

**MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
10:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Bill Alcorn, Patricia Alvarez, Emily Anderson, John Bowen, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, Brian Freedman, Steve Gillett, Don Johnson, Katherine Mears, Alan Petrov, Kyle Sears, Shaun Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Rosa Alvarez, Susan Baird, Sarah Benavides, Jason Long, Gricelda Medrano

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

- 1 CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chairman Petrov called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:04 a.m. and noted the presence of a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2 OATH OF OFFICE. The oath of office was administered to Mr. Shaun Smith (appointed by the City of Houston).
- 3 ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Ms. Melissa Rowell, North Harris County Regional Water Authority, addressed the Board.
- 4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 8, 2026. Mr. Cote moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2026, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Mears. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- 5 HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT. Judge Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for August 2026 and prior. Ms. Mears moved to accept the recommendations in the Hearing Examiner's report as amended, including that for Linh Son Temple Dickinson; it was seconded by Mr. Cote. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. Mr. Freedman abstained from Centerpoint Energy. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- 6 EMERGENCY PERMITS. The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to Acrosa Stabilize Material, Bus Holdings One, LLC (uSource Soccer), Rosiland Busa, Bussell & Sons, LLC, Govind Development, LLC, Hazma & Hanna, LLC, Zulfiqur Momin, New Wright Warehouse, LLC, Ricardo Romero and Michael Seitz.

Ms. Baird is now present.

- 7 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE REGULAR PERMIT FEE. Mr. Turco stated that a public hearing was held in July at the District office relating to a proposed change in the regular permit fee from \$26 to \$28 per million gallons of allocation, during which public comment was heard. The record was held open until September 1, 2026. During that period, no additional public comments were received. Staff recommendation was to approve the resolution authorizing the change. Mr. Cote moved to authorize the amendment to the

regular permit fee; It was seconded by Ms. Mears. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.

Ms. Benavides is now present.

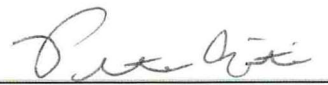
- 8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS REGION VIII EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER FOR THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS). This interlocal agreement with Texas Region VIII Education Service Center's TIPS program would allow the District another avenue for purchasing items at a significantly reduced cost. The District already participates in other Texas purchasing coops. Mr. Freedman moved to approve the interlocal agreement; It was seconded by Ms. Mears. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- 9 RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND WATER CONSERVATION ON THE STATUS OF DISTRICT SUBSIDENCE AND WATER RESEARCH. Ms. Ashley Greuter, Director of Research and Water Conservation, updated the board regarding ongoing and upcoming work in the Science & Research program. Mr. David Harkins, PhD, PE, of Carollo Engineers, Inc., presented the project summary on the Alternative Water Supply in the Northeastern Harris County Feasibility Study project.
- 10 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT. Mr. Turco submitted the General Manager's Report. (The General Manager's Report is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District as part of the Board's Agenda Packet for this meeting.)
- 11 LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. Mr. Greg Ellis, General Counsel, updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues and legislative matters.
 - 11.1 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FOAD V HGSD ET AL, CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:26-CV-05348 (FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS).
- 12 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:18 A.M.

BY:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary