Board of Directors

Houston-Galveston Area Council

July Board Meeting

Schedule	Tuesday, July 21, 2026 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM CDT
Venue	Houston-Galveston Area Council 3555 Timmons Ln. Houston, TX 77027
Organizer	Rick Guerrero

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. OATH OF OFFICE - VICE CHAIR
6. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
8. TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE PRESENTATION

RESOLUTION

9. HONORING CHUCK WEMPLE
   Request approval of resolution honoring Chuck Wemple for his service to the agency and the Gulf Coast region. (Contact: Ty Prause)

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10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
    Report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. (Staff Contact: Ron Papsdorf)

CONSENT AGENDA

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11. JUNE MEETING MINUTES
    Request approval of the June 2026 Minutes. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

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12. CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE
    Request approval to contract with firms in the order presented for an amount not to exceed $150,000. (Staff Contact: Phillippe Anchondo)

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13. EXECUTIVE SEARCH AGENCY UTILIZATION
    Request approval for the Executive Director to utilize executive search services under the existing competitive solicitation HR ESRS 03 25, with an updated annual spend not to exceed $250,000 for fiscal year 2026 to support anticipated executive-level recruitment needs. (Staff Contact: Teri Ramsey)

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14. HGACBUY GE08-26 AUXILIARY POWER & BACKUP GENERATORS
    Request authorization of contracts with the respondents listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table for Auxiliary Power & Backup Generators. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

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15. HGACBUY HT07-26A MEDIUM AND HEAVY TRUCKS, TRUCK BODIES, AND TRAILERS
    Request authorization of contracts with the respondents listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table for Medium and Heavy Trucks, Truck Bodies, and Trailers. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

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16. 2027-2031 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MASTER AGREEMENT
    Request authorization for the Executive Director or designee to execute the 2027–2031 Public Transportation Master Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation and any associated documents necessary to carry out the agreement. (Staff Contact: Bennie Chambers III)

17. CLEAN VEHICLES PROGRAM AGREEMENTS
Request approval of agreements for acquisition of four school buses for Houston ISD. (Staff Contact: Andrew DeCandis)

18. NASA SUBAWARD FOR TROPICAL CYCLONE MULTI-HAZARD RISK ASSESSMENT
Request to approval to accept subaward from Rice University for NASA Grant for Integrated Tropical Cyclone Multi-Hazard and Transportation Risk Assessment in the Houston-Galveston Region, amount not to exceed $53,727 over two years. (Staff contact: Jochen Floesser)

19. FY 2027 CONTRACT FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND HOMELAND SECURITY SERVICES
Request approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, for Criminal Justice and Homeland Security planning services in a combined amount not to exceed $422,554.43 (Staff Contact: Justin Riley)

20. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT - SECOND QUARTER 2026
Request approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for Second Quarter FY2026 ending June 30, 2026. (Staff Contact: Arathi Nayak)

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

21. APRIL 2026 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
Request approval of the monthly financial report ending April 30, 2026. (Staff Contact: Shaun Downie)

22. MAY 2026 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
Request approval of the monthly financial report ending May 31, 2026. (Staff Contact: Shaun Downie)

23. 2026 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVISION
Discussion and possible action on 2026 Mid-year budget revision. (Staff contact: Ron Papsdorf)

Board of Directors

Houston-Galveston Area Council

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

24. TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION
    Request approval of final regional priority recommendations and to submit to the Texas Department of Agriculture. (Staff contact: Ellary Makuch)

H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND AFFILIATE GROUPS

25. JULY 2026 NOMINATIONS
    Request approval of the advisory committee and affiliate group nominations. (Staff Contact: Raquel Meyer)

REPORTS

26. OUTREACH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT
    Update on important current and upcoming public affairs activities. No action requested. (Staff contact: Rick Guerrero)

27. ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Background
In 2024, our region suffered several major disasters, including a severe derecho storm and tornadoes in the April-June timeframe, and Hurricane Beryl in July of the same year.

Current Situation
The Department of Housing and Urban Development issued an allocation of $555,687,000 in Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery funding to the state of Texas. The Texas General Land Office allocated $244,100,000 for the Homeowner Assistance program for repairing and reconstructing owner-occupied single-family homes, and $43,100,000 for the Homeowner Reimbursement Program.

Representatives from the Texas General Land Office will provide an update on the eligibility of these funds and other important resources for local governments at the July 2026 board meeting.

Funding Source
Federal and State funds

Budgeted
Not applicable

Action Requested
No action requested. For information only.

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHARLES "CHUCK" WEMPLE UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Wemple has dedicated more than twenty-two years of exemplary public service to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), including serving as Executive Director since 2018, providing steadfast leadership for one of the nation's largest councils of government, supporting the agency's mission to improve the quality of life throughout the thirteen-county Gulf Coast region; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, H-GAC strengthened its role as the region's trusted convener by fostering collaboration to address transportation, workforce, public safety, aging, community development, disaster recovery, and other regional priorities; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Wemple championed innovation while guiding the growth of H-GAC, helping to address emerging opportunities and challenges while ensuring continued service to over seven million residents across the region; and

WHEREAS, through leadership in national organizations, Chuck Wemple elevated the role of councils of governments across the country, strengthening H-GAC's reputation as a national leader in regional planning and public service; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Wemple's professionalism, integrity, vision, and commitment to public service have earned the respect and appreciation of elected officials, community leaders, partner organizations, and H-GAC staff, leaving a lasting legacy of regional leadership;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Houston-Galveston Area Council that Charles "Chuck" Wemple be recognized and honored for his distinguished leadership, dedicated public service, and enduring contributions to the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Gulf Coast region. The Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude for his many years of service and wishes him continued health, happiness, and success in his well-earned retirement.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 21st day of July, 2026, by the Board of Directors of the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

