

# Hitchcock Independent School District

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Meeting Date:** June 22, 2026

**Presented by:** Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Superintendent of Schools

**Subject:** Texas A&M AgriLife Adjunct Faculty Agreement and Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization

### Consent Agenda

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has submitted a request for the Hitchcock ISD Board of Trustees to grant adjunct faculty status to five Galveston County Extension Agents and formally recognize the Galveston County Texas 4-H Organization as an approved extracurricular activity for the 2026–2027 academic year. To formalize this arrangement, the Board must approve the Adjunct Faculty Agreement, adopt the accompanying resolution, and return the signed documents along with the meeting minutes. Under Texas Administrative Code Section 129.21 (k)(1), this official designation allows public school students to be counted "in attendance" for Foundation School Program state funding purposes while participating in approved off-campus 4-H activities. All five proposed agents—Brandi Keller, Leah Stiles, Ginger Benson, Boone Holladay, and Brock Sanford—meet the statutory qualifications, as they each hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree and are eligible to participate in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

The Adjunct Faculty Agreement runs from August 11, 2026, through May 27, 2027, and establishes that the appointed agents will receive no compensation, salary, or benefits from Hitchcock ISD. They remain strictly employees of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, which retains full responsibility for their group insurance, workers' compensation, and direct supervision. Under the agreement, the adjunct faculty members must pass a criminal background check conducted by Hitchcock ISD and must notify school administrative personnel regarding scheduled student activities. Furthermore, the agreement explicitly states that it does not waive any sovereign or governmental immunity from liability possessed by Hitchcock ISD or its board members. Concurrently, the resolution recognizes the 4-H Organization as eligible for consideration for extracurricular status under 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 76.1, and

maintains that student participation remains subject to all rules and final rulings designated by the school district.

**BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

I move that the Board approve the Texas A&M AgriLife Adjunct Faculty Agreement and Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization as presented.

**POLICY AUTHORIZATION:**

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Dr. Keri Launius, Executive Director of Academics

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

**ENCLOSURES:**

Adjunct Faculty Agreement  
Resolution Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization  
Texas A&M University Letter