Laura Alvarado)
- City of Deer Park – Councilmember Tommy Ginn
- City of Houston – Councilmember Joaquin Martinez
- City of Huntsville – Mayor Russell Humphrey
- City of Missouri City – Councilmember Joanna Ouder Kirk
- City of Pasadena – Mayor Thomas Schoenbein
- City of Pearland – Mayor Pro Tem Clint Byrom
- City of Rosenberg – Mayor William Benton
- City of Sugar Land – Councilmember Stewart Jacobson
- General Law Cities – Councilmember Nancy Arnold, City of Waller
- General Law Cities – Councilmember Ryan Taylor, City of Daisetta
- Home Rule Cities – Councilmember Ross Gordon, City of Bellaire (Chair Elect)
- Home Rule Cities – Mayor Dan Davis, City of Manvel
- Independent School Districts – Trustee Rissie Owens, Huntsville ISD
- Houston ISD – Board Member Michelle Cruz Arnold

**Not Present:**

- Chambers County – Commissioner Tommy Hammond
- Harris County – Commissioner Lesley Briones
- Matagorda County – Judge Bobby Seiferman
- Montgomery County – Judge Mark Keough
- City of Conroe – Councilmember David Hairel
- City of Friendswood – Councilmember Sally Branson
- City of Houston – Councilmember Fred Flickinger
- City of La Porte – Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Engelken
- City of Lake Jackson – Mayor Rhonda Seth
- City of League City – Mayor Nick Long
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A quorum was confirmed and announced by Rick Guerrero.

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair: Judge Ty Prause

Date: May 19, 2026

Time: Approximately 10:25 a.m.

Location: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027

Chair Prause called the meeting to order. The meeting room was declared open and accessible to all members of the public.

Chair Prause recognized former Chair Joe Garcia for his leadership and service representing General Law Cities. With Mr. Garcia's departure from office and in keeping with the bylaws, Chair Prause stated that he would step into the role of Chair, Councilmember Ross Gordon would step into the role of Chair Elect, and the Elections Committee would begin the process of identifying a candidate for Vice Chair to bring a recommendation back to the Board the following month.

## **2. INVOCATION**

Judge Tim Lapham led the invocation.

## **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Prause led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

## **4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

## **5. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by Rick Guerrero. A quorum was confirmed.

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Rick Guerrero introduced special guests in attendance:

- Jay Guerrero, Office of Senator John Cornyn
- Laura Parker, Office of Commissioner Lesley Briones
- Susan Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Bunker Hill Village, and General Law Cities alternate to Councilmember Nancy Arnold
- Councilmember Mark Townsend, City of Dickinson
- Kelly Waterman, Office of Senator Ted Cruz
- Edith Santamaria, Office of City of Houston Councilmember Joaquin Martinez
- Former Mayor Gerald Roznovsky, City of Lake Jackson

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Prause called for the Consent Agenda. The Board considered routine items, with recognition resolutions for Gerald Roznovsky and Kevin Cole removed for separate consideration.

- Meeting Minutes – April 2026 Meeting

- HGACBuy HT07-26 Medium and Heavy Trucks, Truck Bodies, and Trailers
- Transportation Demand Management – Support Contract, authorizing negotiation of a two-year contract for Travel Demand Models On-Call Technical Support Services in an amount not to exceed \$200,000
- Workforce Solutions – Digital Communications Software, approving purchase of an annual license for Granicus’ digital communications tool from Carahsoft Technology in an amount not to exceed \$70,000
- Resolution honoring Joe Garcia, City of Pattison, for service to the region
- Resolution honoring Jami Clark, City of Texas City, for service to the region
- Resolution honoring Marie Robb, City of Galveston, for service to the region
- Resolution honoring Harry Hardman, City of Conroe, for service to the region

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the recognition resolutions for Gerald Roznovsky and Kevin Cole removed for separate consideration, was made by: Commissioner Adrian Garcia

Second: Councilmember Nancy Arnold

- All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.

### **PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board separately considered the recognition resolutions honoring Gerald Roznovsky, City of Lake Jackson, and Kevin Cole, City of Pearland, for service to the region. Gerald Roznovsky and Kevin Cole were recognized at the meeting and addressed the Board.

Motion to approve the recognition resolutions for Gerald Roznovsky and Kevin Cole was made by: Judge Tim Lapham

Second: Commissioner Adrian Garcia

- All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.

### **8. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Chair Elect Ross Gordon reported that the Finance and Budget Committee met before the Board meeting. The committee did not have a quorum and therefore did not take formal action, but reviewed the finance items and recommended postponing action on the Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual.

#### **a. Monthly Financial Report – March 2026**

Presented by: Shaun Downie

- Staff presented the monthly financial report ending March 31, 2026.
- Staff reported receipt of \$3.3 million from the Commission on State Emergency Communications for equipment replacement under the American Rescue Plan Act grant.
- Staff reported that cooperative purchasing revenue more than doubled from February to March, primarily due to quarterly contract billings.
- Pass-through expenditures continued to grow during the first quarter, largely due to the Aging and Workforce programs; other expenses were above the year-to-date budget due to subscription software and other services incurred at the beginning of the year.
- The general fund ended March with a fund balance of approximately \$34.5 million.

Motion to approve was made by: Councilmember Stewart Jacobson

Second: Judge Tim Lapham

- All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.

### **b. Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual**

The Board tabled consideration of the revised Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual to allow additional staff review and coordination with the incoming Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director.

Motion to table was made by: Mayor Dan Davis

Second: Commissioner Stacy Adams

- All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.

### **c. H-GAC Travel Policy Update**

Presented by: Matt Handy

- Staff requested approval on second reading of updates to the H-GAC travel policy.

Motion to approve was made by: Councilmember Stewart Jacobson

Second: Mayor Dan Davis

- All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.

## **9. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### **a. 2025 H-GAC Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

Presented by: Celina Cereceres, WhitleyPenn, External auditor

- The Audit Committee reviewed the annual financial report, noted it had no concerns, and recommended approval.
- The external auditor reported an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and reported no findings, material weaknesses, or significant deficiencies.
- The presentation included discussion of the general fund, HGACBuy, and the agency's financial position.

Motion to approve was made by: Commissioner Stacy Adams

Second: Commissioner Andy Meyers

- All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.

### **b. 2025 Retirement Plan Audit**

Presented by: Celina Cereceres, WhitleyPenn, External auditor

- The Board reviewed the 2025 Retirement Plan Audit.
- The external auditor reported that the retirement plan began the year with \$56.1 million in investments; investment income was approximately \$9.9 million; employee and employer contributions totaled approximately \$5.3 million; benefits paid totaled approximately \$5.4 million; and the plan ended with approximately \$65.9 million in net position.

Motion to approve was made by: Commissioner Stacy Adams

Second: Commissioner Adrian Garcia

- All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.

