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H-GAC ELECTS NEW MEMBERS TO SERVE ON NEXT YEAR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT 2020 CAUCUSES

Representatives Chosen for General Law Cities, Home Rule Cities, and School Districts

HOUSTON, TX – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) concluded its annual caucus meetings on Nov. 19 and selected board members to represent general law cities, home rule cities, and independent school districts on the board of directors in 2021.

General law cities operate according to specific state statutes that define their power and duties. Councilmember Nancy Arnold with the City of Waller and City of Pattison Mayor Joe Garcia were elected to serve as the primary board members representing general law cities for another term. Councilmember Susan Schwartz with the City of Bunker Hill Village and Teresa Vazquez-Evans with the City of Kemah were selected as their alternates.

Home rule cities have populations of more than 5,000 residents and operate under their own charters. Officials from home rule cities under 25,000 in population elected Councilmember William King III with the City of Dickinson and Councilmember Natalie Picha with the City of Seabrook as the primary board members for another term. City of Stafford Councilmember Cecil Willis will serve as alternate representative for King, and City of Nassau Bay Councilmember Ashley Graves will serve as Picha's alternate.

Representing member independent school districts in 2021 as the primary board member will be Huntsville Independent School District Trustee Rissie Owens. Jennifer Key, Alief Independent School District trustee, will serve as alternate representative.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council board of directors is composed of 36 local elected officials representing 13 counties, 107 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. Board meetings are held monthly and are open to the public.

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Representing General Law Cities:



Nancy Arnold
City of Waller
Councilmember
(Representative)



Susan Schwartz
City of Bunker Hill
Village
Councilmember
(Alternate)



Joe Garcia
City of Pattison
Mayor
(Representative)



Teresa Vazquez-Evans
City of Kemah
Councilmember
(Alternate)

Representing Home Rule Cities:



William H. King III
City of Dickinson
Councilmember
(Representative)



Cecil Willis
City of Stafford
Councilmember
(Alternate)



Natalie Picha
City of Seabrook
Councilmember
(Representative)



Ashley Graves
City of Nassau Bay
Councilmember
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Representing Independent School Districts:



Rissie Owens
Huntsville ISD
Trustee
(Representative)



Jennifer Key
Alief ISD
Trustee
(Alternate)

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