H-GAC Composition Committee

January 19, 2024



Our Work

Consider possible bylaws change

- Preserve regional voices
- Acknowledge population growth
- Provide a path for Houston to remain a member
- Adjust voting structure
- Move region forward in unity
- Build off previous work and new analyses
- Complete task under a tight timeframe



Timeline

- Overview and Charge Today December 19
- Narrow Options Evening Workshop January 10
- Committee Recommendation to Board January 19
 - If bylaws amendment needed, process will conclude February 20





Current Board Composition by County

COUNTY	POPULATION SHARE
Austin	0.4%
Brazoria	5.1%
Chambers	0.6%
Colorado	0.3%
Fort Bend	11.3%
Galveston	4.8%
Harris	64.8%
Liberty	1.3%
Matagorda	0.5%
Montgomery	8.5%
Walker	1.0%
Waller	0.8%
Wharton	0.6%



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Building Off Our Previous Work

- Looked at history of Board composition
- Reviewed bylaws process for possible changes
- Discussed population growth
- Considered other COGs
- Executive Director peer discussions
- Looked at weighted voting and/or increasing seats
- Developed and discussed 2 alternate scenarios
- Board voted to maintain current approach



Recent Analysis





Two Stage Voting

- Invoked available to all
- Preserves regional voices
- Considers population
- Provides avenue for collaboration and compromise
- Adjusted each 10-year Census
- Simple process
 - 1st vote is standard composition
 - 2nd vote is weighted by population
 - Actions must pass or fail both stages to advance
 - If not, reconsideration and discussion take place



Two Stage Voting Current Board Composition & Population Share (100 votes)

JURISDICTION	STAGE 1	STAGE 2			
Austin County	1	1	Sugar Land (CITY)	1	2
Brazoria County	1	3	Conroe (CITY)	1	2
Chambers County	1	1	Baytown (CITY)	1	2
Colorado County	1	1	Missouri City (CITY)	1	1
Fort Bend County	1	6	Galveston (CITY)	1	1
Galveston County	1	1	Texas City (CITY)	1	1
Harris County	2	19	Suntsville (CITY)	1	1
Liberty County	1	1	Friendswood (CITY)	1	1
Matagorda County	1		Rosenberg (CITY)	1	1
Montgomery County	1	6	La Porte (CITY)	1	1
Walker County	1		Deer Park (CITY)	1	1
Waller County	1		Lake Jackson (CITY)	1	1
Wharton County	1		Alvin (CITY)	1	1
Houston (CITY)	2	22	Home Rule Cities	2	6
Pasadena (CITY)	1	3	General Law Cities	2	4
Pearland (CITY)	1	3	Independent School Districts	1	1
League City (CITY)	1	2	TOTAL	37	100





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NOTE: Seat/votes for General Law Cities are counted under Waller County; Seats/votes for Home Rule Cities are counted under Harris and Galveston County; Independent School District seat/vote is counted under Walker County.



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