

AGENDA

Item

SUBJECT:

Consider Board approval of canceling the November 3, 2026 Election for the Huntsville ISD Board of Trustees.

RATIONALE:

The Huntsville Independent School District (HISD) may avoid holding an election if the candidates are unopposed, no candidate's name is to be placed on a list of write-in candidates for that position, and no at-large proposition or opposed at-large race is to appear on the ballot. [Texas Election Code, §§2.051, 2.052]. The last of these events, i.e., no write-in candidate filing, occurred on August 21, 2026. [Texas Education Code §11.056; Texas Election Code §1.006].

The process to cancel the election requires the Board Administrative Assistant to certify in writing that a candidate is unopposed [Texas Election Code, §§2.052, 52.002]. The Administrative Assistant must then deliver the certification to the Board as soon as possible following the filing deadlines [Texas Election Code §2.052(b)]. Upon receipt of the certification, the Board may vote to declare each unopposed candidate elected to office [Texas Election Code, §2.053]. A copy of the order declaring the unopposed candidates elected to office must be posted on election day at each polling place that would have been used in the election [Texas Election Code §2.053(b)]. The Board president, as the presiding officer of the local canvassing authority, issues a certificate of election to each candidate following the day of what would have been the election. [Texas Election Code, §§ 2.053, 67.016].

A copy of the Resolution and Order and the Certification of Unopposed Status are attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends Board approval to cancel the November 3, 2026, Election.

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