

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 16, 2026



BOARD: Action

SUBJECT: Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County

BOARD POLICY: CH (Legal)

DISTRICT GOAL: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: Funds are included in the 2026 Budget

Background Information:

- Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code states that "Elections held on the same date as the election for the members of a governing body of a municipality located in the district... shall be held as a joint election."
- Chapter 791 of the *Government Code* and Section CH of the *Board of Trustees Policies* allow the District to contract with other local governments to perform governmental functions and services. Section 791.001 of the *Government Code* states as its purpose, "to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing them to contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and with agencies of the State."

Administrative Considerations:

- The District has been approached by the Brazoria County Elections Division regarding the possibility of holding a county-wide joint election in May 2026. The Elections Division has proven that they have the technological capability to conduct a joint election for all political subdivisions in Brazoria County with common polling places.
- Administration has reviewed the County's proposal and believes it is in the best interest of the District for the following reasons identified by the Brazoria County Clerk:
 - A joint election will represent an economic saving since the cost of each voting location will be shared by all the political subdivisions voting at that location.
 - A joint election will provide convenience and consistency for the voters by using existing voting locations that are familiar and by offering additional early voting locations.
 - The joint election will be conducted professionally and in accordance with law by the Brazoria County Elections Department, with the exception of non-transferable duties

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that will be retained by each political subdivision (e.g., ordering elections, posting and publishing notices, etc.).

- The Brazoria County Clerk has asked political subdivisions in the County to indicate their interest in a county-wide joint election and has provided a *Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services* for the Board's review and consideration.
- The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the attached *Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services* and that the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees be authorized to execute the final form of the agreement on the District's behalf.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes
- Email
- Physical posting

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Respectfully submitted,

Ludivina Cansino
Chief Financial Officer