PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees for the Lone Star College System will hold an election on the 4th day of November, 2014 in accordance with the following order:

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 Districts Nos. 3, 4 and 9, respectively, on the Board of Trustees of the Lone Star College System, shall be held on November 4, 2014, 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 November 4, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing Trustees to fill Positions for District Nos. 3, 4 and 9, 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 July 21, 2014 and August 18, 2014 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 District in which he or she is a candidate to have his or her name placed on the official ballot and the District number on such Board for which he or she desires to become a candidate. Candidates must be residents of Districts 3, 4 or 9 in which they intend to run.

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 August 18, 2014 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 August 18, 2014, 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, COMPRISED 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 $485,000,000 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 CAUSED TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHIN THE LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS; SAID BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND SAID TAXES TO BE LEVIED, PLEDGED 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
Trustees and Bond Election

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 $485,000,000 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 FACILITIES; TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE; SAFETY AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE; PLANT SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS; AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

[ ] 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 November 11, 2014 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.

Montgomery County Elections Services, San Jacinto County Election Services, and Harris County Elections shall conduct the Trustee and Bond elections for the System at the designated county and District 3, 4 and 9 polling sites for early voting and on Election Day.;

Section 5: The Bond election shall be held at the following election precincts in Harris County, Montgomery County and San Jacinto County and within the boundaries and limits of Districts 3, 4 and 9 within Harris County for the Trustee election. 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 of Districts of 3,4 and 9 within 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 October 20, 2014 and continue through October 31, 2014 as listed on Exhibit B.: 

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

Harris County registered voters may early vote at any of Harris County early voting locations for both the Trustee and Bond elections.

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

The Early Voting Clerk for the 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 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 in Districts 3, 4 and 9 shall use the County’s electronic voting system to vote for a candidate for their respective Trustee position and to vote for or against the Proposition. Other voters in Harris County shall use the County’s electronic voting system to vote for or against the Proposition.Voters in Montgomery County and San Jacinto County shall use the respective County’s electronic voting system 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: Additional Information Required by Section 3.009 of the Election Code.

(a) As of September 1, 2013, the first day of the System’s current fiscal year, the aggregate principal amount outstanding of tax-supported debt of the System was $461,635,000 and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on such tax-supported debt was $250,549,363.20. The System’s ad valorem debt service tax rate as of the date of this Order is $0.0335 per $100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the System.

(b) The System intends to issue the bonds authorized by the Proposition over a period of years in a manner and in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Board based upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the then current needs of the System, demographic changes, prevailing market conditions, assessed valuations in the System and management of the System’s short-term and long-term interest rate exposure. Market conditions, demographics and assessed valuations vary based upon a number of factors beyond the System’s control, and therefore, the System cannot and does not guarantee a particular interest rate or tax rate associated with the bonds authorized by the Proposition. As such, the information contained in this paragraph is provided solely for illustrative purposes and does not establish any limitations or restrictions or create a contract with the voters. The System currently estimates that if the Proposition were approved and the bonds proposed herein were authorized and issued in accordance with the System’s currently projected plan of finance, the System’s ad valorem debt service tax rate would increase incrementally by approximately $0.0000 per $100 of assessed valuation.

(c) Any additional information required by Section 3.009 of the Code is contained in Sections 3 and 4 of this Order.

Section 9: 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, in at least three (3) public places in the boundaries of the System 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 August 7, 2014.

Chair, Board of Trustees
LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM

ATTEST:

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