

**ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SLATON INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE POSTPONEMENT OF ITS
GENERAL TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code provides that a general or special election in the State of Texas (the “State”) shall be held on a uniform election date, with the next uniform election date occurring on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State (the “Governor”) by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor certified that the novel coronavirus posed an imminent threat of disaster and declared a state of disaster for all counties in the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has the express authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for the conduct of State business or the orders or rules of a State agency if strict compliance with the provisions, orders, or rules would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, the Governor issued a proclamation (the “Proclamation”), attached hereto as Exhibit A, to: (i) suspend Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code, and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020 to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date of November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office for the directors; and (ii) suspend Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed its election to November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor further proclaimed in his Proclamation that pursuant to Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code, a political subdivision has the authority to make the decision to postpone its election until November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order prohibiting social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, State and local health officials have strongly recommended that people avoid mass gatherings and attempt to stay distant to avoid the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the District is impacted by this state of emergency and is concerned that the emergency will impact students, parents, staff, the community and the May 2, 2020, Election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Slaton Independent School District (the “District”) adopted an order on January 14, 2020, calling for a general election for the election of two trustee positions to be held within the District on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in light of the Governor's March 13, 2020 declaration of disaster, the Proclamation and the Governor's March 19, 2020 Executive Order, the Board has found and determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the District and its citizens that it authorize by this Order to hold its general trustee election on November 3, 2020 (the "Postponed Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SLATON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Date. The Board hereby authorizes the postponement of the District's general trustee election until November 3, 2020.

Section 3. Notice of Postponement of Election. Notice of the District's postponement of its May 2, 2020, General Trustee Election shall be given by (i) posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the District's website, prominently, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to May 2, 2020, the date on which the General Election would have originally been held, through May 2, 2020, and (ii) posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish on Lubbock County's (the "County") website, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to May 2, 2020, through May 2, 2020.

Section 4. All Applications for Ballots by Mail.

(a) All Applications for Ballots by Mail ("ABM") for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability remain valid for the Postponed Election.

(b) All ABMs for voters who submitted ABMs based on expected absence from the County are NOT valid for the Postponed Election.

Section 5. Deadlines for Postponed Election. All relevant deadlines and timelines for the November 3, 2020 uniform election date shall apply to the Postponed Election, including, but not limited to, the following:

- October 5, 2020 - Voter registration deadline.
- October 23, 2020 - Deadline to submit an ABM.
- October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020 – Days for early voting by personal appearance.

Section 6. Future Election Order. On or before August 17, 2020, the Board will consider for adoption an Amended Order of Election reflecting any changes to polling places and/or election officials, as necessary, for the Postponed Election.

Section 7. Necessary Actions. The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's attorney, is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 23rd day of March, 2020.



President, Board of Trustees
Slaton Independent School District

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Slaton Independent School District

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A
PROCLAMATION
[Attached]



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 18, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:00 AM '20

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

MAR 18 2020

Secretary of State

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office, and suspending Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor
GSD/gsd

Attachment

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code provides that a general or special election in this state shall be held on a uniform election date, and the next uniform election date is occurring on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code provides that certain districts governed by this provision are required to hold director elections in May of each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.0052 of the Texas Election Code prescribes a procedure for a political subdivision to change a general election date, but the time for making such a change has expired; and

WHEREAS, Section 31.093 of the Texas Election Code requires a county elections administrator to enter into a contract to furnish election services upon request of a political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Section 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code does not require a political subdivision to enter into a contract with a county or hold a joint election with a county on the November uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has the express authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of a state agency if strict compliance with the provisions, orders, or rules would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, do hereby suspend Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office. I further suspend Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The authority ordering the election under Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code is the authority authorized to make the decision to postpone its election in accordance with this proclamation.

Current office holders will hold over to the extent authorized by Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:00 AM O'CLOCK
MAR 18 2020



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereto signed my name and
have officially caused the Seal of
State to be affixed at my office in the
City of Austin, Texas, this the 18th
day of March, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in cursive script.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughs in cursive script.

RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:20 AM O'CLOCK
MAR 18 2020

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Slaton Independent School District, hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees of said District convened in Special]Session on March 23, 2020, at the regular meeting place thereof, and the roll was called of the duly constituted members of said Board of Trustees, to-wit:

Carlos Bentancourt, President	Kristal Garcia)	Board
Justin Martin, Vice President	Irma Jaramillo)	of
Greg Schilling, Secretary	Kara Newcomb)	Trustees
	Milton Smith)	

and all of said persons were present at said meeting, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at said meeting: a written Order entitled

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was duly introduced for consideration of said Board of Trustees. It was then duly moved and seconded that said Order be passed; and after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the passage of said Order, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

2. A true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid Order passed at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; said Order has been duly recorded in the official minutes of said Board of Trustees; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true and correct excerpt from said minutes of said meeting pertaining to the passage of said Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph, at the time of said meeting and the passage of said Order, were the duly chosen, qualified and acting members of said Board of Trustees as indicated therein; according to the records of my office, each member of the Board of Trustees was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the aforesaid meeting and that said Order would be introduced and considered for passage at said meeting; and said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chap. 551, Texas Government Code.



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Slaton Independent School District

[DISTRICT SEAL]