APPROVED:	ATTEST:
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The Honorable Ty Prause County Judge, Colorado County H-GAC Chair	The Honorable Ross Gordon Councilmember, City of Bellaire H-GAC Chair Elect

MEETING MINUTES
H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 16, 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 June 16, 2026 Board meeting:

• Judge Tim Lapham (Austin County)

• Commissioner Stacy Adams (Brazoria County)

• Commissioner Andy Meyers (Fort Bend County)

• Commissioner Hank Dugie (Galveston County)

• Judge Mark K. Keough (Montgomery County)

• Councilmember Laura Alvarado (City of Baytown)

• Commissioner Lesley Briones (Harris County)

• Commissioner Adrian Garcia (Harris County)

• Mayor Dan Davis (City of Manvel, Representing Home Rule Cities)

• Councilmember Fred Flickinger (City of Houston)

• Council Member Sallie Alcorn (City of Houston)

• Judge Jay Knight (Liberty County)

• Council Member Tommy Ginn (City of Deer Park)

• Mayor Russell Humphrey (City of Huntsville)

• Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Engelken (City of La Porte)

• Council Member Stewart Jacobson (City of Sugar Land)

• Council Member Nancy Arnold (City of Waller, Representing General Law Cities)

• Council Member Ross Gordon (City of Bellaire, Representing Home Rule Cities)

• Trustee Rissie Owens (Huntsville ISD)

Not Present:

Commissioner Tommy Hammond (Chambers County)

Judge Ty Prause (Colorado County)

Judge Bobby Seiferman (Matagorda County)

Commissioner Brandon Decker (Walker County)

Judge Trey Duhon (Waller County)

Judge Phillip Spenrath (Wharton County)

Council Member Martin Vela (City of Alvin)

Council Member David Hairel (City of Conroe)

Council Member Sally Branson (City of Friendswood)

Council Member Jason Hardcastle (City of Galveston)

Council Member Joaquin Martinez (City of Houston)

Mayor Elect Rhonda Seth (City of Lake Jackson)

Mayor Nick Long (City of League City)

Council Member Joanna Ouderkirk (City of Missouri City)

Mayor Thomas Shoenbein (City of Pasadena)

Mayor Pro Tem Clint Byrom (City of Pearland)

Council Member Ryan Taylor (City of Daisetta, Representing General Law Cities)

Board Member Michelle Cruz Arnold (HISD Board Member)

QUORUM

A quorum was confirmed and announced prior to the call to order.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair elect Ross Gordon called the meeting to order at approximately 11:21 a.m. at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas. The meeting room was declared open and accessible to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received and no speakers were registered.

DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair requested declarations of conflicts of interest. None were reported.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss the appointment of an employee. The Board returned to open session at approximately 11:40 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 21 – Executive Director Appointment: Motion approved appointing Ron Papsdorf as H-GAC Executive Director effective July 13, 2026, and authorizing execution of an appointment agreement. Motion to approve was made by Judge Mark Keough; seconded by Commissioner Stacy Adams. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Item 19 – Vice Chair Appointment: The Election Committee recommended Judge Tim Lapham to fill the unexpired Vice Chair term. Motion to approve was made by Judge Jay Knight; seconded by Councilmember Laura Alvarado. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda: The items on the consent agenda 1-10 were considered in one motion. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Stacy Adams; seconded by Council Member Laura Alvarado. There being no further discussion, the Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously:

The Chair then called for motions for the agenda action items. Items were considered as follows:

Item 9 – Homeowner Wastewater Assistance Program Service Provider Contracts: Approved qualified septic system contractor contracts and increased authorization up to $600,000. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Laura Alvarado; seconded by Commissioner Adrian Garcia. There being no further discussion, the item was approved unanimously.

Item 13 – Adult Education and Literacy Contract Renewals: Approved contract renewals and extension through June 30, 2027. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Andy Meyers; seconded by Commissioner Adrian Garcia. There being no further discussion, the item was approved unanimously.

Item 14 – Workforce Financial Monitors Contract Renewal: Approved renewals for a combined amount not to exceed $900,000. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Andy Meyers; seconded by Judge Mark Keough. There being no further discussion, the item was approved unanimously.

Item 15 – Financial Aid Support Center Contract Amendment: Approved amendment with Equus increasing funding by $357,000. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Andy Meyers; seconded by Councilmember Laura Alvarado. There being no further discussion, the Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

Item 16 – Workforce Career Services Contract Amendments: Approved amendments increasing contract maximums by up to $500,000. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lesley Briones; seconded by Commissioner Adrian Garcia. There being no further discussion, the item was approved unanimously.

Item 18 – Board Committee Updates: Approved committee roster updates, including Judge Tim Lapham as Finance and Budget Committee Chair and additions to the Strategic Partnerships Committee. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lesley Briones; seconded by Commissioner Adrian Garcia. There being no further discussion, the item was approved unanimously.

Item 17 – Advisory Committee Appointments: Approved June 2026 advisory and affiliate group appointments. Motion to approve was made by Mayor Dan Davis; seconded by Councilmember Laura Alvarado. There being no further discussion, the item was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

The Board agreed to defer the April Monthly Financial Report and Mid-Year Budget Revision presentation items to the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:52 a.m.

CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE

Background
The Houston-Galveston Area Council utilizes Content Management System to host and maintain the H-GAC.com, HGACBuy.org, WrkSolutions.com, and YourCommuteSolution.org websites.

