

CERTIFICATE OF ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HARRIS §
HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 36 §

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 36** (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

The Board convened in special session, open to the public, on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., at 903 Hollywood, Houston, Texas, 77015 and the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Ronald S. Holder	President
Gerardo Parra	Vice President
Maria E. Koukoulakis	Secretary
Eddie Cantu	Assistant Secretary
Tammy Eason	Director

Maria Koukoulakis

All members of the Board were present, except the following: *Gerardo Parra*, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon other business, the following was transacted at such Meeting: A written

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was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that such Order be adopted; and after full discussion, such motion, carrying with it the adoption of such Order prevailed, carried, and became effective by the following vote:

AYES: 3 NOES: _____

A true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid Order adopted at the Meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; such Order has been duly recorded in the Board's minutes of such Meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from the Board's minutes of such Meeting pertaining to the adoption of such Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; each of the officers and members of the Board are duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place, and purpose of such Meeting, and that such Order would be introduced and considered for adoption at such meeting, and each of the officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of such Meeting for such purpose; and such Meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of such Meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and Section 49.063 of the Texas Water Code, as amended.

SIGNED this 16th day of January, 2024.

Assistant


Secretary, Board of Directors
(DISTRICT SEAL)

Ronald S. Holder

President, Board of Directors

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 49.103, Texas Water Code, as amended, and Sections 41.001 and 41.0052, Texas Election Code, as amended, Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 36 (the "District") is required to hold a Directors Election on the first (1st) Saturday in May, 2024 (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the District deems it necessary and appropriate to establish the procedures whereby such Election may be held; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the number of registered voters in the District is less than 1,000, which pursuant to Section 85.005(b), Texas Election Code, as amended, requires that the polls be open for early voting for a minimum of three (3) hours each weekday, except legal state holidays; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 271.002(a), Texas Election Code, the District is authorized to enter into an agreement to hold a joint election with another political subdivision holding an election on the same day that is located in the same county as long as the political subdivisions can be served by a common polling place; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it will conduct a joint election with **GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** ("GPISD") pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Elections; and

WHEREAS, Section 61.012 of the Texas Election Code requires that the District must provide at least one (1) accessible voting system in each polling place used in a Texas election on or after January 1, 2006, which must comply with State and federal laws setting the requirements for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot; and

WHEREAS, Sections 123.032 and 123.035 of the Texas Election Code authorize the acquisition of voting systems by local political subdivisions and further mandate certain minimum requirements for contracts relating to the acquisition of such voting systems; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Texas Secretary of State has certified that the Hart Verify Voting 2.5 System, used by GPISD, is an accessible voting system that may legally be used in Texas elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 36, THAT:

I.

An Election shall be held for and within the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the 4th day of May, 2024, for the election of three (3) Directors for the District, each of which shall serve a four (4) year term.

II.

Such Election shall be held jointly with GPISD at 1) Harris County Precinct Nos. 375, 827 and 872 Polling Place, located at Cloverleaf Elementary School, 1035 Frankie Street, Houston, Texas 77015, and 2) Harris County Precinct No. 413 Polling Place, located at North Shore Elementary School, 14310 Duncannon, Houston, Texas 77015.

III.

Such Election shall be held and conducted in all respects as provided by law for general elections, except as provided by Chapter 49, Texas Water Code, as amended.

IV.

All duly qualified resident voters of the District shall be allowed to vote at such Election.

V.

The Board hereby designates its Attorney, Johnson Petrov, LLP ("Attorney"), 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 3150, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77019, as authorized representative for purposes of the Election, and any and all documents required to be filed with or notices required to be given by the Secretary of the Board under the provisions of the Texas Election Code shall be deemed filed and notices shall be deemed given if filed with or given to the Board's Attorney.

VI.

Written applications for the listing of a candidate for director on the ballot, signed by the candidate, shall be received by the Attorney from Wednesday, January 17, 2024, until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024. No person shall be nominated or elected a director unless such person is qualified to serve under applicable law. Write-in candidates must make a declaration of write-in candidacy with the District's appointed agent no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

VII.

The Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Board shall notify the President or Vice President of the Board not earlier than 5:00 p.m., February 20, 2024, which time is past the deadline in which write-in candidates shall have to declare their intent to run for office and past the deadline for receipt of Applications for Place on Ballots, for purposes of this Election the names of any

candidates for the three (3) positions on the Board of the District. If each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot is unopposed, no proposition is to appear on the ballot, and no person has declared as a write-in candidate prior to the deadline therefore, then the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Board shall certify in writing that a candidate is unopposed for election in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.052, Texas Election Code, as amended, no earlier than Wednesday, February 21, 2024, after 5:00 p.m. Upon receipt of such certification, the Board, by Order, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.053, Texas Election Code, as amended, may declare each unopposed candidate elected to office, in which case the Election provided for in this Order shall not be held.

