

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5

Order Calling Election for May 3, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 5 (the "District") met on February 11, 2025, a regular meeting, with a quorum of commissioners present, as follows:

Shazib Iqbal, President
Ernie Carter, Vice President
John Mukoro, Secretary
John Godbee, Treasurer

and the following was absent:

Mita Patel, Commissioner

when the following business was transacted:

The Order set out below was introduced for consideration of the Board. It was duly moved and seconded that said Order be adopted; and, after due discussion, said motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All Commissioners shown present.
Noes: None.
Abstains: None.

The Order thus adopted is as follows:

Whereas, the District operates pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, § 48-e, and Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code; and

Whereas, §775.051, Health & Safety Code, provides that the District may expand the District territory upon receipt of a petition requesting such; and

Whereas, the District has held a public hearing on such expansion following receipt of such a petition in proper form as provided by §775.051; and

Whereas, the District may call an election on such expansion following such public hearing to be held as provided by §775.051 and the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code if the Board of ESD Commissioners of the District finds that such annexation would be feasible and would benefit the District; and

Whereas, the District finds that the annexation as petitioned would be feasible and would benefit the District; and

Whereas, Health & Safety Code, §775.051 requires that such Election be held on the next uniform election day; and

Whereas, the next uniform date for an election called under such circumstances is May 3, 2025,

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that an Election be held in Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 5 and the proposed annexation area on Saturday, May 3, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on the following proposition:

"Adding the area of land that is bounded by Beechnut Street as the northern boundary of the territory to be annexed, bounded by the current boundary of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 5 as the eastern boundary of the territory to be annexed, bounded by State Highway 99 (also known as Grand Parkway) and a portion of West Bellfort Boulevard as the southern boundary of the territory to be annexed, bounded by the Waterside Estates subdivision and a portion of South Mason Road which includes a portion of the Grand Mission Estates subdivision as the western boundary of the territory to be annexed."

It is further ordered that:

1. The ballot for the Election shall provide for voting "for" or "against" the above stated proposition. A majority of the votes cast either "for" or "against" the proposition shall determine whether the proposition is adopted, provided however, that for passage the proposition must be approved by both a majority of the voters in the District election and must be approved by a majority of the voters in the unincorporated area generally described in the attached Exhibit "A". A vote "for" shall mean a vote in favor of the proposition and a vote "against" shall mean a vote against the proposition.

2. The Election will be held within the Election Precincts and at the Polling Places designated by Order of Fort Bend County for the Fort Bend County elections scheduled for May 3, 2025, subject to any such changes as may be made under the authority of such Order.

3. Only persons qualified to vote within the geographic boundaries of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 5 and in the proposed annexation area generally described in the attached Exhibit "A", shall be allowed to vote at the Election and each voter shall vote at the Polling Places designated by Order of Fort Bend County for the Fort Bend County elections.

4. The Election may be held jointly with other entities under a Joint Election Agreement promulgated by the Fort Bend County Election's Office.

5. The Election will be conducted by the Fort Bend County Election's Office under the terms of the Election Services Agreement promulgated by the county. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the District delegates to Fort Bend County Election's Office all election duties described in the Elections Services Agreement and/or Joint Election Agreement (the "Agreements").

6. The voting shall be by electronic device as developed and utilized by Fort Bend County.

7. The District's attorneys shall be and they are hereby authorized and directed to assist the secretary of the Board in preparing the official ballot, translation of the ballot in the English and Spanish languages, and providing to the County such other information and documents as may be required in the Agreements pertaining to the conduct of the election and post-election day procedures.

8. **John Oldham**, the Fort Bend County Elections Administrator is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the Election. Early voting shall be conducted in such like manner and in accordance with the applicable early voting provisions as established by Fort Bend County for its May 3, 2025 elections and early voting shall be conducted from April 22, 2025 (the date which represents the earliest date on which early voting may begin) through April 29, 2025 (the date which represents the last day on which early voting may be performed) and at the early voting polling places and during the hours of early voting designated by the Fort Bend County Election's Office. The location of the Main Early Voting Location is as determined by the Fort Bend County Election's Office and is designated as follows: Fort Bend County Elections Office, 3730 Bamore Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Branch Early Voting Locations are as determined by Fort Bend County Election's Office for its May 3, 2025 elections.

9. For the use of those voters in the District who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the Early Voting Clerk named above shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Applications for ballot by mail for the Election for those voters who are entitled by law to vote an early voting ballot by mail shall be sent by regular mail to the Early Voting Clerk's official mailing address to: Early Voting Clerk, Fort Bend County Elections Office, 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469-3108; or by common or contract carrier to: Early Voting Clerk, Fort Bend County Elections Office, 3730 Bamore Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. For further information, contact the Early Voting Clerk by telephone at (281) 341-8670 or visit the interest website at: <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/elections-voter-registration>. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

10. The following concurrent and subsequent Orders, among other Orders, may be made by the District to facilitate the Election: Order Approving and Appointing An Agent; Order Approving a Contract with Fort Bend County Elections; Order Establishing And Designating Election Precincts And Polling Places; Order Appointing Presiding Election Judge(s); Order Appointing Early Voting Ballot Board; and Order Appointing An Early Voting Clerk. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the District delegates the appointment of election officials to Fort Bend County.

11. In accordance with all applicable Federal and State law, there shall be provided Spanish translation of the ballot as well as other applicable election materials.

12. This Order constitutes the Election Order of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 5 Election on the proposition: "Adding the area of land that is bounded by Beechnut Street as the northern boundary of the territory to be annexed, bounded by the current boundary of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 5 as the eastern boundary of the territory to be annexed, bounded by State Highway 99 (also known as Grand Parkway) and a portion of West Belfort Boulevard as the southern boundary of the territory to be annexed, bounded by the Waterside Estates subdivision and a portion of South Mason Road which includes a portion of the Grand Mission Estates subdivision as the western boundary of the territory to be annexed." The Notice of the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the law and shall be given by publication of the Notice of Election along with the Order designating the Voting Precincts and Polling Places for the Election. Such publication shall be made one time in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the geographic boundaries of the District, said publication to be made not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day before the Election Date. Further, a copy of such Notice shall, not later than the 21st day before the Election Date, be posted on the bulletin board or other place conspicuous to the public used for posting Notices of the meetings of the District Board of ESD Commissioners and a copy shall be filed with the County Clerk of Fort Bend County, Texas. After publication, the District Board of ESD Commissioners shall retain a copy of the published Notice that contains the name of the newspaper in which it was published and the date of publication.

Adopted at an Open Meeting held this the 11th day of February 2025, by a vote of 4 to 0.



**FORT BEND COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5**

By: 
Shazib Iqbal, Board President

ATTEST:

By: 
John Mukoro, Board Secretary