



**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](https://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](https://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](https://h-gac.com/board-of-directors). To access the schedule of upcoming board meetings and other H-GAC events, visit [h-gac.com/calendar](https://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



Houston-Galveston Area Council

FEB 21



## Parks and Natural Areas Awards



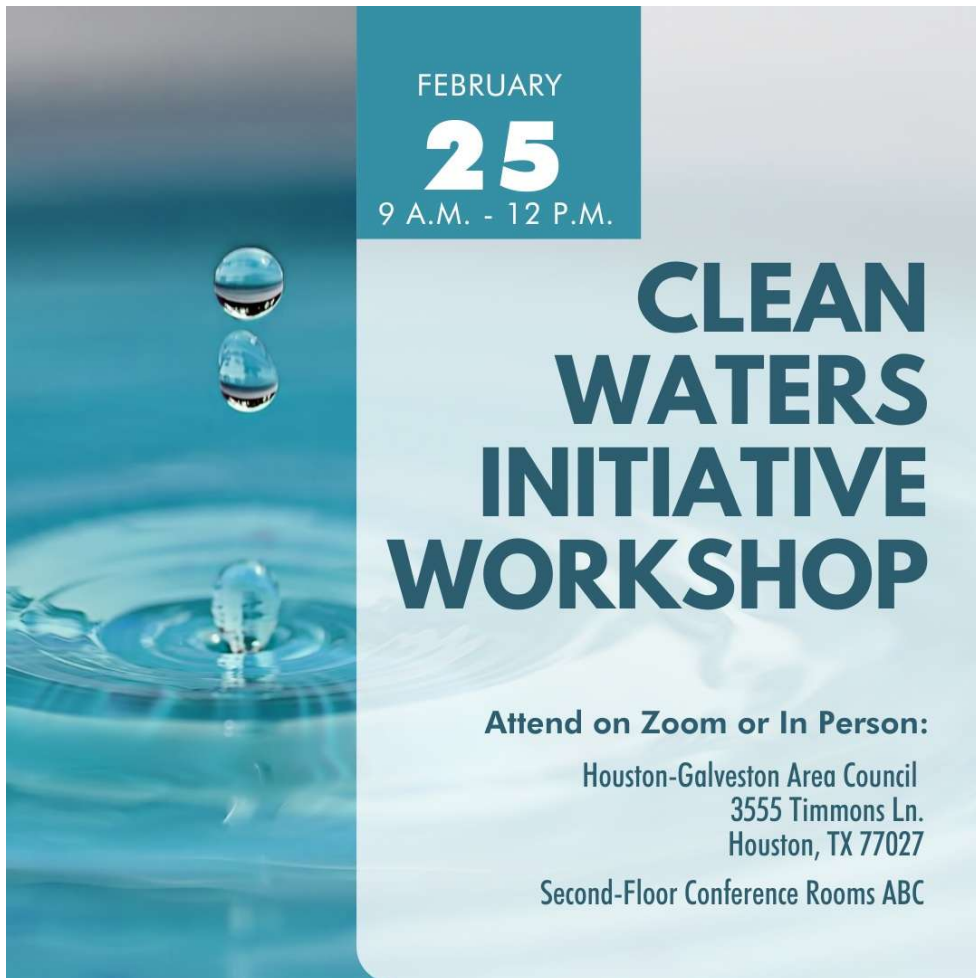
**Join us for the Awards Celebration**

 February 21, 2025  
9:30 AM–12:30 PM

 H-GAC's Second Floor Conference Rooms

**Register at [bit.ly/parksawards](https://bit.ly/parksawards)**

FEB 25



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



**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:**  
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