Therefore, H-GAC will migrate all four websites into a new Xperience by Kentico implementation. Xperience by Kentico is a change to a Software as a Service model, resulting in software that will not have an end to its product support lifecycle. This will ensure that the agency's websites are hosted in a secure and supported environment.

Current Situation
H-GAC issued a competitive, sealed solicitation to solicit qualified Contractor(s) for a contractor to migrate the four agency websites into a new Xperience by Kenntico under Project ID: RFP-DS-KXPU-04-26. Three 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 interviews, the recommendation and rankings are presented below:

Vendor	Final Tabulation	Ranking Order
Wakefly	145	1
Exemplifi	128.33	2
CSE Software Inc.	68	3

The evaluation criteria were the following:

- Methodology/Approach
- Technical Architecture Expertise
- Relevant Experience and Past Performance
- Project Team Qualifications
- Migration Risk Management and Implementation Plan
- Price/Cost
- Interview

Funding Source
Indirect

Budgeted
Yes

Action Requested
Request approval to contract with firms in the order presented for an amount not to exceed $150,000. (Staff Contact: Phillippe Anchondo)

EXECUTIVE SEARCH AGENCY UTILIZATION

Background
The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) periodically has openings for executive-level positions. To ensure the recruitment of highly qualified leadership, H-GAC engages executive search agencies with specialized expertise, extensive networks, and deep industry knowledge. These firms are able to identify and attract top-tier candidates, including those not actively seeking new opportunities, and provide comprehensive vetting to ensure alignment with H-GAC's strategic direction and organizational culture. This approach supports efficient hiring processes and enables H-GAC to focus on core operations while securing strong, experienced leadership.

Current Situation
Under competitive solicitation HRESRS0325, issued March 5, 2025 and closed April 10, 2025, HGAC approved the use of selected executive search firms for high-level recruitment needs with an annual spend not to exceed $150,000. That amount was based on an anticipated need for approximately three executive-level searches.

HGAC anticipates the need to engage executive search services for at least four executive positions in 2026, including Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Metropolitan Planning and Analysis, and Deputy Executive Director (or similar role). Given the expanded scope of recruitment anticipated for the year, an increase in the annual spending authority is needed to support multiple concurrent or sequential searches under the existing RFP.

Funding Source
By department

Budgeted
Yes

Action Requested
Request approval for the Executive Director to utilize executive search services under the existing competitive solicitation HRESRS0325, with an updated annual spend not to exceed $250,000 for fiscal year 2026 to support anticipated executive-level recruitment needs. (Staff Contact: Teri Ramsey)

HGACBUY GE08-26
AUXILIARY POWER & BACKUP GENERATORS

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 five (5) proposals for auxillary power & backup generators on May 28, 2026. The following companies submitted a proposal:

DLX Enterprises LLC	Eugene, OR
Energy Systems Consolidated LLC dba Energy Systems Texas LLC	Waukesha, WI
Loftin Equipment Co.	Dallas, TX
Pinion Group	Arcadia, CA
Ready Power, LLC	New Orleans, LA

Current Situation:
This contract is an existing contract in our portfolio, consisting of equipment related to our members' potential need for auxiliary and backup electrical power. All proposal responses have been evaluated by an evaluation committee made up of H-GAC staff. The committee recommends awards to the four (4) responses that meet the points threshold stated in the solicitation's scoring criteria. 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
N/A

Action Requested
Request authorization for contracts with the respondents listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table for Auxiliary Power & Backup Generators. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

HGACBuy
Contract Awards Recommendation Table
Auxiliary Power & Backup Generators
GE08-26

Award Recommendations	Description
DLX Enterprises LLC*	Current generator equipment catalog and options
Energy Systems Consolidated LLC dba Energy Systems Texas LLC*	Current generator equipment catalog and options
Loftin Equipment Co.	Current generator equipment catalog and options
Ready Power, LLC*	Current generator equipment catalog and options
*New HGACBuy supplier	

HGACBUY HT07-26A
MEDIUM AND HEAVY TRUCKS, TRUCK BODIES, AND TRAILERS

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. This is a supplemental solicitation to the HT07-26 Medium and Heavy Trucks, Truck Bodies, and Trailers contract that was approved in May. HGACBuy received and opened eight (8) proposals, for medium and heavy trucks, truck bodies, and trailers, on June 18, 2026. The following companies submitted a proposal:

AC Disposal Services, Inc.	Belen, NM
Bruckner Truck Sales, Inc., dba Bruckner's Truck & Equipment	Amarillo, TX
BTE Body Company, Inc.	Irving, TX
Caldwell Country Chevrolet II LLC	Caldwell, TX
Caldwell Country Ford, LLC, dba Rockdale Country Ford	Rockdale, TX
Ox Bodies, Inc.	Fayette, AL
TriVan Truck Body LLC	Ferndale, WA
United Ford South LLC, dba Bill Knight Ford Quick Lane	Tulsa, OK

Current Situation
This contract is a supplemental to an existing contract in our portfolio, consisting of various types of equipment related to our members' larger truck and trailer needs. All proposal responses have been evaluated by an evaluation committee made up of H-GAC staff. The committee recommends awards to the five (5) responses that meet the points threshold stated in the solicitation's scoring criteria. 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
N/A

Action Requested
Request authorization for contracts with the respondent listed in the Contract Awards Recommendation Table for Medium and Heavy Trucks, Truck Bodies, and Trailers. (Staff contact: Ronnie Barnes)

