ORDER CALLING SCHOOL TRUSTEE AND BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF HARRIS, MONTGOMERY AND SAN JACINTO
LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, under the laws governing the Lone Star College System ("System"), an election for Trustees to Position Nos. 1, 2 and 8, respectively, on the Board of Trustees of the Lone Star College System, shall be held on May 11, 2013, under the direction of the Chancellor of the System or his designee; AND

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deems it necessary to call a Bond election.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Lone Star College System that:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held within the System on May 11, 2013, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing Trustees to fill Position Nos. 1, 2 and 8, respectively, of the Board of the System and authorizing a Bond election. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board are authorized and directed to give notice of such election in the manner and for the time required by law. All of the duly qualified resident electors of the System shall be qualified to vote in said election.

SECTION 2: Any qualified voter desiring election for a position on such Board shall file with Ms. Helen Clougherty as the agent for Ms. Priscilla Kelly, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, between January 30, 2013, and March 1, 2013 a completed application and filing fee of two-hundred dollars ($200.00) or a petition with the signatures of two-hundred (200) registered voters of the Lone Star College System to have his or her name placed on the official ballot and the position number on such Board for which he or she desires to become a candidate.

No candidate shall be eligible to have his or her name placed on the official ballot under more than one position to be filled at such election. All candidates for Trustee in such election shall be voted upon and elected separately for positions on said Board, and all candidates shall be designated on the official ballot according to the number of such position to which they may seek election.

No person shall have a vote counted for him or her as a write-in candidate unless that person has filed a written declaration of write-in candidacy with Helen Clougherty, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2013 at the Lone Star College System District Services and Training Center.

In the event that there is only one candidate for election to each position at the close of the declaration of write-in candidacy deadline at 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2013, Ms. Priscilla Kelly, Board of Trustees Secretary, shall certify in writing that all candidates are unopposed for election. The certification shall be delivered to the Board of Trustees as soon as possible and the Board, in accordance with Texas Open Meeting requirements, shall declare each unopposed candidate elected to office.

SECTION 3: At said election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM, COMPRISING OF LONE STAR COLLEGE-CYFAIR, LONE STAR COLLEGE-KINGWOOD, LONE STAR COLLEGE-MONTGOMERY, LONE STAR COLLEGE-NORTH HARRIS, LONE STAR COLLEGE-TOMBALL AND LONE STAR COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY PARK, BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL AT ANY PRICE OR PRICES THE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF $497,720,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE SYSTEM AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES THEREFORE, WHICH BONDS MAY BE ISSUED IN VARIOUS
ISSUES OR SERIES, SHALL MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE NOT MORE THAN 40 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SYSTEM WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD 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 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THE SAME COME DUE AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS, PROVIDED THAT THE AGGREGATE BOND TAXES IN THE DISTRICT SHALL NOT EXCEED $0.50 ON THE $100 VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY AND PROVIDED THAT THE AMOUNT OF BOND TAX TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE TAX SHALL NOT EXCEED $0.80 ON THE $100 VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY; SAID BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND SAID TAXES TO BE LEVIED, PLEDGED, ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS INCLUDING THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE?

Section 4: The official ballot shall have printed on it:

Official Ballot
Lone Star College System
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and shall have designating numbers of each position to be filled, with the list of candidates under the position to which they respectively seek election. The names of the candidates for each position shall be arranged by lot.

The official ballot shall also have printed on it:

PROPOSITION

[  ] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF $497,720,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM COMPRISED OF LONE STAR COLLEGE-NORTH HARRIS, LONE STAR COLLEGE-KINGWOOD, LONE STAR COLLEGE-TOMBALL, LONE STAR COLLEGE-MONTGOMERY, LONE STAR COLLEGE-CYFAIR AND LONE STAR COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY PARK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE SYSTEM, SCHOOL SITES INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES; STUDENT SERVICES FACILITIES; ACADEMIC SUPPORT FACILITIES; CAMPUS SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE; TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE; SAFETY AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE; PLANT SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS; AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE.

