

ORDER POSTPONING THE MAY 2, 2020 TRUSTEE ELECTION
AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

Whereas, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak and spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on March 11, 2020 publicly characterized the spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic;

Whereas, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in the United States, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 in the United States a national emergency;

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas due to the eminent threat posed by COVID-19;

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052 (a) and (b), 31.093, 42.0621(c) of the Texas Education Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to allow governmental entities utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their elections to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date (Exhibit A, attached);

Whereas, on February 11, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Galena Park Independent School District ("Board") approved an order calling a general election of trustees to be held on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing three trustees for regular terms;

Whereas, the Board chooses to exercise the authority granted by Governor Abbott's proclamation to postpone its May 2020 election; and

Whereas, the Board finds that it is in the public interest to postpone its May 2020 election in order to limit the spread of COVID-19; comply with federal, state and local recommendations concerning the size of public gatherings; and promote conscientious health choices, including individual quarantines as may be necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD:

1. All the aboveas,as, Abbott'er.

3. The Administration will present an amended election order to the Board for adoption on or before August 17, 2020, reflecting any amended timelines, locations, and/or other modifications required for conducting an election on the November 2020 uniform election date.

4. Current Galena Park Independent School District trustees with terms expiring in May 2020 shall hold over until the November 3, 2020 election, pursuant to Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution.

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GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 18, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE

SECRETARY OF STATE

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State

State Capitol Room IE.8 Secretary of State Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 Of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office, and suspending Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political