## **10. HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **a. 2026 H-GAC Employee Handbook Revision**

Presented by: Maria-Theresa Servillon-Sigua

- Staff requested approval on second reading of revisions to the H-GAC Employee Handbook.
- The revisions included a condensed formal complaint and HR investigation process, clarification of time-off and leave accrual language, updates to alternative work schedules, removal of the introductory period language, incorporation of amendments previously approved by the Board, and clarifying revisions to reduce ambiguity.
- Staff stated that behavioral conduct and code of conduct provisions would be maintained as a separate policy.

Motion to approve was made by: Councilmember Ross Gordon

Second: Councilmember Stewart Jacobson

- All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.

## **11. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING**

### **a. Area Agency on Aging 2027-2029 Area Plan**

Presented by: Curtis Cooper

- Staff requested approval of the 2027-2029 Area Plan for the Area Agency on Aging.
- The plan outlines goals, objectives, and strategies to assist older persons in the region and was developed through community input, roadshows in the 12 counties served by H-GAC's Area Agency on Aging, review by the Aging and Disability Advisory Committee, and a 30-day public comment period.
- Staff reported no negative public comments and stated that the Aging and Disability Advisory Committee endorsed the plan in April.

Motion to approve was made by: Commissioner Andy Meyers

Second: Mayor Dan Davis

- All in favor; no opposed; motion passed.

## **12. REPORTS**

### **a. Rural Texas Strong**

Presented by: Ron Papsdorf, Chief Transportation Officer

- Staff provided an informational report on Rural Texas Strong, a statewide program related to rural health care services and infrastructure.
- Staff reported that six counties in the H-GAC region are eligible under the program: Austin, Chambers, Colorado, Matagorda, Waller, and Wharton counties.
- The program includes six initiatives, including transportation for non-emergency transportation services and health care workforce pipeline development.
- H-GAC is forming a cross-departmental team with staff from the Area Agency on Aging, Workforce, and Transportation to identify partnership opportunities with counties and service providers and to track future budget awards.

### **b. Election Committee Update**

Presented by: Judge Jay Knight, Darren George, and Teri Ramsey

- The Election Committee provided an update on the search process for H-GAC's next Executive Director.
- The committee and staff reported that the process was moving forward with candidate review and interviews, and thanked committee members for the significant time spent reviewing materials and participating in interviews.

### **c. Outreach and Government Affairs Report**

Presented by: Rick Guerrero

- Staff thanked Judge Tim Lapham and Austin County for hosting the Area Agency on Aging Roadshow in Sealy.
- Staff reported that the Texas General Land Office would present at the next H-GAC Board meeting regarding Hurricane Beryl resources.
- Staff announced a May 26 small cities virtual briefing, spearheaded by Councilmember Ross Gordon and Mayor Dan Davis, to provide updates on the Executive Director search, FIFA World Cup activities, grant opportunities, and future events.
- Staff reported that eligible non-entitlement communities may receive a survey from the Texas Department of Agriculture related to its plan update.
- Staff welcomed new Board members and offered to meet with them regarding H-GAC Board structure and committee opportunities.

### **d. Executive Director's Report**

Presented by: Chuck Wemple, Executive Director

- The Executive Director reminded members that the 911 Board of Managers would meet immediately after the Board meeting in Room D.
- Staff provided an update on recruitment for H-GAC's next Chief Financial Officer and stated that the search process was underway.
- Board members were invited to contact the Executive Director or Judge Jay Knight regarding nominations for Vice Chair.
- The Executive Director introduced representatives from Weaver to present a third-party process review of H-GAC. Weaver representatives provided observations and recommendations related to process improvement, automation, workflow efficiency, roles and responsibilities, procurement, contract management, shared services, and internal governance.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Prause adjourned the May 19, 2026 H-GAC Board of Directors meeting at approximately 11:42 a.m.

## REGIONAL COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING GUIDE

### Background

The Houston-Galveston Area Council is initiating a regional planning effort to develop a Regional Complete Streets Planning Guide for the Houston-Galveston region. This planning guide will serve as a foundational document to assist local governments, agencies, and stakeholders in designing and implementing streets that safely accommodate all users regardless of age, ability, income, or mode of travel. The Planning guide will offer strategies and best practices to create or redesign roadways that support walking, biking, transit, and driving, while enhancing safety, accessibility, and overall quality of life throughout the region.

The Complete Streets Guide will provide a flexible framework for cities and counties across the Houston-Galveston area to develop policies and design standards tailored to their unique community contexts. By promoting multimodal design principles, the planning guide aims to improve safety outcomes, transportation infrastructure, and support broader regional goals related to sustainability, public health, economic vitality, and environmental resilience.

### Current Situation

H-GAC issued a competitive, sealed solicitation to solicit qualified Contractor(s) for the goods or services requested under Project ID: RFP-TRN26-02. Five responsive submissions were received and thoroughly evaluated by a committee of H-GAC representatives. Based on the committee's scoring and evaluation of the proposal responses and interviews, the recommendations and rankings are presented below:

Vendor	Final Tabulation	Ranking Order
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	148.5	1
Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.	145	2
Kittelson & Associates, Inc.	138.17	3
Toole Design Group, LLC	135.16	4
Cambridge Systematics, Inc.	72.5	5

Evaluation Criteria: Planning Methodology; Qualifications, Experience, and Capability; Challenge, Opportunity and Success Statement; Budget

**Funding Source:**

TxDOT - Planning Funds

**Budgeted:**

Yes

**Action Requested**

Request authorization to contract with firms in the order presented for a 12-month contract term effective on the contract execution date for a total of \$250,000. (Staff Contact: Rodney Sigua)

## **HOW'S THE WATER – PUBLIC HEALTH RISK AWARENESS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**

### **Background**

Galveston Bay and its tributaries are central to the cultural identity, economy, and daily life of the Houston region. For many residents, particularly subsistence fishers and communities with limited access to other recreational resources, these waterways provide an essential, low-cost connection to nature and nutrition. However, these benefits depend on water quality that supports safe recreation and fish consumption.

A significant portion of the region's waterways do not meet water quality standards. Forty-four percent of assessed stream miles are impaired for recreational use due to elevated levels of pathogen-indicator bacteria, which can lead to gastrointestinal and skin illnesses among swimmers or others who come into contact with the water. Additionally, 68% of assessed tidal waters are impaired for fish consumption because of contamination by PCBs and dioxins, which are persistent, toxic, and carcinogenic chemicals that accumulate in the tissue of locally caught seafood.

Although there are programs that monitor water quality and publish results, there are no robust estimates of how many residents are aware of these impairments or how they interpret the associated risks. To address this need, we have developed an awareness and outreach campaign to increase public understanding of local water quality conditions, empower residents to make informed risk decisions, and promote community actions that help protect and improve the health of Galveston Bay and its tributaries.

