

Hitchcock Independent School District

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: December 15, 2025

Presented by: Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: City of Hitchcock Election Agreement

Consent Item

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Hitchcock Independent School District has entered into a Joint Election Agreement with the City of Hitchcock, pursuant to the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act and the Texas Education Code, to conduct a joint general election for both entities on the first Saturday in May 2026. This partnership is designed to streamline operations and share costs while providing a more convenient experience for the public. Key provisions of the agreement include establishing a common polling location for Early Voting at the City of Hitchcock City Hall and the Election Day common polling location at the Hitchcock ISD Administration Building, utilizing a single set of voting equipment. Both the District and the City retain the responsibility for their respective lists of candidates, the preparation and canvassing of their own election notices, and contracting directly with Galveston County for election services.

Furthermore, each party is independently responsible for the costs incurred by the County, with a mechanism for 30-day reimbursement for any expenses incurred on the other party's behalf. The agreement, executed in December 2025, is set to automatically renew each year for May Trustee and Commission elections unless either party provides written notice of termination by October 1st.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

I move that the Board approve the City of Hitchcock Election Agreement as presented.

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

N/A

CONTACT PERSON:

Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Interim Superintendent

FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

ENCLOSURES:

City of Hitchcock Election Agreement Contract