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**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL**

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**Wharton County Judge Elected Vice Chair to H-GAC Board**

**Houston, TX** -- The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) announced the election of its new board officers to the 2019 Board of Directors at its annual meeting and general assembly on Jan. 18. The Board elected Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath to serve as Vice Chair. Spenrath has served on the H-GAC Board of Directors since 2012 with membership on the Legislative Committee and the Plans and Projects Review Committee. Commissioner Stacy Adams of Brazoria County will serve as Board Chair and Nancy Arnold, Councilmember for the city of Waller, as Board Chair Elect.

H-GAC's Board is composed of 36 elected officials representing 13 counties, 105 cities, and 11 school districts. As Vice Chair, Judge Spenrath will help lead collaborative efforts with local governments that consider regional issues and foster cooperation in solving area-wide challenges.

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 million people. H-GAC works to promote 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).

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*From the left: Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams - 2019 Chair; City of Waller Councilmember Nancy Arnold – 2019 Chair Elect; Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath – 2019 Vice Chair*