

**MEETING OF THE
EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HOUSTON CITY COLLEGE**

April 1, 2026

Minutes

The External Relations Committee of Houston City College met on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at the HCC Administration Building, 3100 Main, Second Floor Auditorium, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Wilson, Committee Chair
Laolu Davies, Committee Member
Eva Loreda, Committee Member
Cynthia Lenton-Gary, Alternate Member
Sean Cheben
Renee Patterson
Monica Richart
Pretta VanDible Stallworth
Adriana Tamez

CHANCELLOR'S COUNCIL

Margaret Ford Fisher, Chancellor
Rima Adil, Vice Chancellor, Strategic Communications and Marketing
Lisa Alcorta, Vice Chancellor, Student Services
Andrea Burrige, Vice Chancellor for Strategy, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness
Jerome Drain, President, HCC Global Online
Michael Edwards, Office of the Ombudsman
Betty Fortune, President, HCC Northeast
Frances Villagran-Glover, President, HCC Southeast
Lutricia Harrison, President, HCC Coleman
Edmond "Butch" Herod, President, HCC Central
Zachary Hodges, President, HCC Northwest
Warren Hurd, Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services
Bob McCracken, Vice Chancellor, Administration and Operations
Elizabeth McGee, Chief Artificial Intelligence Transformation Officer
Nicole Montgomery, General Counsel
Rodney Nathan, Vice Chancellor for Talent Engagement/Chief Human Resource Officer
Nathan Smith, Faculty Senate President
Michael Webster, President, HCC Southwest
Morgan Yette, Staff Senate President
Remmele Young, Vice Chancellor of External and Governmental Relations, Transfer and Alumni Relations

OTHER PRESENT

Melissa Mihalick, Board Counsel, Thompson and Horton, LLP

CALLED TO ORDER

Trustee Dave Wilson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. and declared the Board convened to consider matters of Houston Community College as listed on the duly posted Meeting Notice.

(The following Trustees were present: Cheben, Davies, Loreda, Tamez, and Wilson)

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

No citizens signed up to speak before the Committee.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS REPORT

Dr. Ford Fisher noted that the item provides an update relating to state and federal relations activities and apprised that Dr. Remmele Young, Vice Chancellor, External Affairs, would provide the update and entertain questions.

Dr. Young provided an overview of the following:

State Relations:

- Executive Summary and Key Considerations
- Interim Session Period and Opportunities
- Building HCC Policy Priorities
- Proposed Association Strategic Priorities
- Next Steps

(Trustee Richart joined the meeting at 3:51 p.m.)

(Trustee Patterson joined the meeting at 3:54 p.m.)

Federal Relations:

- Appropriations and Grants
- Strengthening Community College Training Grants
- HCC Legislative Timeline 2026

(Dr. Lenton-Gary joined the meeting at 3:59 p.m.)

(Dr. VanDible Stallworth joined the meeting at 3:59 p.m.)

