

Houston Independent School District School Board Composition Criteria Community Feedback

In late 2019, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) ordered that a Board of Managers be governing the Houston Independent School District (HISD). In January 2020, the HISD Board of Trustees filed a lawsuit to stop that order, and an injunction remained in place until March 2021. Throughout this process, representatives from TEA have sought community feedback. Starting in 2019 and continuing to this day, TEA representatives attended more than 50 community meetings for the purpose of answering questions and listening to community concerns. Community members often commented on the type of people who should serve on a state-appointed Board of Managers.

What follows is a summary of what has emerged from the listening sessions. It should be noted that not every idea shared in the community feedback is included below. Community feedback from one session frequently contradicted community feedback in another session and was often contradictory within the same session. Instead, the intention of this summary is to identify frequently repeated themes from the community feedback.



