



# **AGENDA**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**(Board Retreat)**

**January 28, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

**3100 Main Street, 9th Floor, Pacific Ocean Room, Houston,  
Texas 77002**

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
(Board Retreat)  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**HOUSTON CITY COLLEGE**

**January 28, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Houston City College will hold a Special Meeting (Board Retreat) on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 11:00 AM, or after, and from day to day as required, at 3100 Main Street, 9th Floor, Pacific Ocean Room, Houston, Texas 77002. The items listed in this Notice may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Chair or Board and items listed for closed session may be discussed in open session and vice versa as permitted by law. The Board may take final action with regard to items listed in this Notice without further action at a Regular Board Meeting.

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Opportunity for Public Comments

**II. Topics For Discussion and or Action**

- A. Aspen Presidents and Trustees Collaborative - Session 2

**III. Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071; 551.072 and 551.074, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:**

**A. Legal Matters**

Consultation with legal counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matters on which the attorney's duty to the System under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Laws.

**B. Personnel Matters**

Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, employee or board member to hear complaints or changes against an officer, employee or board member unless the officer, employee or board member who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

**C. Real Estate Matters**

Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for Agenda items if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the System in negotiations with a third person.

**IV. Additional Closed or Executive Session Authority**

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board should be held

or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at that date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by the Notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning:

Section 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matters on which the attorney's duty to the System under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Laws.

Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.073 - For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the System if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the System in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, employee or board member to hear complaints or changes against an officer, employee or board member unless the officer, employee or board member who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

Section 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices, or a security audit.

Section 551.082 - For the purpose of considering discipline of a student or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing, unless an open hearing is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the student or by the employee against whom the complaint is brought.

Section 551.084 - For the purpose of excluding a witness or witnesses in an investigation from a hearing during examination of another witness in the investigation. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

A. The open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting, or

B. At a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

## **V. Reconvene in Open Meeting**

## VI. Adjournment

### CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OR GIVING NOTICE

On this **22nd day of January 2026**, this Notice was posted at a place convenient to the public and readily accessible at all times to the general public at the following locations: (1) the HCC Administration Building of the Houston City College, 3100 Main, First Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 and (2) the Houston City College's website: [www.hccs.edu](http://www.hccs.edu).

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# REPORT ITEM

Meeting Date: January 28, 2026

Board Retreat

ITEM #	ITEM TITLE	PRESENTER
A.	Aspen Presidents and Trustees Collaborative - Session 2	Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher Board of Trustees

## DISCUSSION

Houston City College was selected to participate in the national “Aspen-Presidents & Trustees Collaborative” initiative. The collaborative is a year-long initiative to build the future of community college governance that ensures access, completion, and post-completion success for students in addition to strengthening the capacity of community college presidents and their boards to lead and sustain systemic student success reforms.

## COMPELLING REASON AND BACKGROUND

Aspen Presidents and Trustees Collaborative is a national initiative designed to strengthen the capacity of community college presidents and their boards to lead and sustain systemic student success reforms.

The collaborative sessions are scheduled as follows:

- September 5, 2025: CEO Orientation (Presidents Only)
- December 5, 2025: Session 1: Presidents, Board Executive Committee
- January 28, 2026: Session 2: Presidents and full Board (Virtual Session)
- April 23, 2026: Session 3: Presidents and full Board (Virtual Session)

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

1. *Student Success*

**This item is applicable to the following:** District