

Consider Authorizing the College President to Enter into a Contract With an Electricity Provider Through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Interlocal Agreement

Staff is requesting Board authorization of the College President to enter into a contract with the best cost electricity provider as presented to Galveston College by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC).

Currently, the Galveston College electricity provider contract with ENGIE is \$0.06443 per kilowatt hour. This contract expires on June 30, 2028. Staff has inquired about energy rates and were advised that due to the mild winter, the cost of energy has been coming down slightly, however it is projected to increase in price as demand increases. The College could lock into a contract now to take advantage of the current cost of energy. That contract would not take effect until July 1, 2028.

Galveston College has an interlocal agreement with H-GAC that provides competitive purchasing of electricity for its local government members through pre-negotiated contracts for the supply of electricity. Energy cost changes on a daily basis due to several factors. As a result, pricing fluctuates during the bidding process; therefore, the College only has a small window of time to respond to a contract offer. With Board approval, staff would submit a competitive contract offer to the College President and enter into a 36, 48 or 60-month contract with an electricity provider.