

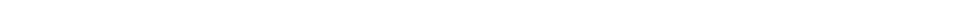


February 2025

February is here, which means it's Mardi Gras time in Galveston! Watch as we explore what makes this celebration special and how it impacts the island. Plus, stay tuned for a roundup of H-GAC's upcoming events.

Learn more about events at the Houston-Galveston Area Council at h-gac.com/calendar

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H-GAC Announces 2025 Board of Directors Officers

The Houston-Galveston Area Council announces the election of new officers for its 2025 board of directors. On Friday, January 10, 2025, the organization held its annual State of the Region event and H-GAC General Assembly Meeting to swear in 2025 board officers. The Honorable Judge Jay Knight of Liberty County will preside over the board as chair throughout 2025.

“As chairperson of the H-GAC Board of Directors, Judge Knight has the important task of leading the agency and its advisory committees to address our region’s most pressing issues including transportation, healthcare, and workforce readiness to name a few,” said Chuck Wemple, executive director of the regional planning organization. “Judge Knight will preside over our monthly board meetings where our member governments and school districts meet to discuss and address the challenges we face throughout our 13-county region.”

Colorado County Judge Ty Prause will serve as vice-chairperson of the board alongside Judge Knight, and city of Pattison Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Garcia will be chair-elect.

“2025 looks to be a transformational year as many of the plans and priorities the board has put in place in 2024 will start to take life and create lasting change for our region,” said Judge Knight.

In addition to announcing the 2025 board officers at the annual meeting, Wemple recognized outgoing Board Chair Sallie Alcorn, city of Houston councilmember. H-GAC released its annual report and videos highlighting the agency’s most significant accomplishments of 2024, which can be viewed at: h-gac.com/about.



“I am immensely proud of the work H-GAC accomplished in 2024,” said Alcorn. “From the vantage point of serving as board chair, I have a greater appreciation for all the good work H-GAC does to improve the quality of life in our region. For the vital work they accomplish from childcare, adult education, public safety, workforce development, and small business loans, H-GAC knows how to get the job done.”

The H-GAC board of directors comprises 37 local elected officials representing 13 counties, 111 cities, and 11 school districts. The board leads collaborative efforts with local governments. The regional planning organization considers regional issues in solving area-wide challenges for various programs, such as 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. For more information about the H-GAC board of directors, please visit h-gac.com/board-of-directors. To access the schedule of upcoming board meetings and other H-GAC events, visit h-gac.com/calendar.



Upcoming Events

Learn how you can be involved in your community!

FEB 18

TUESDAY,
FEB.
18
AT 10 A.M.

H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Attend In Person:
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Ln.
Houston, TX 77027
Second-Floor Conference Rooms ABC

Watch Online:
 [H-GAC.COM/LIVE](https://www.h-gac.com/live)



