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H-GAC Announces 2024 Board of Directors Officers

*The Honorable Sally Alcorn, Houston, Texas, city councilmember,
will lead the board of directors as chairperson for 2024.*

Houston, TX – 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.

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

In addition to announcing the 2024 board officers at the annual meeting, Wemple recognized outgoing Board Chair Trey Duhon, Waller County judge. H-GAC released its annual report and videos highlighting the agency’s most significant accomplishments of 2023 and unveiled the organization's new website. The annual report and new website can be viewed at: h-gac.com/about.

“Over the past year, I’ve never lost sight of the fact that the work we do here at H-GAC all serves to improve the lives of millions of people in the Gulf Coast region,” said Duhon. “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.



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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 www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors. To access the schedule of upcoming board meetings and other H-GAC events, visit www.h-gac.com/calendar.

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Cutline – The 2024 board officers for the Houston-Galveston Area Council are sworn in on January 19, 2024, at the organization’s 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 Sally Alcorn, board chair.

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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 promotes 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.