ORDER CALLING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS	8
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON	8
PORT NECHES-GROVES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	8

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Port Neches-Groves Independent School District (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "District"), has, among others, the power to issue bonds for the construction, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District (including the rehabilitation, renovation and improvement thereof), and the purchase of necessary sites for school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered in order to provide adequate public school facilities for all the students of the Port Neches-Groves Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, the District will enter into one or more election agreements (the "Election Agreements") with Jefferson County, Texas (the "County") and possibly other political subdivisions (the "Participants"), in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (the "State") and applicable federal law;

WHEREAS, the meeting of this Board of Trustees at which this Election Order was adopted was open to the public and public notice of the date, time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PORT NECHES-GROVES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

- 1. <u>Findings</u>. The statements contained in the preamble of this Election Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.
- 2. An election shall be held, and notice is hereby given that an election will be held, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, in the Port Neches-Groves Independent School District, for the purpose stated herein, which date is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this order. The Board hereby finds that holding the Election on such date is in the public interest. Taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds or any related credit agreements may be imposed.

- 3. The election shall be held jointly with Jefferson County, Texas and other political subdivisions within Jefferson County in accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and in accordance with the terms and provisions of a Joint Election Agreement in the form presented to the Authority (the "Joint Election Agreement"). The Board of Trustees of the District hereby ratifies, approves and authorizes the District to enter into the Joint Election Agreement.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided herein, the election precincts and the location of each polling place shall be as shown in the Joint Election Agreement and Exhibit A attached to this Order. The precinct judges and alternate judges for the Election shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

In the event the Superintendent, or his designee, shall determine from time to time that (a) a polling place herein or hereafter designated shall become unavailable or unsuitable for such use, or it would be in the District's best interest to relocate such polling place, or (b) a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge hereafter designated shall become unqualified or unavailable, the Superintendent, or his designee, is hereby authorized to designate and appoint in writing a substitute polling place, presiding judge or alternate presiding judge, as appropriate, and correct or modify the exhibits to this Election Order, giving such notice as is required by the Texas Election Code and as deemed sufficient.

5. The Board hereby appoints the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas, who currently is Carolyn Guidry, as the Early Voting Clerk for the District. In the event Carolyn Guidry is unable for any reason to serve as the Early Voting Clerk, then her successor in office who is the then current acting County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for the District. Early voting by both personal appearance and by mail will be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Early voting shall be conducted jointly from October 21, 2019 through November 1, 2019 at the places set forth in the Exhibit B attached hereto, or at such other locations as hereafter designated by the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas. The email address of the Early Voting Clerk is guidry@co.jefferson.tx.us, and the mailing address of the Early Voting Clerk is County Clerk, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1001 Pearl, Beaumont, Texas 77701.

The County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas is hereby authorized and directed to designate the early voting ballot board and other officers required to conduct early voting for the Election.

- 6. The conduct and manner in which said election shall be conducted shall be governed by and in accordance with the Texas Education Code, the Texas Election Code, the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1975, and the rules of the Department of Justice
 - 7. The County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas is hereby authorized and

responsible for establishing a central counting station for the ballots cast in the election and appointing a Presiding Judge and other personnel necessary for such station.

- 8. The conduct and manner in which said election shall be conducted shall be governed by and in accordance with the Texas Education Code, the Texas Election Code, the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1975, and the rules of the Department of Justice.
- 9. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). As required by the Election Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Paper ballots may be used for early voting by mail. Each voter desiring to vote in favor of a Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "FOR" the Proposition, and each voter desiring to vote against a Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "AGAINST" the Proposition. Voting shall be in accordance with the Election Code.
- 10. All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in both English and Spanish and persons capable of acting as translators in both English and Spanish shall be made available to assist Spanish language speaking voters in understanding and participating in the election process.
- 11. A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper Notice of said election and the President of the Board of Trustees or the District's Superintendent shall cause said Notice to be published in English and Spanish one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the election in a newspaper published in and of general circulation in said District, and the President of the Board of Trustees or the District's Superintendent shall also cause this Order to be posted where notices are customarily posted in the Port Neches-Groves Independent School District at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the election and also posted on the District's website and at each polling location in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Election Code.
- 12. At said election, the following Proposition shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Port Neches-Groves Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate

principal amount not to exceed \$130,000,000, for the purpose of paying for and financing the construction and equipping of new elementary schools in the District, and to acquire any necessary land and sites for any of such elementary school building projects, and with any remaining surplus funds, if any, to be used for contingency and for the construction of new school buildings and for renovation, additions to, improving and equipping of any other existing school buildings, school facilities and any school campus grounds in the District and for land acquisition; which bonds may be issued in various series or issues, may be sold at any price or prices, shall mature serially or otherwise and bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, variable, floating, adjustable or otherwise) as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees of the District within its discretion at the time of issuance, but not to exceed the maximum maturity dates and interest rates now or hereafter authorized by law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due and the cost of credit agreements, if any, executed in connection with the bonds, all as authorized by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas?

13. The official ballot for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid Propositions with the ballot to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law and with such Propositions to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

FOR)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$130,000,000 OF
)	PORT NECHES-GROVES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
)	UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND
)	LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF TO PAY
)	FOR AND FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND
)	EQUIPPING OF NEW ELEMETARY SCHOOLS AND THE
)	PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL
AGAINST)	BUILDINGS

14. The ballots shall be counted as provided by the Texas Election Code. After completion of his or her responsibilities under the Texas Election Code, including the counting of the voted ballots and the tabulation of the results, the presiding judge shall make a written return of the Election results to the District in accordance with this Election Order. The Board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election. If a majority of the resident, qualified electors of the District voting at the Election, including those voting early, shall vote in favor of the Proposition, then the issuance and sale of the bonds described in the Proposition shall be authorized in the maximum amount contained therein, and the bonds shall be issued and

sold at the price or prices and in such denominations and series and at the time to times determined by the Board to be in the District's best interests.

15. Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 13 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized are set forth in Section 12 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amount of bonds to be authorized is set forth in Section 12 of this Election Order, (iv) if the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the annual principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, as set forth in Section 12 of this Election Order, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over not to exceed forty years from their date of issuance and bearing interest at the rate or rates (not to exceed 15%), as authorized by law and determined by the Board, (vi) as of the beginning of the District's current fiscal year, the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations was \$84,720,000, and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations was \$22,264,131, and (vii) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate as of the date of adoption of this Election Order is \$0.2744 per \$100 of taxable property.

Based upon market conditions as of the date of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 4.50%. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold. In addition, the estimate contained in this subsection (b) is (i) based on certain assumptions (including assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 3.009, Texas Election Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with the Propositions submitted by this Election Order.

- 16. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board of Trustees of the District.
- 17. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order are and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.
- 18. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

- 19. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances is nevertheless be valid, and this Board of Trustees hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.
- 20. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which the Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Texas Government Code chapter 551, as amended.
- 21. This Order is in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.
- 22. In all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The District's Superintendent shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all actions reasonable and necessary to insure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Board, which actions are hereby authorized, ratified and confirmed. To the extent permitted by law, the Board President or Superintendent, in consultation with the District's legal counsel, are hereby authorized to make technical corrections and changes to this Order and also changes to any joint election agreement, election services contract, polling places, election judges and officers, and election procedures in the event changes are required because of such joint elections, or which may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order, and are further directed to take any and all action necessary to comply with state and federal law in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12 day of August, 2019.

President

Board of Trustees

Port Neches-Groves Independent School District

ATTEST:

Secretary

Board of Trustees

Port Neches-Groves Independent School District

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT "A"

Polling Locations

See attached list of polling locations.

