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H-GAC ANNOUNCES 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS AT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING ON FEB. 4

William H. King III, Mayor Pro Tem of Dickinson, Texas, Will Lead the Board as Chair

HOUSTON, TX – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) announced the election of its new officers to the 2022 board of directors at its annual assembly meeting on Friday, Feb. 4. William H. King III, mayor pro tem of Dickinson, Texas, will preside over the board as chair.

As chair, King will preside over the monthly board meetings, where members review and discuss important regional planning items and convene advisory committees to promote the sustainable growth of the 13-county region. King also currently represents H-GAC's Home Rule Cities member governments.

Serving alongside King will be Sally Branson, city councilmember of Friendswood, Texas, as vice-chair of the board, and Galveston County Commissioner Kenneth Clark as chair-elect.

H-GAC held its annual assembly meeting on Friday, Feb. 4. In addition to announcing the 2022 board officers, H-GAC released its annual report and a video highlighting the agency's most significant accomplishments of 2021. Links to the annual report and video are available online on the H-GAC About page at www.h-gac.com/About.

Executive Director Chuck Wemple also presented awards to out-going board chair Phillip Spenrath, Wharton County judge, and State Rep. Garnet Coleman, who has served for years as an ex-officio member of the board, for their longtime support of H-GAC and their distinguished service to the region. Phyllis Saathoff, executive director/CEO of Port Freeport, also delivered a



William King III and Sally Branson pose for a photo with Executive Director Chuck Wemple shortly after being sworn in as the new 2022 board officers at the annual meeting on Feb. 4.

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keynote presentation about the significance of our ports to the state, local, and regional economy.

The H-GAC board of directors is composed of 37 local elected officials representing 13 counties, 107 cities, and 11 school districts. The board leads collaborative efforts with local governments and considers regional issues in solving area-wide challenges for an array of programs such as transportation planning, rural 9-1-1 services, workforce development, aging and disability resources, and disaster and recovery programs. Board meetings are held monthly and are open to the public.

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

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