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The Annual State of the Region Edition

2024 H-GAC Board Officers Swear in at the Annual STATE OF THE REGION Meeting



Pictured L to R: Liberty County Judge Jay Knight, chair-elect; Mayor Joe Garcia of Pattison, vice chair; and Houston City Councilmember Sallie Alcorn, board chair.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is pleased to announce the election of new officers for its 2024 board of directors. On Friday, January 19, 2024, the organization held its annual State of the Region event and annual Assembly Meeting to swear in 2024 officers. The Honorable Sallie Alcorn, Houston city councilmember, will preside over the board as chair throughout 2024.

"As chair of the board, Councilmember Alcorn has the important task of presiding over our monthly board meetings where our member governments and school districts meet to review and discuss important regional challenges and opportunities," said Chuck Wemple, executive director of the regional planning organization. "The board chairperson will also convene advisory committees to provide strategic recommendations to the challenges we face throughout our 13-county region."

Serving alongside Alcorn will be Mayor Joe Garcia of Pattison, Texas, as vice-chairperson of the board, and Judge Jay Knight of Liberty County as chair-elect.

In addition to announcing the 2024 board officers at the annual meeting, Wemple recognized outgoing Board Chair Trey Duhon, Waller County judge.

"I look forward to doing the very best for our 13-county region. I know we can work together for the region, both urban and suburban communities, and the people we serve."



"Over the past year, I've never lost sight of the fact that the work we do here at H-GAC serves to improve the lives of millions of people in the Gulf Coast region. We live in a world today where it's far too easy to stand on the sidelines, and for that reason, I have the utmost respect for those who answer the call to public service."

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 and considers regional issues in solving area-wide challenges for an array of 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.

The 2023 H-GAC Annual Report!

Before the Annual State of the Region Meeting concluded, H-GAC released its annual report and videos highlighting the agency's most significant accomplishments of 2023. In addition, the organization's new website was unveiled.

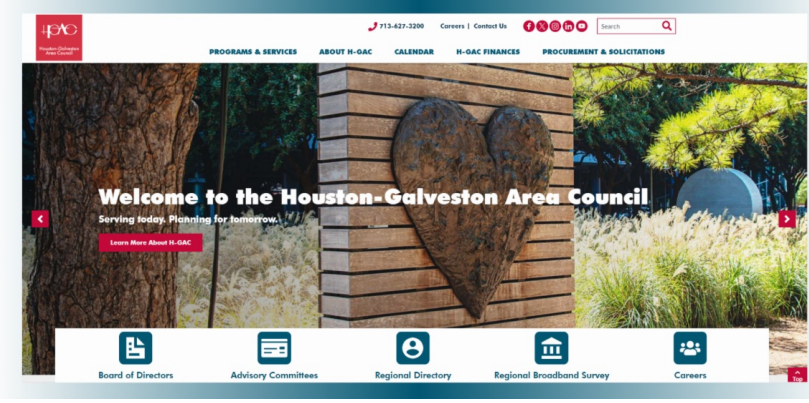
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to unfold the stories of H-GAC and its impact on our region and the lives of those who call our region home.

Click the image below to be transported to the new H-GAC website and explore the programs and resources available.



Introducing the new H-GAC.com!



View Our Annual Report Videos!



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Upcoming Events

Learn how you can be involved in your community!

FEB 9



Parks and Natural Awards Summit & Awards Celebration

H-GAC
2nd Floor Conference Rooms
3555 Timmons Ln.
Houston, TX 77027

Friday, February 9
10 AM - 12 PM

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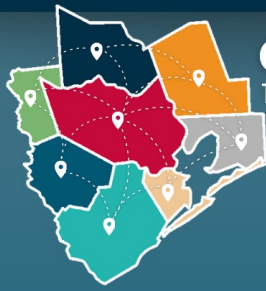
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LIVABLE CENTERS
CALL FOR STUDY SPONSORS

Accepting Applications
February 13, 2024

bit.ly/HGACLC_Call

FEB 21



Connecting Communities:

The 2nd Annual Title VI & Environmental Justice Awareness Webinar

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, February 21 | 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Join us to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the enactment of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the 30th Anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 12898, which established the policy of Environmental Justice. The webinar also will highlight language access and community engagement in the planning process.

Follow us on social @HouGalvAreaCOG for more details and registration.



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For more information, visit h-gac.com/title-vi-program/title-vi-and-environmental-justice-webinars or contact [Ayo Jibowu](#).

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The Clean Waters Initiative



In-person: H-GAC
3555 Timmons Ln., Houston
2nd Floor Conference Rooms
Registration Requested, Not Required

Virtual: Zoom
Registration Required

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