### **Current Situation**

H-GAC, submitted a proposal to the Galveston Bay Estuary Program in response to a request for proposals. The project will develop and implement a community-centered public outreach campaign that increases awareness and understanding of water quality impairments and health advisories among communities in the lower Galveston Bay watershed (see attached map).

The project was selected for funding and is set to begin on September 1, 2026 and continue until August 31, 2028.

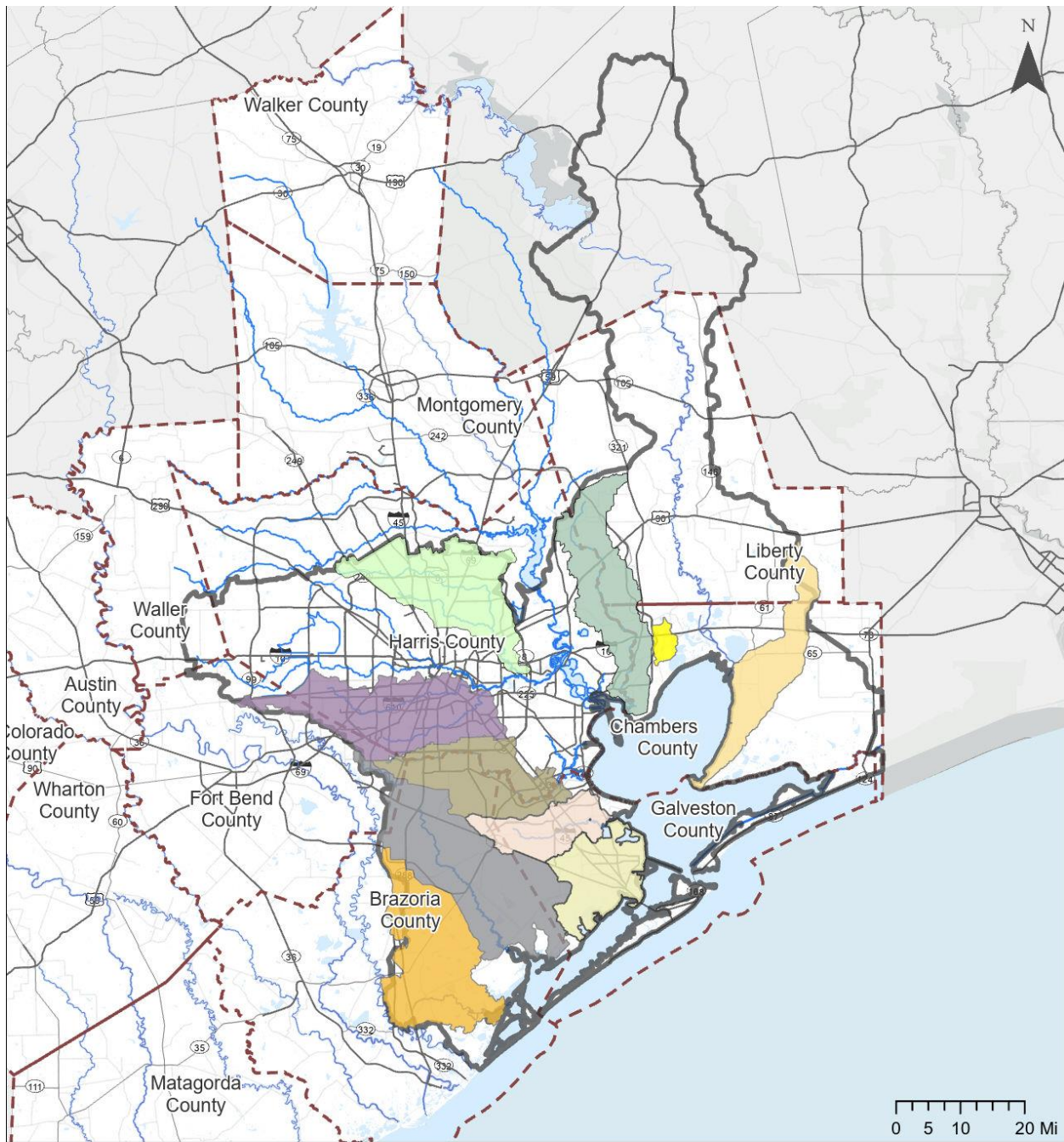
### **Funding Source**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

**Budgeted:** Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval to enter into a contract with the Galveston Bay Estuary Program of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to conduct a public health risk awareness outreach campaign; total contract is \$99,304. (Staff Contact: Jenny Oakley)



**Legend**

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| Major Waterbody               | <b>Watershed Based Plan</b> | Cedar Bayou WPP         | Cotton Bayou TMDL                   | Double Bayou WPP      |
| Galveston Bay Estuary Program | Bastrop Bayou WPP           | Chocolate Bay Watershed | Dickinson Bayou WPP and TMDL/I-Plan | Greens Bayou WPP      |
| County Boundary               | Brays and Sims Bayou WPP    | Clear Creek WPP         |                                     | Highland/Marchand WPP |

Map of potential watersheds for outreach campaign consideration within H-GAC region with existing watershed protection plans (WPPs) that intersect with the Galveston Bay Estuary Program's lower Galveston Bay Region.

## COMMUTE SOLUTIONS OZONE ACTION MONTH

### Background

The Commute Solutions program is H-GAC's regional Travel Demand Management program that promotes transportation options to reduce traffic congestion and improve regional air quality. The program is administered by the Metropolitan Planning and Analysis Department of H-GAC, in partnership with TxDOT, FHWA, transit agencies, major employers, schools, local governments, and community organizations.

Each September, when ground-level ozone is at its highest, Commute Solutions leads a regionwide campaign encouraging commuters to adopt travel habits that reduce congestion and improve air quality. Free transit rides every Friday throughout the month of September is a proven strategy to shift more trips from personal vehicles to transit and lower ozone-forming emissions. During the previous ozone action month in September 2025, the region saw an increase in transit use resulting in diverting more than 11,000 single occupancy vehicles from highways saving over 320,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> from being released into the air. Between September 2024 and September 2025 this pilot campaign project also saw a 12% increase in free-fare participation.

### Current Situation

H-GAC staff is requesting Board of Directors approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County Transit, City of Conroe, Harris County Transit, The Woodlands Express, and Gulf Coast Transit District for up to \$145,000 to cover anticipated fares for every Friday in September and the corresponding marketing material to promote the campaign. All anticipated activities and efforts are in accordance with 2 CFR 200 - more specifically, § 200.413 and § 200.421.

### Funding Source

Federal: Federal Highway Administration

### Budgeted

Yes

### Action Requested:

Request approval to enter an Interlocal Agreement for up to three months with Fort Bend County Transit, City of Conroe, Harris County Transit, The Woodlands Express, and Gulf Coast Transit District for an amount not to exceed \$145,000. (Staff Contact: Robyn Egbert)

**HGACBUY RN07-26**  
**RENTALS – EQUIPMENT & PORTABLE FACILITIES**

**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 four (4) proposals for Rentals – Equipment & Portable Facilities on April 23, 2026. The following companies submitted a proposal:

Anderson Crane & Bridge Technologies, LLC	York, SC
EquipmentShare.com Inc.	Columbia, MO
Houston Heavy Machinery LLC	Cypress, TX
SLSCO LTD.	Galveston, TX

**Current Situation:**

This contract is a continuation of an existing contract in our portfolio, consisting of various types of equipment and services related to our members' operational and rental needs. All proposal responses have been evaluated by H-GAC staff. Three (3) 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 for contracts with the respondents listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table for Rentals – Equipment & Portable Facilities. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

**HGACBuy**  
**Contract Awards Recommendation Table**  
**Rentals – Equipment & Portable Facilities (RN07-26)**

<b>Award Recommendations</b>	<b>Description</b>
Anderson Crane & Bridge Technologies, LLC	Current Anderson Crane & Bridge rental catalog and options
EquipmentShare.com Inc	Current EquipmentShare rental catalog and options
SLSCO LTD	Current SLSCO rental catalog and options

**HGACBUY GR07-26  
 GROUNDS AND TURF EQUIPMENT**

**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 twelve (12) proposals for Grounds and Turf Equipment on May 14, 2026. The following companies submitted a proposal:

Anderson Machinery Company	San Antonio, TX
Bandit Industries Inc.	Remus, MI
EmbankScape Equipment LLC DBA RC Mowers	Suamico, WI
Great Plains Manufacturing Inc	Salina, KS
Green Climber Of North America	Burr Ridge, IL
Hustler Turf Equipment, LLC	Hesston, KS
Karcher Municipal North America Corporation	Dedham, MA
MacLean Engineering & Marketing Co. Limited	Collingwood, Ontario
Moridge Manufacturing Inc.	Moundridge, KS
MTD Products Company DBA MTD Independent Retail Group, Arnold, Mass Retail, MTD Specialty Retail, Consumer Direct, WPD-International Sales	New Britain, CT
The Playwell Group, Inc.	Boerne, TX
Top5 Equipment LLC DBA Region Equipment	Houston, TX

**Current Situation:**

This contract is a continuation of an existing contract in our portfolio, consisting of various types of equipment and services related to our members' mowing and operational needs. All proposal responses have been evaluated by H-GAC staff. Eleven (11) proposals are being recommended for award. The responses from The Playwell Group, Inc. were deemed non-responsive. 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 for contracts with the respondents listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table for Grounds and Turf Equipment. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

**HGACBuy**  
**Contract Awards Recommendation Table**  
**for Grounds And Turf Equipment (GR07-26)**

<b>Award Recommendations</b>	<b>Description</b>
Anderson Machinery Company	Current Anderson Machinery Company catalog and options
Bandit Industries Inc	Current Bandit Industries Inc catalog and options
EmbankScape Equipment LLC DBA RC Mowers	Current EmbankScape Equipment LLC DBA RC Mowers catalog and options
Great Plains Manufacturing Inc	Current Great Plains Manufacturing Inc catalog and options
Green Climber Of North America	Current Green Climber Of North America catalog and options
Hustler Turf Equipment, LLC	Current Hustler Turf Equipment, LLC catalog and options
Karcher Municipal North America Corporation	Current Karcher Municipal North America Corporation catalog and options
MacLean Engineering & Marketing Co. Limited	Current MacLean Engineering & Marketing Co. Limited catalog and options
Moridge Manufacturing Inc.	Current Moridge Manufacturing Inc. catalog and options
MTD Products Company DBA MTD Independent Retail Group, Arnold, Mass Retail, MTD Specialty Retail, Consumer Direct, WPD-International Sales	Current MTD Products Company DBA MTD Independent Retail Group, Arnold, Mass Retail, MTD Specialty Retail, Consumer Direct, WPD-International Sales catalog and options
Top5 Equipment LLC DBA Region Equipment	Current Top5 Equipment LLC DBA Region Equipment

## SOUTHBELT LIVABLE CENTER STUDY – VENDOR SELECTION

### Background

Livable Centers are places where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars. They encourage a complementary mix of land uses that are designed to be walkable, connected, and accessible by multiple modes of transportation, including bus, bike, or walking.

Establishing Livable Centers is one of the implementation strategies to reduce reliance on single-vehicle occupancy in H-GAC's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. H-GAC and our local partners work with communities to identify a vision for the study area and specific recommendations, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, that can help facilitate the creation of Livable Centers.

A total of forty-six Livable Centers studies have been completed in our region, with thirteen more in process or planned for the remainder of the 2025-2028 cycle. As part of the development of these studies, H-GAC engages consultants to provide planning and study development services.

### Current Situation

H-GAC issued a competitive, sealed solicitation to solicit qualified Contractor(s) for the goods or services requested under Project ID: RFP-TRN25-08. 12 responsive submissions were received and thoroughly evaluated by a committee of H-GAC representatives and stakeholders. Based on the committee's scoring and evaluation of the proposal responses and interviews, the recommendation and rankings are presented below:

Vendor	Final Tabulation	Ranking Order
Conсор North America, Inc.	155.88	1
Asakura Robinson Company LLC	148.8	2
Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.	139.8	3
HKS, Inc.	79.9	4
Mend Collaborative, Inc.	78.84	5
Lionheart Places, LLC	78.6	6
Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG)	75.16	7
DCCM Infrastructure, Inc.	74.56	8

TLC Engineering, Inc.	70.2	9
Toole Design Group, LLC	67.76	10
AUTOARCH Architects, LLC	66.08	11
Precision Consulting Firm LLC	57.92	12

Evaluation Criteria: Project Work Program and Schedule; Project Management and Organization; Qualifications; Challenge, Opportunity and Success; Challenge, Opportunity, and Success Statement; Staff Allocation and Level of Effort; Past Performance.

