

SECOND AMENDED ORDER OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS

GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in the United States, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 in the United States a national emergency;

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Galena Park Independent School District ("Board") approved an order calling a general election of trustees to be held on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing three trustees for regular terms;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas due to the eminent threat posed by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052 (a) and (b), 31.093, 42.0621(c) of the Texas Education Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to allow governmental entities utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their elections to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Board adopted an order postponing its election until November, and requiring the Administration to present an amended election order to the Board for adoption on or before August 17, 2020, reflecting any amended timelines, locations, and/or other modifications required for conducting an election on the November 2020 uniform election dates;

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020, the Board adopted an amended order of election reflecting amended timelines, locations, and other modifications required for conducting an election on the November 2020 uniform election dates calling a general election of trustees to be held on November 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing three trustees;

WHEREAS, since adoption of the previous amended order of election, Harris County officials have updated voting timelines and voting locations, requiring the Administration to present a seconded amended election order to the Board for adoption reflecting the Board's adoption of the dates, times and locations set by Harris County as they currently exist or as they may be amended by the county; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Texas Education and Election Codes, and in accordance with the laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, the Board of Trustees of the Galena Park Independent School District ("District" or "School District") in Harris County, Texas, hereby calls and orders a general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2020, for the purpose of electing three trustees to the Board for regular terms in Position Nos. 5, 6 and 7 and hereby amends its February 10th Election Order consistent with this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: The Board of Trustees of the Galena Park Independent School District resolves and orders that an election be held in the Galena Park Independent School District on the 3rd day of November, 2020, for the purpose of electing three (3) Trustees to the Board for regular terms.

Position No. 5
Position No. 6
Position No. 7

Because this election was postponed from the May 2020 uniform election date to the November 2020 uniform election date, the filing period to request a place on the ballot has closed. Requests for a place on the ballot had to be in writing and submitted to the District, along with any other information required by law by February 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The District conducted a ballot position drawing on February 24, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Galena Park ISD Administration Building. The ballot order shall be as follows:

Position No. 5
Ken Wimbley
Herbert Alexander Sanchez
Trent Johnson

Position No. 6

Noé Esparza
Kristina Zatopek

Position No. 7

Norma Hernandez

SECTION 2: This election shall be administered by Harris County and conducted as a joint election with Harris County and other participating entities in precincts that can be served by common polling places pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code. All election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, central counting station officials, and other personnel designated by Harris County to conduct the election in the precincts covered by this Order are hereby appointed and confirmed. Harris County shall furnish all necessary election equipment, programming, ballots, and other election supplies necessary for a lawful election pursuant to the terms of the contract between the County and the District. All voting at the election shall be by the method provided by the Commissioners' Court of Harris County, Texas, for use in elections held in Harris County, Texas, under the conditions provided for by the contract between Harris County and the District.

On Election Day, November 3, 2020, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 3: Early voting by mail and by personal appearance shall be conducted jointly with Harris County. The Harris County Law Library – Conference Center, 1019 Congress Plaza, Houston, Texas 77002 is designated as the main early voting place, and Mr. Chris Hollins, Harris County Clerk, is hereby appointed clerk for early voting in the election. Mr. Hollins' physical address is 201 Caroline St., 4th Floor, Room 460, Houston, Texas 77002. Applications for ballots by mail should be directed in writing to Mr. Chris Hollins, Harris County Clerk, Attn: Elections Division, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, Texas 77251-1148 by regular mail, by common or contract carrier, by telephonic facsimile machine at 713-755-4983 or 713-437-8683, or by electronic transmission of a scanned application containing an original signature to the following email address: BBM@cco.hctx.net. The application form may be downloaded from the County's website at <http://harrisvotes.com/VotingInfo/BallotByMail.aspx>. An application must be received by the Clerk for Early Voting by 5:00 o'clock p.m. on October 23, 2020. Additionally, if an application for ballot by mail (ABBM) is faxed or mailed, or if a federal postcard application (FPCA) is faxed, then the applicant must submit the original application to the Early Voting Clerk by mail so that the Clerk receives the original not later than the fourth (4th) business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the Early Voting Clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by this deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA is incomplete, and the Clerk cannot send the applicant a ballot.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2020, through Friday, October 30, 2020. Dates and times for early voting by personal appearance shall be as follows: October 13 – October 17, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; October 18, 2020, 12:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; October 19 - October 24, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; October 25, 2020, 12:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; October 26, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; October 27 – October 29, 2020 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; *Thursday, October 29, 2020, select 24-hour locations; October 30, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Early voting will be conducted at the following established Harris County early voting locations:

See Attachment A for Early Voting Locations

SECTION 4: In accordance with Chapters 42 and 43 of the Texas Election Code, the District designates Harris County election precincts and polling places as the District's election precincts and polling places for the November 3, 2020 election.

See Attachment B for Election Day Polling Places

SECTION 5: All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at said election. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Education Code, and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English, Spanish, Mandarin and Vietnamese.

SECTION 6: A substantial copy of this resolution shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish, Mandarin and Vietnamese translation thereof shall be (i) published at least one time not more than thirty (30) days (October 4, 2020) or less than ten (10) days (October 24, 2020) before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in said District and (ii) posted not later than the 21st day (October 13, 2020) before the election and remain posted continuously through election day on the bulletin board used for the notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees of the District. Copies of the election Order and Notice of election shall be posted on the District's website. Additionally, the President of the Board of Trustees, or his/her designee, shall deliver notice of this election to the Harris County Clerk not later than the 60th day before the election (September 4, 2020). Further, the President of the Board of Trustees, or his/her designee, may cause the publication of notice of this election in such other places as he/she deems necessary and advisable.

SECTION 7. The Board of Trustees shall canvass the returns and declare the results not earlier than the later of the following: (1) the third (3rd) day after the election (November 6, 2020); (2) the date on which the early voting ballot board has verified and counted all provisional ballots, if a provisional ballot has been cast in the election; or (3) the date on which all timely received ballots cast from addresses outside the United States are counted, if a ballot to be voted by mail in the election was provided to a person outside of the United States. The Board of Trustees shall canvass the returns and declare the results not later than the fourteen (14th) day after the election-day (November 17, 2020).

SECTION 8. The President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to evidence adoption of this Order and to do any and all things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of such election and to give effect to the intent and purpose of this Order. Ms. Viviana Killion, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, is hereby authorized to serve as the District's representative to coordinate with Harris County and the other entities to the Joint Election in accordance with the laws of this State.

SECTION 9. Pursuant to Section 63.0013 of the Texas Election Code, an election officer may give voting order priority to individuals with a mobility problem that substantially impairs the person's ability to move around. A person assisting an individual with a mobility problem may also, at the individual's request, be given voting order priority. Disabilities and conditions that may qualify for voting order priority include paralysis, lung disease, the use of portable oxygen, cardiac deficiency, severe limitation in the ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition, wheelchair confinement, arthritis, foot disorder, the inability to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest, or use of a brace, cane, crutch, or other assistive device.

SECTION 10. This Order shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and approval. The Board of Trustees officially finds, determines, recites, and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the Board of Trustees was posted at a place convenient to the public at the Administration Building and for the time required by the open meetings law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted on.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 14th day of September, 2020.



President, Board of Trustees
Galena Park Independent School District

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Galena Park Independent School District

Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr., Trustee
Signed in the absence of Adrian
Stephens, Board Secretary

(District Seal)

