ORDER CANCELLING HOUSTON CITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE DISTRICT VII ELECTION; AND CONTAINING CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Houston City College ("HCC") has previously taken action to call a trustee election for geographic district VII ("Trustee District VII" or the "Trustee District") pursuant to Chapter 130 of the Texas Education Code, Chapter 144 of the Texas Election Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, to be held on November 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the deadlines for candidates to file an application for a place on the ballot and to file declarations of write-in candidacy related to such trustee election have passed; and

WHEREAS, it has been certified that Dr. Cynthia Lenton-Gary is unopposed in the election for Trustee District VII; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code permits the Board to cancel the election for any Trustee District in which it has been certified that a candidate is running unopposed; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that cancelling the unopposed trustee election described above will result in substantial savings to HCC and further that the unopposed candidate would be elected even if an election were held; and

WHEREAS, in view of the above, the Board hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of HCC and its constituents to take official action to cancel the election for Trustee District VII; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOUSTON CITY COLLEGE:

- **Section 1.** The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.
- **Section 2.** The November 4, 2025, trustee election in Trustee District VII is hereby cancelled and Dr. Cynthia Lenton-Gary is hereby declared elected to the position of Trustee District VII for a term of office commencing on January 1, 2026, and continuing until December 31, 2031.
- **Section 3.** As required by Section 2.053, Texas Election Code, a copy of this Order shall be posted on election day at each polling place used or that would have been used in the election.

Section 4. The Board has called elections for Trustee Districts I and II to be held on November 4, 2025. Each of such elections have multiple candidates. As such, nothing herein shall be construed as permitting the cancellation of the elections for Trustee Districts I and II.

Section 5. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or any phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity, or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

[Signature page follows]

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this September 17, 2025.

Chair, Board of Trustees Houston City College

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Houston City College