**Funding Source:**

Transportation Planning Funds

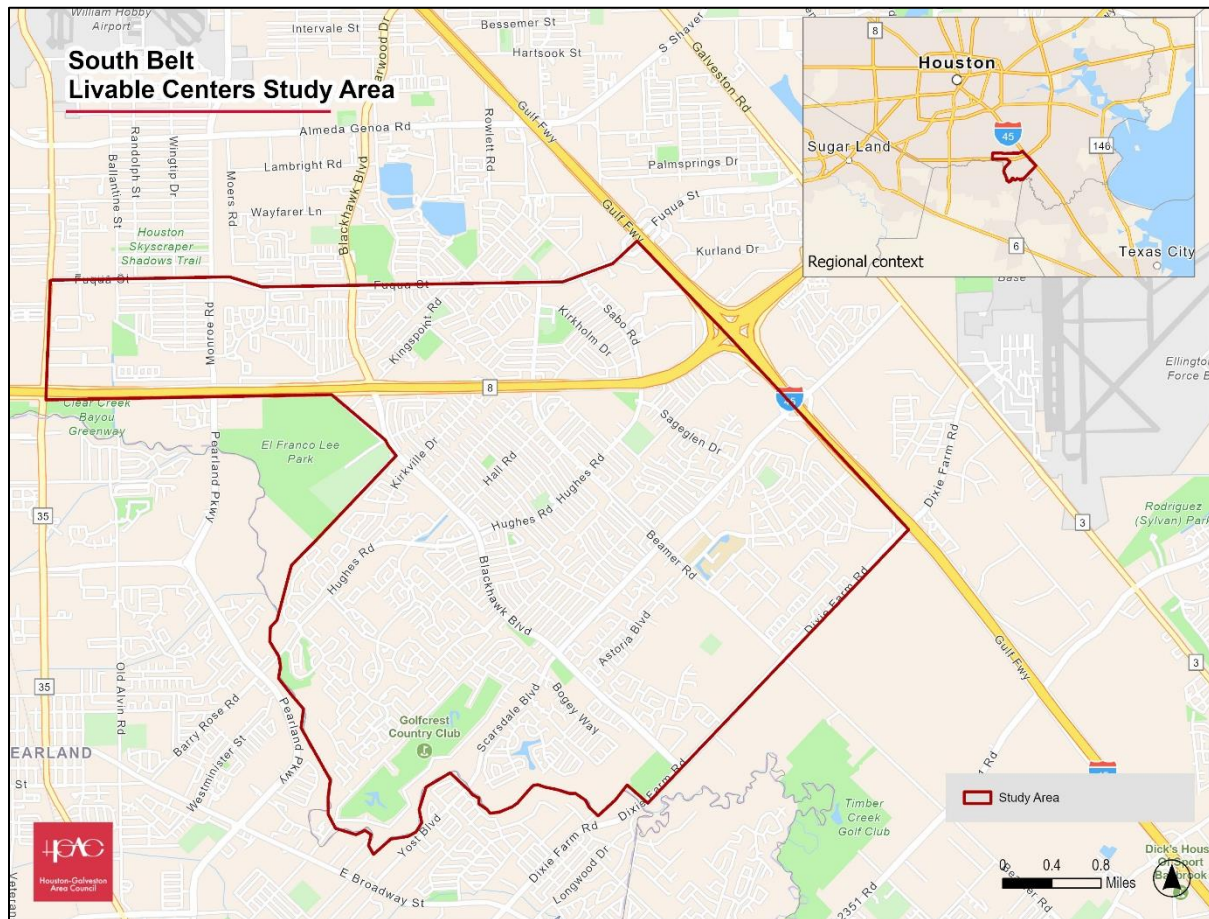
**Budgeted:**

Yes

**Action Requested:**

Request authorization to contract with firms in order ranked to conduct the Southbelt Livable Centers Study, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000. (Staff Contact: Ellary Makuch)

## South Belt Livable Centers Study Area Map



Southbelt is in Harris County within Precinct 2. It comprises area west of I-45, from Fuqua Road to Dixie Farm Road, and sits on the border of Pearland and Friendswood. Southbelt is within both the city limits of the City of Houston and the unincorporated area of Harris County.

## **CONTRACT RENEWAL – PRINTING SERVICES**

### **Background**

Workforce Solutions service providers and Gulf Coast Workforce Board staff produce various handouts, flyers, and other printed materials to communicate service information to Workforce Solutions customers, as well as branded stationery and business supplies necessary for daily operations. The workforce system utilizes a centralized printing and delivery service that allows for consistent brand management and streamlined ordering through an electronic storefront.

In 2025, this service was competitively procured and ISSGR Inc. DBA ImageSet was selected to provide printing and delivery support.

### **Current Situation**

Since contract execution, ImageSet has consistently performed well and met operational expectations. Staff are requesting approval to renew the contract with ImageSet to continue providing printing and delivery services for Workforce Solutions. ImageSet has demonstrated reliable performance, timely delivery, responsive customer service, and effective support of Workforce Solutions branding and operational needs during the current contract term.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval to execute a contract renewal with ImageSet for printing services in the total amount of \$150,000. (Staff Contact: Thomas Brown)

## **HOMEOWNER WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS**

### **Background**

In 2024, H-GAC sought qualified contractors to perform repairs and replacements of failing household septic or aerobic wastewater treatment systems (septic systems) on an as-needed basis for our Homeowner Wastewater Assistance Program. It was H-GAC's intent to develop a list of prequalified Septic System Contractors to be readily available to service homeowners participating in our program.

Projects funded through this program range from system pumping, to minor repairs, to the installation of new septic systems. Solicitation for bids for a septic system installation included site evaluation/design, permitting, filing, pumping/abandonment of old system, installation, and 2-year maintenance contract.

### **Current Situation**

H-GAC issued a competitive, sealed solicitation to solicit qualified contractor(s) for the goods or services requested under (Project ID: CE-OSSF-07-24) which closed on September 12, 2024.

Three responsive submissions were received and thoroughly evaluated by a committee of representatives from H-GAC. Based on the committee's thorough review and evaluation of the proposal responses, we conclude that all three vendors are qualified to provide services for the work required.

- Hurt's Wastewater Management
- Coastal Aerobic Systems, LLC
- TA Septic Solutions, LLC

H-GAC has extended the term of the work and is rapidly approaching the \$300,000 limit. It is necessary to increase the total expected amount to \$600,000 to allow for more systems to be repaired or replaced.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Supplemental Environmental Projects  
Galveston Bay Estuary Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law  
Harris County District Attorney  
Friends of the San Bernard River  
Olin Corporation

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval of prequalified Septic System Contractors for a one-year term and extend the work for up to one additional one-year term; and increase the total expected amount by \$300,000 to an amount not to exceed \$600,000. (Staff Contact: Todd Running)

## TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

### Background

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) administers the non-entitlement portion of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program federally funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The largest TxCDBG funding category is the Community Development (CDV) Fund, which is available on a biennial basis for funding through an application competition in each of the 24 state planning regions.

The 24 state planning regions – including H-GAC - are responsible for assisting in the process that will ultimately establish scoring criteria used by TDA to select applicants for funding under the TxCDBG CDV Fund in the 2027 application cycle.

