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

May 6, 2026

Minutes

The External Relations Committee of Houston City College met on Wednesday May 6, 2026, at the HCC Administration Building, 3100 Main, Second Floor Auditorium, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Laolu Davies, Committee Member
Eva Loredo, Committee Member
Cynthia Lenton-Gary, Alternate Member
Sean Cheben
Renee Jefferson Patterson
Monica Richart
Adriana Tamez
Pretta VanDible Stallworth

CHANCELLOR'S COUNCIL
Margaret Ford Fisher, Chancellor
Rima Adil, Vice Chancellor, Strategic Communications and Marketing
Lisa Alcorta, Vice Chancellor, Student Services
Andrea Burridge, 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
Izzy Flowers for 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 Eva Loredo, Committee Member, called the meeting to order at 3:55 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, Loredo, Patterson, Tamez, and VanDible Stallworth)

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 report provides an update on state and federal legislative matters, including current and anticipated events. She apprised that Dr. Remmele Young, Vice Chancellor of External and Governmental Relations and Transfer and Alumni Relations, would address any questions.

(Dr. VanDible Stallworth left the meeting at 3:37 p.m.)

Mr. Young reported on the following:

- Key Considerations
- Key House Interim Changes
- Appropriations
- Workforce
- Study Workforce
- Homestead Exemptions
- Monitor Implementation of SB 37
- Proposed Association* Strategic Priorities
- Emerging HCC Policy Considerations

(Trustee Davies joined the meeting at 3:59 p.m.)

- Sector Funding Allocations February 2026
- Funding Calculation

(Trustee Patterson stepped out at 4:02 p.m.)

- Proposed 1: Student Weight Adjustments
- Proposal 2: Fundable Credentials

Dr. Andrea Burridge, Vice Chancellor for Strategy, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness, provided an overview of Proposal 1: Student Weight Adjustments and Proposal 2: Cap Fundable Credentials. She noted that the impact on HCC would be less significant.

Trustee Cheben inquired whether there would be hearings regarding the proposals. Dr. Young noted that hearings would be held and apprised that information on the hearing schedules would be provided. He further noted that additional funding would be necessary to mitigate the impact.

Trustee Cheben requested additional information regarding committee members or legislators where the Trustees could assist.

(Trustee Patterson returned at 4:09 p.m.)

Dr. Young noted that the college did not propose a supplemental bill regarding the proposals because the legislative session is not currently active. He apprised that the revenue must come from another source.

(Dr. Lenton-Gary joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.)

Mr. Bob McCracken, Vice Chancellor, Administration and Operations, noted that the funding concerns have been factored into the budget development process for FY27. He apprised that further discussion would occur under the Budget Workshop item on the COTW agenda. He noted that the college could manage the situation from a budget perspective; however, it would be more difficult to manage from a policy perspective. He further apprised that the dynamic adjustment payment was paused in February 2026 and would remain flat for the following year. He noted that the baseline calculations determine the college's funding for next year and establish its funding floor.

Dr. Young provided an overview of Federal Relations activities to include:

- Strengthening Community College Training Grants 2026: Building Local Capacity for Workforce Pell Data
- Workforce Pell Grants

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Wright, Executive Director, Board Services

Minutes Approved as Submitted: May 20, 2026