HGACBuy
Contract Awards Recommendation Table
Medium and Heavy Trucks, Truck Bodies, and Trailers
HT07-26A

Award Recommendations	Categories
Bruckner Truck Sales, Inc., dba Bruckner's Truck & Equipment	A
Caldwell Country Chevrolet II LLC	A
Caldwell Country Ford, LLC, dba Rockdale Country Ford	A
TriVan Truck Body LLC*	B
United Ford South LLC, dba Bill Knight Ford Quick Lane	A

Award Categories:
A: Medium and heavy trucks
B: Commercial Bodies/Trailers
*New HGACBuy supplier

2027–2031 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MASTER GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Background

The Houston-Galveston Area Council serves as a recipient of federal and state public transportation funding through programs administered by the Federal Transit Agency and the Texas Department of Transportation. TxDOT requires eligible recipients to execute a Public Transportation Master Grant Agreement, which establishes the general terms and conditions governing the administration of public transportation grant funding and future Project Grant Agreements. These agreements typically fund H-GAC transit planning activities such as the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan update process.

Current Situation

The current Master Grant Agreement began on September 1, 2022, and expires on August 31, 2026. TxDOT prepared the next four year (2027–2031) Public Transportation Master Grant Agreement for execution by eligible recipients statewide. The agreement establishes requirements related to grant administration, financial management, reporting, reimbursement, procurement, property management, and compliance with applicable state and federal requirements. Execution of the agreement is required for H-GAC to remain eligible to receive and administer public transportation grant funding through August 31, 2031. The Texas Department of Transportation expects this Master Grant Agreement to be amended from time to time.

Funding Source

Federal Transit Administration and State of Texas public transportation funds

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request authorization for the Executive Director or designee to execute the 2027–2031 Public Transportation Master Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation and any associated documents necessary to carry out the agreement. (Staff Contact: Bennie Chambers III)

CLEAN VEHICLES PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

Background
The Clean Vehicles Program offsets the cost of replacing or retrofitting older, high-emission, heavy-duty vehicles with cleaner, lower-emission models. The primary goal of the program is to reduce nitrogen oxides, a critical component in the formation of ground-level ozone.

Funding for Clean Vehicles Program agreements can originate from one of several different sources including Supplemental Environmental Project funds. This funding originates with settlement agreements with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality following state or federal actions against businesses or individuals that fail to comply with environmental laws.

Current Situation
H-GAC staff received an application from Houston Independent School District to use Supplemental Environmental Project funding to replace four (4) existing diesel-powered school buses with new models of the same fuel type. The total anticipated cost of this project is $696,000 with a total grant amount of $348,000. Grant award amounts are based on the projected emissions that may be reduced by the project, factoring in usage patterns, engine specifications, and fuel/technology types, as detailed in the following table.

School District	Vehicles Replaced	Total Project Amount	SEP Grant Amount	Contractor Match	Total NOx Reductions (tons/year)
HISD	4	$696,000	$348,000	$348,000	0.096

All totals are estimates as the final award amount may be revised to reflect updated emissions characteristics once the final replacement engines have been identified by the grant applicant.

This application was reviewed by the Area Emissions Reduction Credit Organization at their June 16, 2026 Board of Directors meeting. At that meeting, the Board recommended that H-GAC staff move forward with this application and pursue approval from the H-GAC Board of Directors to enter into a contract with Houston Independent School District to undertake this project.

Funding Source
Texas Commission of Environmental Quality/Supplemental Environmental Project Funding

Budgeted
Yes

Action Requested
Request approval to enter into an agreement with Houston Independent School District for the acquisition of four diesel-powered school buses for an amount not to exceed $348,000. (Staff Contact: Andrew DeCandis)

NASA SUBAWARD FOR TROPICAL CYCLONE MULTI-HAZARD RISK ASSESSMENT

Background

The Houston-Galveston region is highly vulnerable to tropical cyclones, which can produce multiple hazards simultaneously, including extreme winds, heavy rainfall, storm surge, and flooding. These events frequently damage transportation infrastructure, disrupt mobility, and limit access to critical services, placing significant burdens on communities. Given the region's low-lying coastal geography and concentration of critical infrastructure, improving resilience to these hazards is a regional priority.

To address these challenges, Rice University has been awarded a NASA Applied Sciences Program grant for the project, "*Leveraging NASA Products for Integrated Tropical Cyclone Multi-Hazard and Transportation Risk Assessment in the Houston-Galveston Region*." The project will use NASA satellite data and advanced modeling techniques to assess tropical cyclone hazards and their impacts on transportation infrastructure, providing probabilistic risk projections for selected coastal watersheds across the H-GAC region.

Current Situation

H-GAC has been identified as a key regional subrecipient for this NASA-funded research project, providing the agency with advanced tools and data to strengthen regional resilience planning. The project will develop high-resolution analyses of tropical cyclone wind, rainfall, storm surge, and compound flood hazards for current and future climate scenarios, while enhancing existing flood models using H-GAC's LiDAR elevation data and high-resolution soil moisture information. It will also deliver probabilistic assessments of transportation infrastructure risks, including bridge and roadway vulnerability, hurricane debris impacts, accessibility losses, and identification of critical transportation bottlenecks. All resulting hazard maps, risk projections, and datasets will be made publicly available through H-GAC's online data repository to support local governments, regional planners, and emergency management agencies.

