

THE STATE OF TEXAS

RUSK COUNTY

HENDERSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Henderson Independent School District (the "District") desires to adopt this order (the "Order") to provide for the calling of a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election ("VATRE") to be held on November 3, 2026 (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has set the District's 2026-2027 District's tax rate at \$.8128 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation, which is a rate that exceeds the District's voter-approval rate, excluding the District's current debt rate under Section 26.08(n)(1)(C), Texas Tax Code, and therefore the Board is obligated to call an election to ratify such tax rate pursuant to Section 26.08(b), Texas Tax Code, and

WHEREAS, the District is contracting with Rusk County, Texas (the "County") for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with Rusk County (the "Election Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Rusk County Elections Administrator (the "Administrator") in accordance with the Election Contract, will provide for the administration of the Election; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
HENDERSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Section 1. Recitals. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Polling Places. The Election, a voter-approval tax rate election ("VATRE"), shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2026, ("Election Day") which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order for the purpose of submitting the proposition below to the qualified voters of the District. The Election is to be conducted and administered by the County as provided by Chapter 271 and Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"), and the Election Contract. Voting on Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. The locations in Exhibit A are hereby designated as the voting locations. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and/or Code.

Section 3. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by the County. Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 19, 2026, and conclude on October 30, 2026, and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit A attached hereto, and which locations are hereby designated as the early voting locations. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or

different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and/or the Code.

Section 4. Election Officials. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board, and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Administrator.

Section 5. Voting by Mail. Applications (Regular or Federal Postcard) for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be submitted, prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law, by (i) mail to Rusk County Elections, PO Box 668, Henderson, Texas 75633, or (ii) email a scanned copy to ***sbrown@ruskcountytexas.gov***. If submitted by email, a hard copy of the application must be mailed to the foregoing address within four days of sending the email. Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 23, 2026. Application for mail ballots erroneously mailed to the District shall immediately be faxed to the Administrator for proper retention.

Section 6. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

Section 7. Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the VATRE, and with such VATRE to be expressed substantially as seen in Exhibit B.

Section 8. Compliance with Federal Law. In all aspects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place, there shall be at least one voting system

that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Administrator in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

Section 9. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Policy, Chief Financial Officer, and the President, Vice President, or the Secretary of the Board to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the County.

Section 10. Notice of the Election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. Additionally, Notice of the Election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted in a public place in each election precinct within the District not later than the 21st day before Election Day.

Section 11. The Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Policy of the District, and the Chief Financial Officer individually or collectively, or the respective designee of either, to make such technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for a joint election agreement, this Order is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the Board.

Section 12. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 13. The Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

SIGNED AND SEALED ON AUGUST 17, 2026



Jean Williams, Secretary, Board of Trustees



Russell C. Brown, President, Board of Trustees

(District Seal)



Exhibit "A"

General Joint Election November 3, 2026 Early Voting



Henderson Early Voting Location:

Rusk County Elections Office
204 N. Main Street
Henderson, TX 75652

October 19th thru Oct. 30th

Monday 19 th	8am to 5pm	Monday 26 th	7am to 7pm
Tuesday 20 th	8am to 5pm	Tuesday 27 th	7am to 7pm
Wednesday 21 st	8am to 5pm	Wednesday 28 th	7am to 7pm
Thursday 22 nd	8am to 5pm	Thursday 29 th	7am to 7pm
Friday 23 rd	8am to 5pm	Friday 30 th	7am to 7pm
Saturday 24 th	7am to 7pm		
Sunday 25 th	9am to 3pm		

Kilgore Early Voting Location:

Kilgore Chandler Street Church of Christ
2700 Chandler Street
Kilgore, TX 75662

Monday 19 th	8am to 5pm	Monday 26 th	8am to 5pm
Tuesday 20 th	8am to 5pm	Tuesday 27 th	8am to 5pm
Wednesday 21 st	8am to 5pm	Wednesday 28 th	8am to 5pm
Thursday 22 nd	8am to 5pm	Thursday 29 th	8am to 5pm
Friday 23 rd	8am to 5pm	Friday 30 th	8am to 5pm
Saturday 24 th	CLOSED		
Sunday 25 th	CLOSED		

November 3, 2026 General Joint Election

Election Day Polling Locations

OVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER	505 Meadowbrook, Overton, TX
CHANDLER ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST	2700 Chandler St., Kilgore, TX
NEW LONDON COMMUNITY CENTER	125 Tyner St., New London, TX
CENTRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	8531 FM 2011, Longview, TX
STEWART	13606 FM 782 N., Henderson, TX
SHERMAN R. SMITH COMMUNITY CENTER	231 N. Hood St., Tatum, TX
HENDERSON CIVIC CENTER	1005 HWY 64 W., Henderson, TX
MINDEN	CR 317 & FM 1798, Minden, TX
MT. ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY CENTER	300 W 2 nd St., Mt. Enterprise, TX
S. MAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST MULTI. BLDG	402 S Main, Henderson, TX
CARLISLE	2541 HWY 42 S, Price, TX
COUNTY BARN PCT #4	13612 FM 1798 W, Henderson, TX

NOTE: All locations will be open from 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Exhibit “B”

Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election Ballot for School Districts

For Henderson Independent School District Date November 3, 2026
(Name of School District) (Date of Election)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

Place an **X** in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote..... ☐ FOR ☐ AGAINST

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$.8128 in Henderson Independent School District
(Tax rate adopted for current year) (Name of Taxing Unit)

for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 22.85% (insert percentage increase in maintenance and operations tax revenue under the adopted rate as compared to maintenance and operations tax revenue in the preceding tax year) percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional

\$ 2,730,765 (insert dollar amount of increase in maintenance and operations tax revenue under the adopted tax rate as compared to maintenance and operations tax revenue in the preceding tax year).