Precincts Voting at Location (Precintos de votación en el Localizacion)	Election Day Polling Places (Localizaciones)	ADDRESS (Dirección)	City, State, Zip code (Ciudad, Estado, Código postal)
ALL (todos)	Amelia Elementary School	565 S. Major Dr .	Beaumont, TX 77707
ALL (todos)	Beaumont Municipal Airport	455 Keith Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77713
ALL (todos)	Bevil Oaks City Hall	13560 River Oaks Blvd.	Bevil Oaks, TX 77713
ALL (todos)	BISD Administration Building	3395 Harrison Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77706
ALL (todos)	Maxson Memorial Church of God in Christ**	7920 N. Major Drive	Beaumont, TX 77713
ALL (todos)	Dishman Elementary	3475 Champions Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77707
ALL (todos)	O.C. Mike Taylor Career Center	2330 North St.	Beaumont, TX 77702
ALL (todos)	Precinct 1 Service Center	20205 W. Hwy. 90	China, TX 77613
ALL (todos)	Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77706
ALL (todos)	Roy Guess Elementary	8055 Voth Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77708
ALL (todos)	Hebert Library	2025 Merriman St.	Port Neches, TX 77651
ALL (todos)	Central Gardens Fire Station	2026 Spurlock Rd.	Nederland, TX 77627
ALL (todos)	Groves Public Library	5600 West Washington	Groves, TX 77619
ALL (todos)	Nederland City Hall	207 N. 12th Street	Nederland, TX 77627
ALL (todos)	Jerry Ware Airport Terminal	5000 Jerry Ware Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (todos)	JP 4 BLDG	19217 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (todos)	Jefferson County ESD #4	12880 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (todos)	Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library	2712 Nederland Ave.	Nederland, TX 77627
ALL (todos)	Port Neches City Hall	1005 Merriman	Port Neches, TX 77651
ALL (todos)	Groves Activity Building	6150 39th Street.	Groves, TX 77619
ALL (todos)	DeQueen Elementary	740 DeQueen Blvd.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
ALL (todos)	Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse	525 Lakeshore Dr.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
ALL (todos)	Memorial 9th Grade Academy	2441 61st St.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (todos)	O W Collins Retirement Center	4440 Gulfway Dr.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (todos)	Port Arthur Library**	4615 9th Ave	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (todos)	Port Arthur Recreation Center	1308 9th Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (todos)	R.L. Gabby Eldridge Center	5262 S. Gulfway Dr	Sabine Pass, TX 77655
ALL (todos)	Travis Elementary	1115 Lakeview Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (todos)	Sam Houston Elementary	3245 36th St	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (todos)	Alice Keith Park Recreation Center	4075 Highland Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (todos)	Charlton-Pollard Elementary	825 Jackson St.	Beaumont, TX 77701
ALL (todos)	Dr. Mae Jones-Clark Elementary	3525 Cleveland St.	Beaumont, TX 77703
ALL (todos)	Hamshire-Fannett High School	13703 2nd St	Hamphire TV 77612
ALL (todos)	Jefferson County Courthouse	12702 2nd St 1085 Pearl St.	Hamshire, TX 77622 Beaumont, TX 77701
ALL (todos)	MLK Middle School	1400 Avenue A	Beaumont, TX 77701
ALL (todos)	John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77703
ALL (todos)	Precinct 4 Service Center	7780 Boyt Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77713
ALL (todos)	Sterling Pruitt Center	2930 Gulf St.	Beaumont, TX 77703
ALL (todos)	Theodore Johns Library	4255 Fannett Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77705
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EXHIBIT "B"

Early Voting Locations

NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND HOURS FOR November 5, 2019, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND JOINT ELECTION (Aviso de locales y horario para eleccións adelantadas de Noviembre 5, 2019 Elección Sobre Enmiendas A La Constitución y Conjunta)

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the following dates and times: (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a en las siguientes fechas y horarios:)

(Localizaciones de Votación Adelantada):

Beaumont Courthouse-Main location 1085 Pearl St., Beaumont, Texas

Rogers Park Recreation Center 6540 Gladys, Beaumont, Texas

Theodore Johns Library 4255 Fannett Rd., Beaumont, Texas

John Paul Davis Community Center 3580 E Lucas, Beaumont, Texas

Jefferson Co. J.P. Pct. 4 Bldg. (Judge Chesson's Courtroom) 19217 FM 365, Beaumont, Texas

Port Arthur Public Library 4615 Ninth Ave, Port Arthur, Texas

Port Arthur Sub-Courthouse 525 Lakeshore Dr., Port Arthur, Texas

Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library 2715 Nederland Ave., Nederland, Texas

Groves Recreation Center 6150 39th Street, Groves, Texas

Effie & Wilton Hebert Library 2025 Merriman St., Port Neches, Texas

Precinct One Service Center 20205 W. Hwy. 90, China, Texas

DATES AND HOURS FOR ALL ABOVE LOCATIONS:

(Fechas y Horas para todas las localizaciones):

October 21 - 25 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Octubre 21 - 25) (Lunes - Viernes)

October 26 Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Octubre 26) (Sábado)

October 28 – November 1 Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Octubre 28- Noviembre 1) (Lunes – Viernes)