VIII.

The Secretary of the Board shall give notice of the purpose of such Election, the offices to be voted on, and the early voting and election day polling places pursuant to Section 4.003(a)(2), Texas Election Code, as amended, by posting a Notice of Election with the requisite Harris County translation(s) in a public place in each Election precinct that is within the boundaries of the District, not later than Saturday, April 13, 2024. In addition, pursuant to Section 4.003(b), Texas Election Code, as amended, a Notice of Election with the requisite Harris County translation(s) shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of the District not later than Saturday, April 13, 2024; provided, further, that if the polling location has changed from the previous election, Notice of Election with the requisite Harris County translation(s) shall also be posted at the location of the old polling place.

IX.

The ballots for such Election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with the Texas Election Code, as amended, and shall be substantially as follows:

Directors Election
Saturday, May 4, 2024

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Hart Verify Voting System Instructions:

Select Candidate(s)

To vote for the candidates of your choice in each race, touch anywhere on the "For" or "Against" lines. To de-select a candidate, touch the "For" or "Against" line again.

Touch the "Next Page" or "Previous Page" words or symbols at the bottom of the ballot at any time to navigate through the ballot.

Review Ballot

Touch "Review Ballot" or "Review" after completing the last ballot page. To change or make a different choice, touch the candidate'(s) name on the summary page, and touch either "For" or "Against" to choose a new candidate(s).

Vote

Press the flashing red "VOTE" button at the top to cast your ballot. The last screen, a "Thank you for voting" screen, means that you have properly cast your ballot, and you may exit the polling site.

Paper Ballot Instructions:

Mark the ballot by placing an "X" in the square beside the one (1) candidate of your choice for each position.

Position 1	_____	()
	_____	()
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Position 2	_____	()
	_____	()
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Position 5	_____	()
	_____	()
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The order in which the candidates' names appear on such ballot shall be determined at a drawing to be held under the supervision of the Secretary of the Board in compliance with the Texas Election Code, as amended. Any write-in votes cast in said Election shall not be counted unless the name appears on the list of write-in candidates.

X.

The District shall provide at least one (1) Hart Verify Voting 2.5 System in each polling place in every polling location used to conduct any election ordered on or after January 6, 2021. The Hart Verify Voting 2.5 System may be acquired by any legal means available to the District, including, but not limited to, lease or rental from Harris County or from any other legal source, as authorized or required by Sections 123.032 and 123.035, Texas Election Code.

XI.

Voting shall be by the use of Hart Verify Voting 2.5 System and paper ballots which shall be printed in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese. The ballots used in the Election shall have printed thereon the names of the candidates for the office of director and blank spaces for write-in votes. The voter may vote for up to one (1) person per position for director by writing the candidate's name in the blank spaces provided if there are any declared write-in candidates. The Presiding Judge shall be provided with twenty (20) official paper ballots, and the Early Voting Clerk shall be provided with twenty (20) early voting paper ballots.

XII.

The officers of such Election shall be as follows:

Presiding Judge	<u>TBD</u>
Alternate Presiding Judge	<u>TBD</u>
Early Voting Clerk	<u>TBD</u>

XIII.

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the following places:

1. GPISD Administration Building, 14705 Woodforest, Galena Park, Texas 77547
2. Galena Park Middle School, 400 Keene St., Galena Park, Texas 77547.

The Early Voting hours of operation are as follows:

DAY	DATE	HOURS
Monday through Friday	Monday, April 22, 2024 to Tuesday, April 30, 2024	

Early voting ballots for voting by mail may be obtained from and mailed to such clerk at _____, _____, _____. The Early Voting Clerk shall keep the offices for early voting by personal appearance open for such purposes according to the schedules above.

XIV.

Immediately after such Election, the Election officers shall make returns of the results in triplicate. One (1) copy shall be retained by the Presiding Judge, one (1) copy shall be delivered to the President of the Board, and one (1) copy shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Board.

XV.

The President or Vice President and Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized to evidence adoption of this Order and directed to do any and all things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of such Election and to carry out the intent hereof.

XVI.

If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order is held by any reason to be invalid, such invalid portions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Order.

(EXECUTION PAGE FOLLOWS)

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT this 16th day of January, 2024.



Ronald S. Holder, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Maria Koukoulakis, Secretary
Board of Directors *Assistant*

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(DISTRICT SEAL)