

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Public Education  
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Thursday, October 16, 2014  
PLACE: E2.036  
CHAIR: Rep. Jimmie Don Aycok

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**The committee will meet to consider the following interim charges:**

Solicit input from leading authorities on the traits and characteristics of good governance, effective checks and balances between the board and administration and the effective relationship between a board and the superintendent. Review current oversight authority by the Texas Education Agency over school board policies on governance. Make recommendations on trustee training, potential sanctions, and means of grievances, as well as recommendations on whether the role of trustee or superintendent needs to be more clearly defined.

Examine the role of the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) in serving school districts. Review the programs and services of HCDE, specifically the department's ability to assist school districts to operate more efficiently. Report any costs or savings the HCDE provides districts and taxpayers. Make recommendations to improve the operation of the HCDE.

*Public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes.*

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