[  ] AGAINST

At such election each qualified voter shall not vote for more than one (1) candidate for each position and shall vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid PROPOSITION.

The candidates shall be elected by plurality vote with the candidate receiving the most number of votes in the respective position being declared the winner.
The results of the election shall be canvassed by the Board on May 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Lone Star College System District Services and Training Center, 5000 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands, Texas.

The Board shall conduct joint elections with Montgomery County, San Jacinto County, Tomball Independent School District, MUD 185 and Humble Independent School District. Montgomery County Elections Services, San Jacinto County Election Services, and Harris County Elections shall conduct the election for the System at the designated county and ISD polling sites for early voting and on Election Day.

Section 5: The election shall be held at the following election precincts in Harris County, Montgomery County and San Jacinto County within the boundaries and limits of the System. The election precincts established shall be designated by numbers, and the boundaries of the election precincts shall be those respectively designated and numbered precincts, or parts of numbered precincts, lying within the boundaries and limits of the System, which have been duly described, designated and established by order of the Harris County Commissioners Court, Montgomery County Commissioners Court and San Jacinto County Commissioners Court. The polling places are listed on Exhibit A; --these polling sites are subject to change by decision of the respective county election administrator and will updated in this Order as the new sites are identified:

Section 6. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 29, 2013 and continue through May 7, 2013 as listed on Exhibit B.:  

Montgomery County registered voters may early vote at any of the Montgomery County early voting locations.

Harris County registered voters may early vote at any of LSCS’s Harris County early voting locations.

San Jacinto County registered voters may early vote at any of the San Jacinto County early voting locations.

The Early Voting Clerk for the joint election in Montgomery County, hereby designated to be Suzie Harvey, Montgomery County Elections Administrator 9159 Airport Road, Conroe, TX 77303 will process, mail and tabulate the early ballots by mail for Montgomery County.

The Early Voting Clerk for the election in Harris County, hereby designated to be Stan Stanart, Harris County Clerk, P.O. Box 1525, Houston, TX 77251-1525 will process, mail and tabulate the early ballots by mail for Harris County.

The Early Voting Clerk for the joint election in San Jacinto County, hereby designated to be Sherryl Evans, San Jacinto County Elections Administrator, 51 East Pine Avenue, Room A1, Coldspring, TX 77331 will process, mail and tabulate the early ballots by mail for San Jacinto County.

Section 7: The voting at each election site shall be by voting machines duly adopted by the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Montgomery County and San Jacinto County utilizing a ballot method approved for use in elections held in each County. Voters in Harris County, Montgomery County and San Jacinto County shall use the respective County’s electronic voting system to vote for a candidate for each position and to vote for or against the Proposition. Voters in Harris County and Montgomery County will vote by operating eSlate’s Rotary Select to highlight the name of the candidate for whom the voter desires to vote and also to select “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposition. The voter will push the ENTER button to register their vote. Voters in San Jacinto County will vote by operating Election Systems & Software, Inc. iVotronic Touch Screen to highlight the name of the candidate for who the voter desires to vote and also to select “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposition. The voter will press the small “vote” button at the very top of the iVotronic to cast the vote.

Section 8: This Order shall constitute the election order for the call of the election and the same or a substantial copy thereof shall constitute the notice of such election; and the Secretary of the Board is ordered to cause notice of the election to be given as required by law. Immediately after the election, the officers holding
the election shall convey returns of the results to the Board of the System. The Board shall canvass such returns, declare the results of such election, and issue certificates of election to the persons shown by such returns to be elected to each of the three (3) named positions.

Notice of such election shall be given by publishing a substantial copy of this election order, in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese, one time, not earlier than the thirtieth day nor later than the tenth day prior to the date set for the election, in a newspaper published in the District, and by posting a copy of this order on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board of Trustees meetings and the System’s web page, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election.

Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

It is hereby officially found and determined that notice of the meeting at which this order is adopted was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, and that such meeting has been open to the public at all times when this order was discussed and acted on.

PASSED AND APPROVED on February 20, 2013.

Chair, Board of Trustees
LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM

ATTEST:

Priscilla Kelly
Secretary, Board of Trustees
LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM
(SEAL)