FEB 21



Parks and Natural Areas Awards



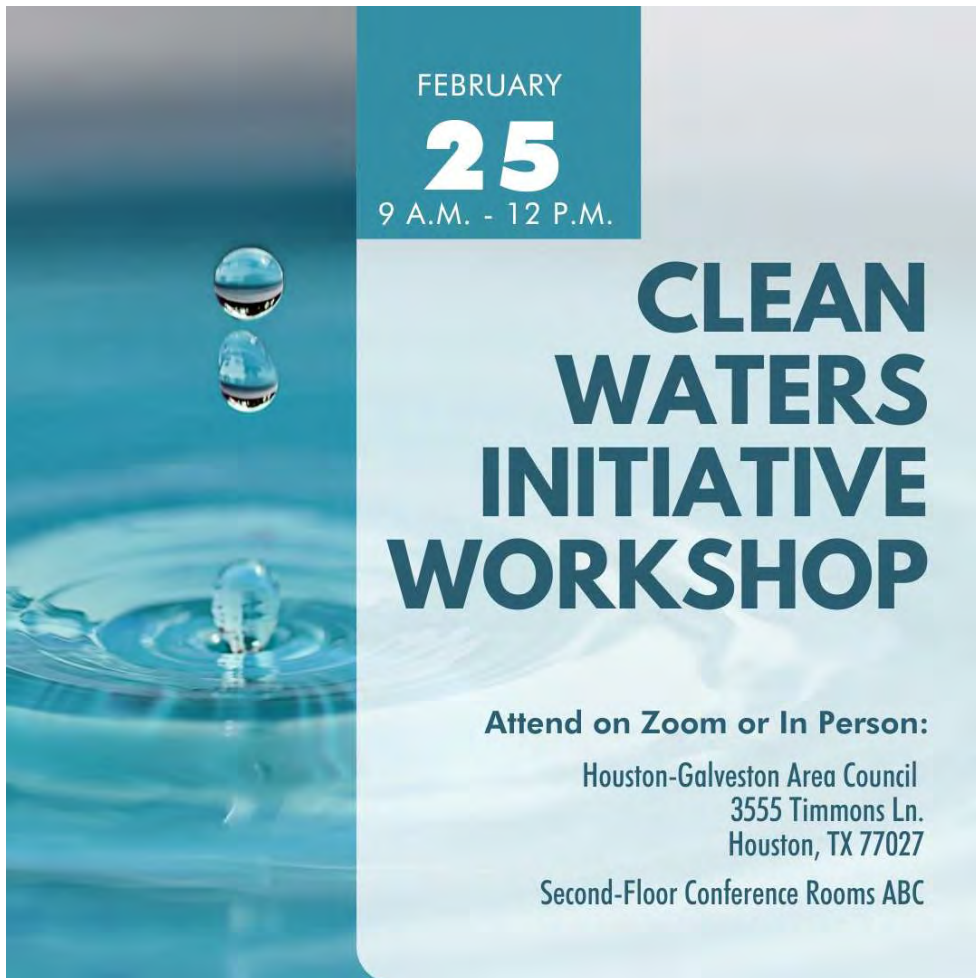
**Join us for the
Awards Celebration**

 February 21, 2025
9:30 AM–12:30 PM

 H-GAC's Second Floor
Conference Rooms

Register at bit.ly/parksawards

FEB 25

A promotional poster for a Clean Waters Initiative Workshop. The background is a light blue gradient with a close-up image of water droplets falling into a pool of water, creating ripples. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font. The date and time are prominently displayed in a dark blue box at the top left. The title is in large, bold, dark blue letters. The location and attendance information are in a smaller, dark blue font at the bottom right.

FEBRUARY
25
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

CLEAN WATERS INITIATIVE WORKSHOP

Attend on Zoom or In Person:
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Ln.
Houston, TX 77027
Second-Floor Conference Rooms ABC

Join H-GAC for a HYBRID **Clean Waters Initiative workshop** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., **Tuesday, February 25, 2025**, at H-GAC and on Zoom. The topic will be microplastics in surface water.

Registration is requested, but not required, to attend in person.
Registration is required to attend online.

Clean water is crucial to our region's environment, economy, and quality of life. The Clean Waters Initiative (CWI) program offers workshops that help local governments, landowners, and residents develop effective strategies to reduce pollution in area waterways.

For more information, contact **Rachel Windham**.

FEB 27

A promotional poster for a Transportation Policy Council Meeting. The background is dark blue with four small images in a 2x2 grid: a red truck, two people on bicycles, a modern transit station, and a tram. The text is in white and light blue. The title and date are in large, bold, white letters. The location and attendance information are in a smaller, white font. The H-GAC logo is in the top right corner. The watch online information is in the bottom right corner.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY
COUNCIL MEETING**

9:30 A.M. | FRIDAY, FEB 28

Attend In Person:
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Ln.
Houston, TX 77027
Second-Floor Conference Rooms A, B & C

Watch Online:
H-GAC.COM/LIVE





ELECTION LAW WORKSHOP SERIES



Part Two: #Election Time The Election Process Unveiled

February 27, 2025 | 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
3555 Timmons, Houston, TX 77027
2nd Floor Conference Rooms

REGISTER to reserve your seat:
[Election Law Workshop Series - Part Two](#)

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