Fund Source

NASA Applied Sciences Program grant awarded to Rice University

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval to accept subaward from Rice University for participation in the NASA-funded project for itegrated Tropical Cyclone Multi-Hazard and Transportation Risk Assessment in the Houston-Galveston Region, in an amount not to exceed $53,727 over a two-year period. (Staff contact: Jochen Floesser)

FY 2027 CONTRACT FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND HOMELAND SECURITY SERVICES WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

Background

The Houston-Galveston Area Council anticipates receiving a Fiscal Year 2027 Interlocal Agreement from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, to provide regional Criminal Justice and Homeland Security planning services for the thirteen-county H-GAC region.

Under these agreements, H-GAC will provide regional planning, grant administration, technical assistance, stakeholder coordination, strategic planning, compliance monitoring, financial management, reporting, meeting coordination, and oversight necessary to support the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council, and regional Criminal Justice and Homeland Security grant prioritization processes. H-GAC will also ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and contractual requirements while fulfilling all required contract deliverables.

Funding under these agreements supports personnel, supplies, and travel necessary to administer the regional Criminal Justice and Emergency Preparedness programs, conduct planning activities and technical assistance, facilitate regional meetings and workshops, coordinate stakeholders, and maintain required training and program knowledge.

Current Situation

H-GAC has submitted proposals to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, for Fiscal Year 2027 Criminal Justice and Homeland Security planning services in not-to-exceed amounts of $355,879.63 and $66,674.80, respectively. These amounts represent the proposed contract budgets and are subject to final approval by the Governor. The final agreements are anticipated to be transmitted during August 2026, with a contract period beginning September 1, 2026.

Historically, the state has provided Councils of Government with the opportunity to renew these agreements for subsequent fiscal years, subject to the availability of funding and satisfactory contract performance. Board approval will authorize the Executive Director to execute the FY 2027 agreements and any subsequent renewals, amendments, or modifications necessary to carry out the contracts, subject to legal review.

Funding Source

Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Office of the Governor, Public

Safety Office, for Criminal Justice and Homeland Security planning services in a combined amount not to exceed $422,554.43 (Staff Contact: Justin Riley)

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – SECOND QUARTER 2026

Background
H-GAC invests public funds in accordance with its adopted Investment Policy. Quarterly investment reports are presented to the Board to provide transparency regarding H-GAC's investment portfolio, including compliance with the Investment Policy, portfolio performance, and investment activity during the reporting period.

Current Situation
The Quarterly Investment Report for the Second Quarter of FY2026 summarizes H-GAC's investment portfolio and investment activity for the quarter ending June 30, 2026.

Funding Source
Not Applicable

Budgeted
Not Applicable

Action Requested
Request approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for Second Quarter FY2026 ending June 30, 2026. (Staff Contact: Arathi Nayak)

Houston Galveston Area Council
Investment Report
For Quarter Ending June 30th, 2026

	Opening Balance FY 26	Deposits	Withdrawal	Interest Earned FY 26	Current Balance / Market Value	Percent of Portfolio
TexPool Prime Account Yield 3.80% Book Value $6,500,000	$ 9,717,660	-	($2,000,000)	$ 183,153	$ 7,900,813	79.79%
Texas Range Daily Select Yield 3.78% Book Value $2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-	1,243	2,001,243	20.21%
Balance as of June 30, 2026	$ 9,717,660	$ 2,000,000	$ (2,000,000)	$ 184,396	$ 9,902,056	100.00%

The above securities are in compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), and with the investment objectives of the H-GAC investment policy.

Charles Wemple (Jul 6, 2026 18:32:54 CDT)
Charles Wemple
Executive Director

Shaun Downie
Shaun Downie
Investment Officer

Arathi Nayak
Arathi Nayak
Investment Officer

Houston Galveston Area Council - Component Unit
Investment Report
For Quarter Ending June 30th, 2026

	Opening Balance FY 26	Interest Earned FY 26	Current Balance / Market Value	Percent of Portfolio
Local Development Corporation				
Certificate of Deposit (Maturity 7/1/2026) Yield 2.86% Chase Bank	$ 349,572	$ 9,022	$ 358,594	5.54%
Corporation for Regional Excellence				
Certificate of Deposit (Maturity 7/3/2026) Yield 2.86% Chase Bank	536,479	13,847	550,326	8.50%
Gulf Coast 911 Regional District				
Certificate of Deposit (Maturity 7/8/2026) Yield 2.86% Chase Bank	5,423,821	139,989	5,563,810	85.96%
Balance as of June 30, 2026	$ 6,309,872	$ 162,858	$ 6,472,730	100.00%

The above securities are in compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), and with the investment objectives of the H-GAC investment policy.

Charles Wemple (Jul 6, 2026 18:32:54 CDT)
Charles Wemple
Executive Director

Shaun Downie
Shaun Downie
Investment Officer

Arathi Nayak
Arathi Nayak
Investment Officer

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2026

Background
H-GAC prepares the monthly financial report to provide the Board with an overview of the organization's financial position and operating results. This report helps the Board monitor financial performance and budget compliance.

Current Situation
Presenting the results of the April 2026 financials.

Funding Source
Not Applicable

Budgeted
Not Applicable

Action Requested
Request approval of the monthly financial report ending April 30, 2026. (Staff Contact: Shaun Downie)

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.