### Current Situation

H-GAC, as the governing body of the planning region, is responsible for establishing and communicating the region's priorities as they relate to TxCDBG, based on the region's unique needs and stakeholder feedback. These "Regional Project Priorities" will account for 25% of the total points in scoring 2027 CDV applications.

State planning regions may use the default TDA priority list or develop their own. H-GAC's Community and Environmental Planning department developed a feedback survey to understand priorities of the non-entitlement communities within the region.

In addition to the feedback survey, H-GAC will accept feedback at a hybrid public meeting on July 9, 2026, at H-GAC's offices and on Zoom. H-GAC staff will provide a preliminary draft of the regional priority recommendations based on the survey results at the June board meeting, and will request approval of the final regional priority recommendations, based on the survey and public meeting, at the July board meeting.

### Funding Source

Texas Department of Agriculture

### Budgeted

Yes

### Action Requested

For information and awareness of opportunities for public input. Final regional priority recommendations for board approval will be presented at July meeting. (Staff contact: Ellary Makuch)



# HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

## FY26 Monthly Financial Report

For Month Ending April 30, 2026

Prepared on May 29th, 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 reach out to one of the accounting managers. Respectfully submitted, Arathi Nayak - Accounting Manager and Shaun Downie - Senior Accounting Manager.

### SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

#### REVENUES

- > The Cooperative Purchasing revenue cycle continues to be atypical. Revenue decreased in April compared to the previous month, from approximately \$907K to \$570K.
- > Interest income is currently at 80% of the year-to-date budget. Interest earnings have declined compared to prior periods, primarily due to the timing of cash inflows and lower prevailing interest rates than those experienced over the past three years.
- > Other revenue is performing well at 85% of the year-to-date budget and 32% of the annual budget, primarily driven by a \$250K EDA program loan funded in February. LDC revenue is showing improvement and is beginning to trend toward expected levels.

#### EXPENDITURES

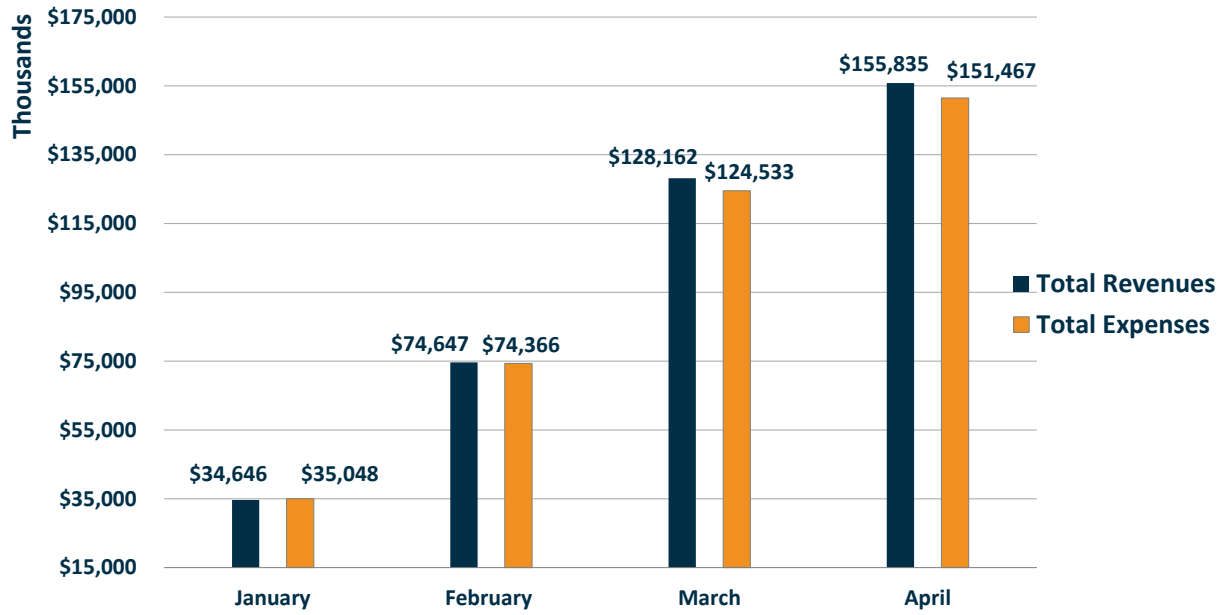
- > Pass-through expenses are at 25% of the annual budget, with spending averaging approximately \$31 million per month. C&E and Transportation expenditures remain below projected levels.
- > Consultant expenses are below projected levels; however, April saw an increase of approximately \$1.3 million, the highest in the past four months. Budget adjustments are made to ensure alignment with expected spending.
- > Equipment expenses increased by \$934K, primarily due to costs related to the renovation of the additional floor as the project nears completion.

**\*\*\* 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 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 April 30, 2026



# HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

## FY26 Monthly Trends Report

For Month Ending April 30, 2026

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>General &amp; Enterprise Fund Revenues</b>				
Membership Dues	\$ 38,083	\$ 249,630	\$61,023	\$ 8,501
HGAC Energy Corporation	3,735	9,939	8,215	2,980
Cooperative Purchasing Fees	199,384	406,185	907,615	570,363
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees	319,365	37,540	4,460,648	931,207
Interest Income	33,613	105,697	79,347	78,313
Other Revenues	68,866	392,365	101,900	94,430
General Funds - Local	69,655	129,840	184,352	442,690
<b>Total General &amp; Enterprise Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 732,701</b>	<b>\$ 1,331,196</b>	<b>\$ 5,803,100</b>	<b>\$ 2,128,483</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>				
Federal Grants	\$ 512,118	\$ 500,931	\$1,171,718	\$ 1,022,904
State Grants	33,401,154	38,168,463	46,540,458	24,521,780
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 33,913,272</b>	<b>\$ 38,669,393</b>	<b>\$ 47,712,176</b>	<b>\$ 25,544,684</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 34,645,973</b>	<b>\$ 40,000,590</b>	<b>\$ 53,515,276</b>	<b>\$ 27,673,166</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personnel	\$ 4,233,634	\$ 4,360,096	\$5,227,066	\$ 4,335,643
Pass-through Funds - Grant	28,908,852	33,193,949	43,162,096	19,468,024
Consultant and Contract Services	283,688	998,384	690,651	1,345,520
Lease of Office Space	181,274	195,662	200,471	152,829
Equipment	39,967	47,911	341,429	934,520
Travel	15,066	16,492	48,147	37,328
Other Expenses	1,385,364	505,970	496,713	660,450
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 35,047,845</b>	<b>\$ 39,318,465</b>	<b>\$ 50,166,573</b>	<b>\$ 26,934,313</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (401,872)</b>	<b>\$ 682,125</b>	<b>\$ 3,348,703</b>	<b>\$ 738,854</b>

# HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

## FY26 Budget to Actual Report - All Funds

For Month Ending April 30, 2026

33.33 % of Year Elapsed

	FY26 Annual Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY26 % of Actuals to Annual Budget	FY26 % of Actuals to YTD Budget
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>General &amp; Enterprise Fund Revenues</b>					
	FY26 Annual Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY26 % of Actuals to Annual Budget	FY26 % of Actuals to YTD Budget
Membership Dues	\$ 466,414	\$ 281,696	\$ 357,237	77%	127%
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation	135,000	44,675	24,869	18%	56%
Cooperative Purchasing Fees	7,413,865	1,807,883	2,083,547	28%	115%
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees	5,175,896	1,653,900	5,748,760	111%	348%
Interest Income	1,200,000	373,405	296,970	25%	80%
Other Revenues	2,033,509	772,534	657,561	32%	85%
General Funds - Local	5,517,184	1,459,765	826,537	15%	57%
<b>Total General &amp; Enterprise Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 21,941,868</b>	<b>\$ 6,393,858</b>	<b>\$ 9,995,480</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>156%</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>					
	FY26 Annual Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY26 % of Actuals to Annual Budget	FY26 % of Actuals to YTD Budget
Federal Grant	\$ 8,116,344	\$ 2,121,792	\$ 3,207,670	40%	151%
State Grants	570,138,869	168,569,247	142,631,854	25%	85%
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 578,255,213</b>	<b>\$ 170,691,039</b>	<b>\$ 145,839,525</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 600,197,081</b>	<b>\$ 177,084,897</b>	<b>\$ 155,835,005</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
	FY26 Annual Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Budget	FY26 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY26 % of Actuals to Annual Budget	FY26 % of Actuals to YTD Budget
Personnel	\$ 60,035,230	\$ 18,820,493	\$ 18,156,440	30%	96%
Pass-through Funds - Grant	491,423,054	145,859,968	124,732,921	25%	86%
Consultant and Contract Services	25,221,377	6,417,548	3,318,243	13%	52%
Lease of Office Space	3,599,393	1,157,940	730,235	20%	63%
Equipment	6,501,726	1,025,780	1,363,827	21%	133%
Travel	1,129,779	224,463	117,033	10%	52%
Other Expenses	12,286,522	3,244,388	3,048,497	25%	94%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 600,197,081</b>	<b>\$ 176,750,580</b>	<b>\$ 151,467,196</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 334,317</b>	<b>\$ 4,367,810</b>		
<b>Beginning Fund Balance (all funds) - Jan. 1 (1)</b>	<b>\$ 52,762,360</b>	<b>\$ 46,532,496</b>	<b>\$ 52,762,360</b>		
<b>Ending Fund Balance (all funds) - April. 30 (2)</b>	<b>\$ 52,762,360</b>	<b>\$ 46,866,813</b>	<b>\$ 57,130,170</b>		

(1) All beginning fund balances are as of January 1 of each year. The January 1, 2026 beginning fund balance is based on the 2026 ACFR presented at the May 2026 Board meeting.

(2) All ending fund balances are as of April 30 each year.

The Year-to-Date budget has been calculated using a three-year average spending & earning pattern. Historical monthly expenditure trends were analyzed to determine the proportion of annual spending incurred in each period, and these percentages were applied to the current year's approved budget to derive the YTD budget.

## 2026 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVISION

### **Background**

H-GAC's budget is a dynamic document. The bulk of H-GAC's revenues derive from intergovernmental contacts with local, state and federal entities. These contracts have various durations and may span more than one H-GAC budget year.

### **Current Situation**

The proposed 2026 revised budget incorporates all known changes in revenues and expenditures, as well as financial results of operations through May. The mid-year budget revisions is presented to the Board of Directors each summer and serves as a true-up of the budget approved in December 2025. Our budget is dynamic with new sources of funding arriving each spring, and some programs experiencing budget reductions. I will provide a detailed review of the revisions during the Finance & Budget Committee Meeting and at the general Board of Directors Meeting.

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

Not Applicable

### **Action Requested**

No action required. For information only. We will seek approval during the July 2026 Board of Directors Meeting. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

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## **CONTRACT RENEWAL – ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

### **Background**

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), authorized under Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), supports adult education services that improve literacy, workforce readiness, and postsecondary transitions. The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Gulf Coast Workforce Board serve as the grantee and fiscal agent for the Gulf Coast Adult Education Consortium.

In 2024, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board was awarded responsibility for providing adult education services across nine counties: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Wharton, and approximately 60% of Harris County.

The consortium currently includes Houston City College, Lone Star College, San Jacinto College, Region 6 Education Service Center, and BakerRipley. These partners collectively deliver services across nine counties through in-person, virtual, and hybrid models, including English language acquisition, GED preparation, workforce training, and college readiness programming.

### **Current Situation**

Following the closure of the Adult Education Center, remaining consortium members have absorbed service delivery responsibilities and continue to operate under Board oversight and performance monitoring. Staff have maintained regular communication with consortium members of monitor performance, review, expenditures, and provide technical assistance as needed.

To date, the consortium has served 4,372 students across the service area.

Key service categories include:

- 4,372 total enrollments
- 1,693 participants serviced through Integrated Education and Training (IET)
- 290 participants receiving intensive services

Participant outcomes to date include continued employment, educational progression, measurable skill gains, and credential attainment following program participation.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

### **Budgeted**

Yes

**Action Requested**

Request approval to negotiate and execute contract renewals with Houston City College, Lone Star College, San Jacinto College, and Region 6 Education Service Center, and to extend the contract with BakerRipley in the amounts shown below for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. This recommendation is contingent upon Texas Workforce Commission funding and approvals. (Staff Contact: Kristi Hayman)

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed Max</b>
Houston City College	\$4,060,800	\$5,160,000
Lone Star College	\$2,292,938	\$2,590,000
San Jacinto College	\$1,296,000	\$1,420,000
Region 6 ESC	\$1,885,469	\$2,010,000
BakerRipley	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$11,230,000</b>

## CONTRACT RENEWAL – FINANCIAL MONITORS

### **Background**

The Board utilizes third-party accounting firms to conduct independent financial monitoring of Workforce Solutions programs and subrecipients. These reviews are essential to ensure compliance with federal Uniform Guidance, state regulations, and Board policies. Monitoring activities include evaluation of financial systems, internal controls, procurement practices, cost allocation methodologies, and payroll processes.

### **Current Situation**

Three firms—Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.; Christine H. Nguyen CPA; and Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC—are currently under contract and actively conducting financial monitoring.

Over the current contract period, these firms have completed multiple reviews across key providers and programs, identifying risks, strengthening internal controls, and supporting corrective action planning. The use of multiple firms has allowed the Board to maintain flexibility, distribute workload efficiently, and ensure timely completion of required monitoring activities.

