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## Spring Independent School District

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### ORDER FOR TRUSTEE ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS  
SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Spring Independent School District has determined that the term of office for Position 6 and Position 7 of the Board of Trustees will expire in November 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees wishes to proceed with the ordering of an election for said Positions; therefore,

**BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:**

**Section 1.** A joint election with City of Houston and/or Harris County shall be held in the SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "District") on November 2, 2021, in which all resident, qualified voters of the District shall be entitled to vote to elect one person for Position 6 and one person for Position 7 of the Board of Trustees. The Office of the General Counsel, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, is hereby authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of said election, to execute all necessary contracts for election services, and to serve as District representatives to coordinate with the Harris County Elections Administrator in conducting the election in accordance with, and subject to, the laws of this State. The Harris County Elections Administrator shall furnish all necessary election equipment, programming, ballots and other election supplies necessary for a lawful election.

**Section 2.** A person who is a qualified voter within the District may become a candidate for one of the Positions to be filled by filing his or her name and the appropriate forms with the Spring ISD Office of the General Counsel, on or after July 17 through August 16, 2021, until 5:00 PM, the deadline to file candidate applications, at the Spring ISD Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center, 16717 Ella Blvd., Houston, Texas 77090. Regular office hours for the Office of the General Counsel are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The District shall post a schedule on its website and the bulletin board, where notices of its board meetings are posted, of the dates and times when someone will be available at the office of the General Counsel to accept candidate filings. A drawing by the candidates or their representatives shall be conducted at 5:00 PM on August 24, 2021, at the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center to determine the order in which the names of candidates shall appear on the ballot. The District shall post a notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing on the bulletin board used for the notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees of the District. The notice shall remain posted continuously for seventy-two (72) hours immediately preceding the scheduled time of the drawing. The District shall also mail notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing to each candidate, at the address stated on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot, not later than the fourth (4th) day before the day of the drawing.

**Section 3.** No person shall have a vote counted for him or her as a write-in candidate unless that person has filed a written declaration of write-in candidacy with the Office of the General Counsel, by 5:00 PM, August 20, 2021 at the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center.

**Section 4.** In the event that there is only one candidate for election to each position at the close of declaration of write-in candidacy filing at 5:00 PM, August 20, 2021, Jeremy Binkley,

General Counsel, shall certify, in writing, no earlier than August 21, 2021, that all candidates are unopposed for election. The certification shall be delivered to the Board of Trustees as soon as possible and the Board, in accordance with Texas Open Meeting Act requirements, shall declare each unopposed candidate elected to office and cancel the election. A copy of the order canceling the election shall be posted on Election Day at each polling place.

**Section 5.** All voting in the election, including early voting by personal appearance, shall be done through the use of the voting system adopted by the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas and certified by the Texas Secretary of State for use in elections.

**Section 6.** The polls for said election shall be open for voting from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on November 2, 2021. In accordance with Section 43.004(b) of the Texas Election Code, the Board of Trustees hereby designates as polling places for the election the regular county polling places in Harris County election precincts that contain territory from the District, and hereby designates the established Harris County early voting locations as they currently exist or may be hereinafter amended, as the early voting locations for this election.

**Section 7.** The Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Street, First Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 is hereby designated as the main early voting place, and Ms. Isabel Longoria, Harris County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed clerk for early voting in the election. Requests for ballots by mail should be directed in writing to Ms. Isabel Longoria, Harris County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, Texas 77251-1148. Requests for ballots by mail must be received no later than October 22, 2021. The first day of early voting by personal appearance is Monday, October 18, 2021, and the last day of early voting is Friday, October 29, 2021. Early Voting times are Harris County Early Voting times and are as follows: October 18–October 23, 7:00 AM–7:00 PM; October 24, 12:00 PM–7:00 PM; October 25–October 27, 7:00 AM–7:00 PM, October 28, 7:00 AM–10:00 PM\*, and October 29, 7:00 AM–7:00 PM. Early voting will be conducted at the established Harris County early voting locations.

*\*some locations will be open 24 hours on this date*

**Section 8.** The official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code. All election materials, including notice of the election, ballots, instruction cards, affidavits and other forms which voters may be required to sign, and all early voting materials shall be printed in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese; Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese translations thereof shall be made available in the circumstances permitted and in the manner required by law.

**Section 9.** Pursuant to Section 11.0581 of the Texas Education Code and Chapters 31 and 271 of the Texas Election Code, this election shall be conducted as a joint election with City of Houston in odd numbered years and Harris County in even numbered years. Said election shall be held in accordance with the applicable parts of the Texas Election Code, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Texas Education Code pertaining to bilingual requirements, and the Federal Voting Rights of 1965, as amended.

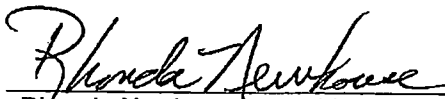
**Section 10.** A substantial copy of this order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Notice shall be given by publishing the notice, in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese, one time, not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the election, in a newspaper published in the District, and by posting a copy of the notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board of Trustees meetings, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election.

**Section 11.** The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each respective position shall be deemed to be elected and be entitled to serve as trustee.

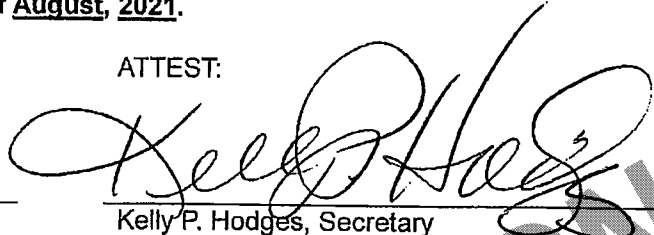
**Section 12.** The results of the election shall be canvassed by the Board of Trustees not earlier than November 10, 2021 and not later than November 15, 2021, at a meeting called by the Board in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:



Rhonda Newhouse, President  
Board of Trustees



Kelly P. Hodges, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

  
Janelle Hester  
COUNTY CLERK  
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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