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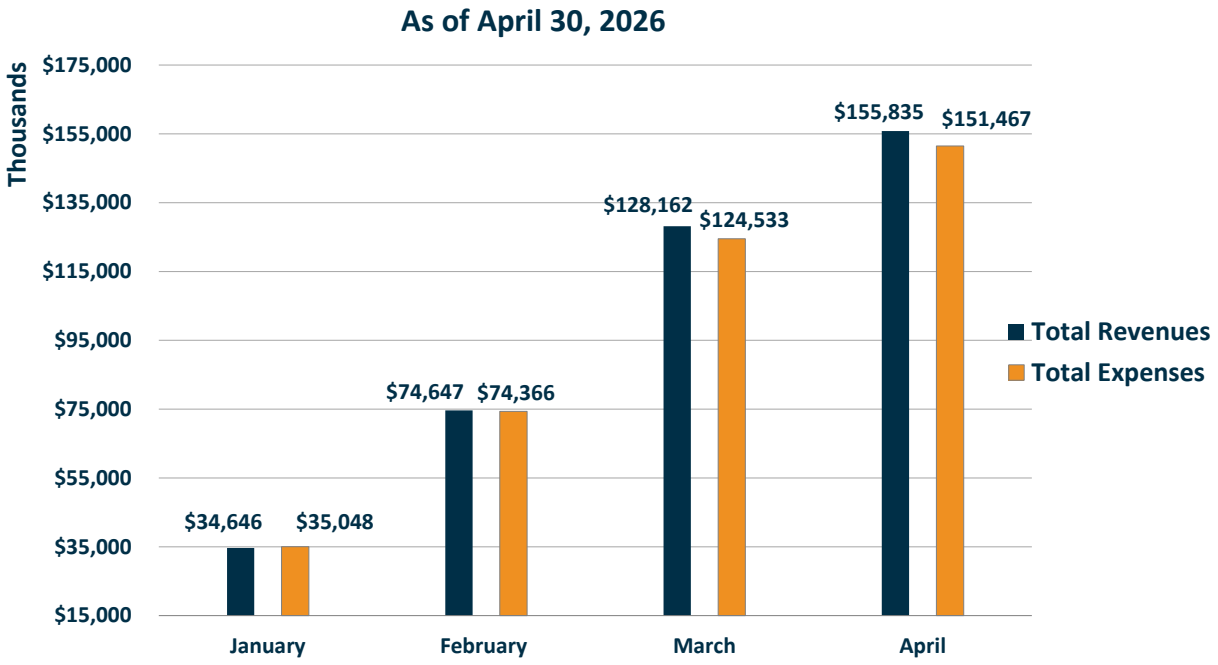
Monthly Trends Chart



HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

FY26 Monthly Trends Report

For Month Ending April 30, 2026

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
Revenues				
General & Enterprise Fund Revenues				
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
Total General & Enterprise Fund Revenues	**$ 732,701**	**$ 1,331,196**	**$ 5,803,100**	**$ 2,128,483**
Special Revenue Fund				
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
Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues	**$ 33,913,272**	**$ 38,669,393**	**$ 47,712,176**	**$ 25,544,684**
Total Revenues	**$ 34,645,973**	**$ 40,000,590**	**$ 53,515,276**	**$ 27,673,166**
Expenditures				
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
Total Expenditures	**$ 35,047,845**	**$ 39,318,465**	**$ 50,166,573**	**$ 26,934,313**
Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	**$ (401,872)**	**$ 682,125**	**$ 3,348,703**	**$ 738,854**

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
Revenues					
General & Enterprise Fund Revenues					
	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%
Total General & Enterprise Fund Revenues	**$ 21,941,868**	**$ 6,393,858**	**$ 9,995,480**	**46%**	**156%**
Special Revenue Fund					
	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%
Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues	**$ 578,255,213**	**$ 170,691,039**	**$ 145,839,525**	**25%**	**85%**
Total Revenues	**$ 600,197,081**	**$ 177,084,897**	**$ 155,835,005**	**26%**	**88%**
Expenditures					
	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%
Total Expenditures	**$ 600,197,081**	**$ 176,750,580**	**$ 151,467,196**	**25%**	**86%**
Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	**$ -**	**$ 334,317**	**$ 4,367,810**		
Beginning Fund Balance (all funds) - Jan. 1 (1)	**$ 52,762,360**	**$ 46,532,496**	**$ 52,762,360**		
Ending Fund Balance (all funds) - April. 30 (2)	**$ 52,762,360**	**$ 46,866,813**	**$ 57,130,170**		

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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.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – May 2026

Background
H-GAC prepares the monthly financial report to provide the Board with an overview of the organization's financial position and operating results. This report helps the Board monitor financial performance and budget compliance.

Current Situation
Presenting the results of the May 2026 financials.

Funding Source
Not Applicable

Budgeted
Not Applicable

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

HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

FY26 Monthly Financial Report

For Month Ending May 31, 2026

Prepared on July 6th, 2026

Esteemed H-GAC Board of Directors and Executive Director Wemple, please find attached the financial report for May 2026. 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 May compared to the previous month, from approximately $570K to $517K.

> Interest income is at 33% of the annual budget. Earnings reflect the current lower interest rate environment compared to prior years, as well as fluctuations in available cash balances throughout the year.

> Federal grant revenues are ahead of projected levels, primarily due to activity in the Federal Transit Administration grants and the Quick Clearance Programs.

EXPENDITURES

> Pass-through expenditures are at 34% of the annual budget. The Aging program is performing well and is on track with budget, while C&E and Transportation expenditures remain below projected levels.

> Consultant expenses are below projected levels. Some programs are catching up, while others remain below budget. Mid-year budget adjustments have been made to align with spending trends.

> Travel expenses increased slightly this month; however, spending remains below projected levels due to the timing of travel activities and reimbursement processing.