Additionally, each firm provides training to subcontractors, enhancing financial management capacity across the system and reducing long-term compliance risks.

Continuation of these contracts is recommended to maintain institutional knowledge, continuity of oversight, and uninterrupted compliance support.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval to renew contracts for one (1) year with Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.; Christine H. Nguyen CPA; and Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC for a combined amount not to exceed \$900,000, contingent upon certification by the Texas Workforce Commission. (Staff Contact: Thomas Brown)

## **CONTRACT AMENDMENT – FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT CENTER**

### **Background**

The Board contracted with Equus in 2022 to operate the Financial Aid Support Center (FASC), which provides centralized administrative and customer support services for childcare scholarship programs. Core functions include eligibility determination, application processing, customer inquiry response, appeals handling, and coordination with the Financial Aid Payment Office.

### **Current Situation**

The Financial Aid Support Center is experiencing sustained operational challenges driven by increased demand, limitations within the Texas Child Care Connection (TX3C) system, and significantly higher volumes of customer interactions.

These challenges have resulted in increased processing times, higher call wait times, and difficulty meeting the Board's target of 35,078 children in care, with current monthly averages ranging approximately between 31,000 and 33,000.

Equus has requested additional resources to expand staffing capacity and enhance supporting technology infrastructure. Board staff have evaluated this request and determined that additional investment is necessary to stabilize operations, improve service delivery, and support achievement of performance targets.

Without this adjustment, service delays and customer access challenges are expected to persist.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval to amend the contract with Equus to increase funding by \$357,000, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$11,857,000. (Staff Contact: Thomas Brown)

## CONTRACT AMENDMENT – CAREER SERVICES

### Background

In 2025, the Board competitively procured and awarded contracts for regional career services delivery to BakerRipley (East), Educational Data Systems, Inc. (EDSI) (West), and SERCO of Texas (North). These providers deliver integrated workforce services, including job placement assistance, employer engagement, and training coordination.

### Current Situation

Since contract initiation, providers have been focused on operational startup, including staffing, system integration, and alignment to the regional service delivery model. While full performance targets have not yet been achieved, providers are actively working with Board staff to improve service outcomes through ongoing technical assistance and monitoring.

The State has provided additional funding to expand workforce services. Board staff propose directing these funds toward targeted staffing increases and deployment of mobile service delivery tools (e.g., kiosks), which will allow services to reach underserved communities outside traditional workforce centers.

These enhancements are expected to increase access, improve customer engagement, and strengthen employer connections across the region.

### Funding Source

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

### Budgeted

Yes

### Action Requested

Request approval to amend contracts with BakerRipley, EDSI, and SERCO of Texas to increase each contract maximum by up to \$500,000 to support expanded staffing capacity and mobile workforce service delivery tools. (Staff Contact: Thomas Brown)

<b>Regions</b>	<b>Current Maximum</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum</b>
East – BakerRipley	\$23,000,000	\$23,500,000
North – SERCO of Texas	\$18,500,000	\$19,000,000
West – EDSI	\$14,500,000	\$15,000,000

<b>Regions</b>	<b>Current Maximum</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,000,000</b>	<b>\$57,500,000</b>

**2026 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE GROUP  
APPOINTMENTS**

**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 May 2028:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
Rodney Reed (primary) Mark Sloan (alternate)	Harris County	Judge Lina Hidalgo

**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 June 2028:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
Yvonne Lijffijt-Ploum	Wharton County	Judge Phillip Spenrath
Doug Simpson	Fort Bend County	Commissioner Andy Meyers

## **H-GAC BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Background**

In accordance with Article VI, Section 6 of H-GAC bylaws, committees may be created, modified, or dissolved upon recommendation of the Chair and confirmation by the Board of Directors.

### **Current Situation**

A committee preference form was distributed in January for board members to review and submit their preferred committee assignments. Board Chair Joe Garcia, who reviewed committee preference requests in consultation with H-GAC staff and board officers, presented the final committee assignments at the April board meeting.

In May 2026, Judge Ty Prause ascended to the position of Chair of the H-GAC Board following election results that rendered Joe Garcia ineligible to serve. Judge Prause has added a member to the Finance and Budget Committee and has appointed an ad hoc committee to study the historical relationship and current status between H-GAC and the Gulf Coast Workforce Board.

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Request confirmation of the Chair's Ad Hoc committee and roster updates. (Contact: Chair Ty Prause)

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## H-GAC VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENT

### **Background**

H-GAC bylaws call for the officers to consist of a Chair, Chair Elect and Vice Chair. The election of the 2026 Board officers included Pattison Councilmember Joe Garcia as Chair, Judge Ty Prause of Colorado County as Chair Elect, and Council member Ross Gordon of Bellaire as Vice Chair.

### **Current Situation**

Following the results of the municipal elections held in May 2026, Joe Garcia of Pattison vacated his position as an elected official and was no longer eligible to serve the remainder of his term on the H-GAC Board. Article V, Section 5 of H-GAC's bylaws state:

*Should a vacancy occur in the office of the Chair, the Chair Elect shall become Chair for the balance of the unexpired term. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Chair Elect, the Vice Chair shall become Chair Elect for the balance of the unexpired term. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Vice Chair, the Elections Committee shall submit the name of a member of the Board of Directors to serve the balance of the unexpired term. Additional nominations by the Board of Directors shall be in order.*

The Election Committee, chaired by Judge Jay Knight of Liberty County, will meet on June 11 to recommend a nominee to serve the balance of the unexpired term of the Vice Chair position.

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Discussion and possible action of Election Committee recommendation to fill the unexpired term of the 2026 Vice Chair. (Contact: Judge Jay Knight)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL**

### **Background**

N/A

### **Current Situation**

The members of the Houston-Galveston Area Council board of directors may convene in an executive session to discuss a personnel appointment.

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

The Board of Directors may hold an Executive Session to review the appointment of an employee in accordance with Texas Government Code section 551.074. (Contact: Judge Jay Knight)

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## **APPOINTMENT OF H-GAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **Background**

In January 2026, H-GAC Executive Director Chuck Wemple announced his retirement effective August 14, 2026. Judge Jay Knight, then Chair of the H-GAC Board of Directors, called on the Election Committee to carry out a nationwide search for the next Executive Director and make a recommendation to the full board. The committee is composed of Board officers, Past Chairs, and representatives from cities and counties in the region.

### **Current Situation**

In coordination with the teams at Mackensie Eason and H-GAC Human Resources, the Election Committee conducted a thorough vetting of over 100 applicants which included several assessments, interviews with internal and external stakeholders, and a case study for finalists. The Election Committee met on June 1 to recommend a candidate for appointment to lead the agency.

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Discussion and possible action of Election Committee recommendations concerning the appointment of the next Executive Director of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. (Contact: Jay Knight)