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## Local Officials Voted to Represent Cities and School Districts on H-GAC Board

**HOUSTON** – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) announces the appointment of new delegates to its 2026 board of directors following the city and school district caucus meetings the organization recently held. The board plays a crucial role in leading collaborative efforts to address regional challenges and advance programs that benefit the diverse communities within the H-GAC 13-county region.

Representing the interests of general law cities, Pattison Councilmember Joe Garcia Councilmember and Waller City Councilmember Nancy Arnold have been elected as voting members of the H-GAC board. Serving as their alternates are Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Susan Schwartz of Bunker Hill and Daisetta City Councilmember Ryan Taylor. These representatives were elected from H-GAC's General Assembly, which includes delegates from member general law cities.

In addition, the H-GAC board will be enriched by the participation of voting members from home rule cities with Bellaire Councilmember Ross Gordon and Manvel Mayor Dan Davis stepping into these roles. La Marque Mayor Pro Tem Joe Compi and Cleveland City Councilmember Desiree David will serve as their alternates. Like their general law city counterparts, these representatives were elected from H-GAC's General Assembly, which includes members from other home rule cities.

Equally, representing Independent School Districts (ISD) on the H-GAC board is Huntsville ISD Trustee Rissie Owens and Fort Bend ISD Trustee Angie Wierzbicki serving as board alternate. Similar to their general law and home rule city counterparts, these representatives were elected from H-GAC's General Assembly.

The H-GAC Board of Directors is comprised of 38 local elected officials representing H-GAC members, which includes 13 counties, 111 cities, and 11 school districts. The board promotes collaborative efforts among local governments with a focus spanning programs linked to transportation planning, rural 9-1-1 services, workforce development, aging and disability resources, and disaster and recovery programs.

Monthly board meetings, crucial for open dialogue and decision-making, are open to the public and are streamed online at <https://h-gac.com/live>.

For more information about the H-GAC Board of Directors, visit <https://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors>.

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To access the schedule of upcoming board meetings and other H-GAC events, visit <https://www.h-gac.com/calendar>.

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Cutline – Councilmember Joe Garcia of Pattison and Councilmember Nancy Arnold of Waller have been elected to represent H-GAC's general law city members as voting members of the H-GAC Board of Directors. Serving as their alternates are Mayor Pro Tem and City Councilmember Ryan Taylor of Daisetta and Mayor Pro Tem Susan Schwartz of Bunker Hill.

(Pictured L to R: City Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Susan Schwartz of Bunker Hill, Councilmember Nancy Arnold of Waller, and Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Garcia of Pattison)

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Cutline – Council Member Ross Gordon of Bellaire and Mayor Dan Davis of Manvel have been elected to represent H-GAC's home rule city members as voting members of the H-GAC Board of Directors. Councilmember Desiree David of Cleveland and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Compiant of La Marque will serve as their alternates.

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(Pictured L to R: Councilmember Desiree David of Cleveland, Mayor Dan Davis of Manvel, Councilmember Ross Gordon of Bellaire, and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Complain of La Marque)

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Cutline – Voted to represent Independent School Districts (ISD) as voting members on the H-GAC Board of Directors is Trustee Rissie Owens of Huntsville ISD and serving as alternate is Trustee Angie Wierzbicki of Fort Bend ISD.

(Pictured L to R: Trustee Angie Wierzbicki of Fort Bend ISD and Trustee Rissie Owens of Huntsville ISD)

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Houston-Galveston Area Council H-GAC is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7.2 million people. H-GAC promotes efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit [h-gac.com](http://h-gac.com).