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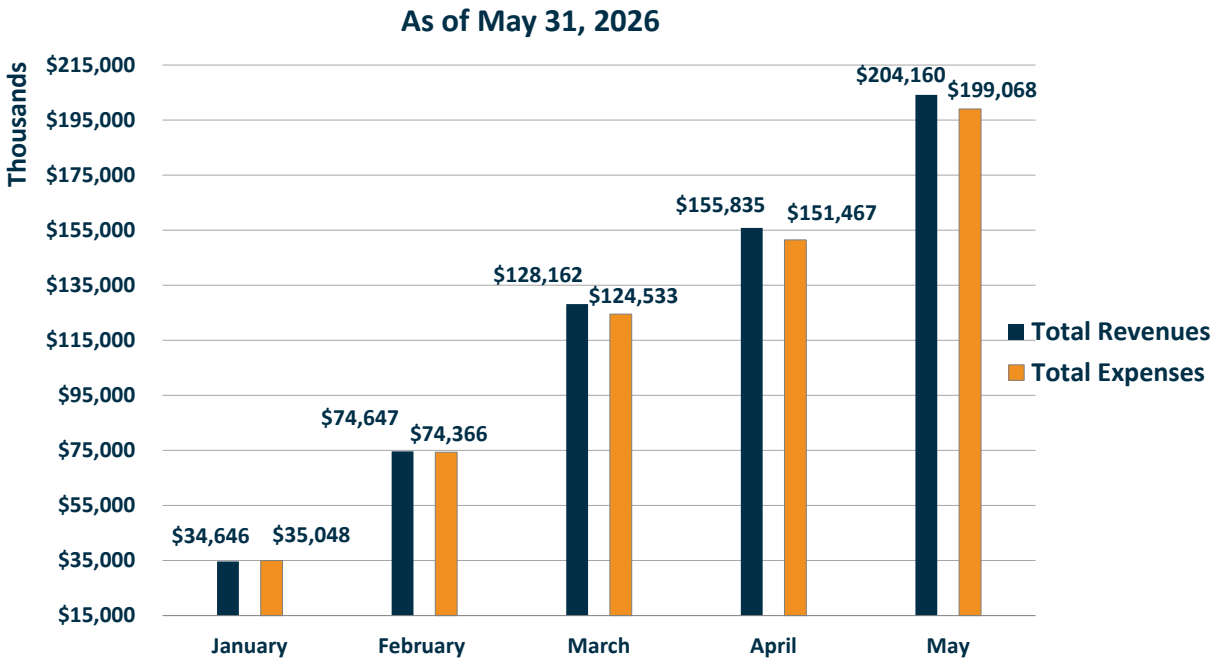

HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

FY26 Monthly Trends Report

For Month Ending May 31, 2026

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026
Revenues					
General & Enterprise Fund Revenues					
Membership Dues	$ 38,083	$ 249,630	$61,023	$8,501	$ 6,895
HGAC Energy Corporation	3,735	9,939	8,215	2,980	7,289
Cooperative Purchasing Fees	199,384	406,185	907,615	570,363	517,124
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees	319,365	37,540	4,460,648	931,207	772,175
Interest Income	33,613	105,697	79,347	78,313	96,736
Other Revenues	68,866	392,365	101,900	94,430	121,230
General Funds - Local	69,655	129,840	184,352	442,690	786,748
Total General & Enterprise Fund Revenues	**$ 732,701**	**$ 1,331,196**	**$ 5,803,100**	**$ 2,128,484**	**$ 2,308,198**
Special Revenue Fund					
Federal Grants	$ 512,118	$ 500,931	$1,171,718	$1,022,904	$ 610,208
State Grants	33,401,154	38,168,463	46,540,458	24,521,780	45,406,474
Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues	**$ 33,913,272**	**$ 38,669,393**	**$ 47,712,176**	**$ 25,544,684**	**$ 46,016,681**
Total Revenues	**$ 34,645,973**	**$ 40,000,590**	**$ 53,515,276**	**$ 27,673,168**	**$ 48,324,879**
Expenditures					
Personnel	$ 4,233,634	$ 4,360,096	$5,227,066	$4,335,643	$ 4,169,306
Pass-through Funds - Grant	28,908,852	33,193,949	43,162,096	19,468,024	40,556,534
Consultant and Contract Services	283,688	998,384	690,651	1,345,520	1,786,555
Lease of Office Space	181,274	195,662	200,471	152,829	183,247
Equipment	39,967	47,911	341,429	934,520	65,742
Travel	15,066	16,492	48,147	37,328	79,348
Other Expenses	1,385,364	505,970	496,713	660,450	760,032
Total Expenditures	**$ 35,047,845**	**$ 39,318,465**	**$ 50,166,573**	**$ 26,934,314**	**$ 47,600,764**
Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	**$ (401,872)**	**$ 682,125**	**$ 3,348,703**	**$ 738,854**	**$ 724,115**

HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

FY26 Budget to Actual Report - All Funds

For Month Ending May 31, 2026

41.67 % 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
Revenues					
General & Enterprise Fund Revenues					
	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	$ 307,084	$ 364,132	78%	119%
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation	135,000	56,993	32,158	24%	56%
Cooperative Purchasing Fees	7,413,865	2,306,488	2,600,671	35%	113%
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees	5,175,896	2,166,984	6,520,935	126%	301%
Interest Income	1,200,000	457,357	393,706	33%	86%
Other Revenues	2,033,509	1,026,489	778,791	38%	76%
General Funds - Local	5,517,184	2,244,531	1,613,285	29%	72%
Total General & Enterprise Fund Revenues	**$ 21,941,868**	**$ 8,565,926**	**$ 12,303,679**	**56%**	**144%**
Special Revenue Fund					
	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	$ 2,579,851	$ 3,817,878	47%	148%
State Grants	570,138,869	215,641,930	188,038,328	33%	87%
Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues	**$ 578,255,213**	**$ 218,221,781**	**$ 191,856,206**	**33%**	**88%**
Total Revenues	**$ 600,197,081**	**$ 226,787,707**	**$ 204,159,886**	**34%**	**90%**
Expenditures					
	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	$ 23,844,515	$ 22,325,746	37%	94%
Pass-through Funds - Grant	491,423,054	186,219,284	165,289,454	34%	89%
Consultant and Contract Services	25,221,377	9,387,234	5,104,798	20%	54%
Lease of Office Space	3,599,393	1,450,077	913,483	25%	63%
Equipment	6,501,726	1,515,449	1,429,569	22%	94%
Travel	1,129,779	309,009	196,381	17%	64%
Other Expenses	12,286,522	4,055,432	3,808,529	31%	94%
Total Expenditures	**$ 600,197,081**	**$ 226,781,000**	**$ 199,067,961**	**33%**	**88%**
Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	**$ -**	**$ 6,707**	**$ 5,091,925**		
Beginning Fund Balance (all funds) - Jan. 1 (1)	**$ 52,762,360**	**$ 46,532,496**	**$ 52,762,360**		
Ending Fund Balance (all funds) - May. 31 (2)	**$ 52,762,360**	**$ 46,539,203**	**$ 57,854,285**		

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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 serve 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.

A summary of key updates can be found on the next page. More details on the budget can be found in the link below.

Funding Source
N/A

Budgeted
Not Applicable

Action Requested
Request approval of the 2026 Mid-Year Budget Revision. (Staff Contact: Ron Papsdorf)

OpenBook

FY26 Mid-Year Budget Revision Summary

Local Funds

2026 Revised	2026	Increase	% Change
$6,682,793	**6,531,139**	**$151,654**	**2.32%**

- Outreach & Governmental Affairs - Reduced from $1.7M to $1M - programs provided more hours to allocate to their employees. This does not affect our cash flow or reserve.
- Data Analytics & Research – Increased from $362K to $1.3M - received funding from 2025 carryover to cover contracts, consultant services, other direct costs & allocated employees to this cost center.

Indirect Departments

2026 Revised	2026	Increase	% Change
$15,516,040	**15,385,390**	**$130,650**	**0.85%**

- Slight increase due to annual merits & adding the Deputy Executive Director in November 2026 & added Special Projects Controller.

Community & Environmental

2026 Revised	2026	Increase	% Change
$23,563,572	**22,857,103**	**$706,470**	**3.09%**

- 9-1-1 Services - Increased due to the addition of 2 new uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) maintenance sites - Chambers County & City of Manvel.

Aging

2026 Revised	2026	Increase	% Change
$18,478,164	**13,752,461**	**$4,725,704**	**34.36%**

- Carryforward funds received from the 2025 redistribution in the amount of $3.1M, which will be used towards existing services and staff.

- The addition of the Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) grant funds - This benefits counseling program will include new staff member (already approved and in process) and a modest amount of funding. $300K.
- A portion of the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) funding for housing navigation was reduced by $36K.

Enterprise Solutions

2026 Revised	2026	Increase	% Change
$10,085,239	**9,887,056**	**$198,183**	**2.00%**

- Based on the current year's performance and revenue trends, the revenue increased by $300K.
- Awarded Regional digital opportunity strategies and local broadband planning, which will support continued growth and other services and staff.

Workforce

2026 Revised	2026	Increase	% Change
$508,838,656	**486,420,219**	**$22,418,438**	**4.61%**

- Adding 37 Proposed FTEs to move Child Care Quality to H-GAC staff - currently contracted.
- Increase in funding for TWC & Houston endowment funding.

Transportation

2026 Revised	2026	Decrease	% Change
$49,018,474	**58,688,255**	**-$9,669,781**	**-16.48%**

- Adding 7 Proposed FTEs to align programs to focus on high-priority and high-impact efforts.
- Reduced contract services & pass-thru and plan to utilize this funding in 2027.

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Background

The Texas Department of Agriculture administers the non-entitlement portion of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program federally funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The largest program funding category is the Community Development 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 to select applicants for funding 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 the Texas Community Development Block Grant program, 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 applications.

State planning regions may use the default Texas Department of Agriculture 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 accepted feedback at a hybrid public meeting on July 9, 2026, at H-GAC's offices and on Zoom. H-GAC staff is requesting 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

Requesting approval of final regional priority recommendations and submit to the Texas Department of Agriculture. (Staff contact: Ellary Makuch)

2026 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE GROUP APPOINTMENTS

Natural Resources Advisory Committee

The Natural Resources Advisory Committee serves as a forum to advise the H-GAC Board and local decision-makers on policy issues affecting natural resources in the 13-county Houston-Galveston region. Its membership includes diverse representatives from local governments, natural resource management agencies, environmental organizations, and the private sector.

Nominations received for terms expiring July 2028:

Name	Representing	Nomination By
Brian Koch (Primary)	Agriculture	NRAC
Ken Barnadyn (Primary)	Cities Other Than Houston	NRAC
Jonathan Holley (Primary)	Harris County Flood Control	NRAC
Tom Douglas (Primary)	Private Citizens	NRAC
Katie Wilson (Primary)	Public Health	NRAC
Joe Garcia (Primary)	Soil & Water Conservation	NRAC

Action Requested:

Request approval of the proposed advisory committee nominations and affiliate group appointments as presented. (Staff contact: Raquel Meyer)