

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF HUNT AND COLLIN
BLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Bland Independent School District hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board convened in a special meeting on August 14, 2025, at the designated meeting place, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to wit:

Terry Hurst, President
Jeff Striplin, Vice President
Cody Welborn, Secretary
Trevor Hurst, Board Member
Corey White, Board Member
Kendal Wright, Board Member
Trent Poe, Board Member

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

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was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. 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, with all members of the Board shown present above voting "Aye," except as noted below:

NAYS: _____ 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 Board's minutes of said meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from the Board's minutes of said meeting pertaining to the passage of said Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; that each of the officers and members of the Board 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 each of said officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of said meeting for such purpose; and that 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 the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Bland Independent School District (the "District") desires to order a special bond election to be held on November 4, 2025 (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the bond referendum is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code (the "Code"), and the District is contracting with each of Hunt County, Texas, and Collin County, Texas (individually, a "County" and collectively, the "Counties") for the administration of the Election pursuant to separate interlocal agreements with each County (individually, an "Election Contract" and collectively, the "Election Contracts"); and

WHEREAS, the Counties, acting through each of the Hunt County Elections Administrator and the Collin County Elections Administrator (individually, an "Elections Administrator" and collectively, the "Elections Administrators") in accordance with each respective Election Contract, will provide for the administration of the Election; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551;

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

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

Section 2. Election Ordered; Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025 ("Election Day"). The Election is to be conducted by the Counties, as provided by Chapter 271, Texas Election Code (the "Code"), and the Election Contracts. On Election Day, voting for the Election shall occur during the hours stated above at the designated polling places as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. **Exhibit A** shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contracts and the Code.

Section 3. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by the Counties. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 20, 2025 and conclude on October 31, 2025, and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. **Exhibit B** shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contracts and the Code.

Section 4. Election Officials. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrators in accordance with the Election Contracts and the Code. The Elections Administrators may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at

the central counting station. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance, and the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Board to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contracts with the Counties.

Section 5. Voting by Mail. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be submitted by personal delivery or shall be mailed to the applicable address below prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law.

(a) Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District residing in Hunt County shall be submitted, prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law, by (i) personal delivery to Ms. Jeannie Ash, Early Voting Clerk, Hunt County Elections, 2217A Washington St., Greenville, Texas 75401; (ii) mail to Hunt County Early Voting Clerk, 2217 Washington St., Greenville, Texas 75401; (iii) by facsimile to (903) 454-7905; or (iv) by email to jash@huntcounty.net. If submitted by facsimile or email, a hard copy of the application must be mailed to the foregoing address within four days of sending the facsimile or email.

(b) Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District residing in Collin County shall be submitted, prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law, by (i) personal delivery to Collin County Elections Department, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, Texas 75069; (ii) mail to Collin County Early Voting Clerk, Elections Office, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, Texas 75069; (iii) by facsimile to (972) 547-1996; or (iv) by email to absenteemailballot@collincountytx.gov. If submitted by facsimile or email, a hard copy of the application must be mailed to the foregoing address within four days of sending the facsimile or email.

Section 6. Early Voting Ballots. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrators. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

Section 8. Proposition. At the Election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

Bland Independent School District Special Election Proposition A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Bland Independent School District be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$9,000,000 for the construction, improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of school facilities and safety and security enhancements in the District, including the acquisition of land for school sites, with the bonds to mature, bear interest and be issued and sold in accordance with 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 the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

Section 9. Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION, with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

Bland Independent School District Special Election Proposition A

For	—) THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE; the issuance of \$9,000,000 of bonds by the Bland Independent School District for the construction, improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of school facilities and safety and security enhancements in the District, including the acquisition of land for school sites, and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.
Against	—)

Section 10. Compliance with Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Elections Administrators in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

Section 11. Debt Obligations. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

- (a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.
- (b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board will be authorized to levy 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 the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.
- (e) Based upon the bond market conditions on the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 6.00%. Such estimate takes into account a number of factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. 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.
- (f) The bonds that are the subject of the Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more than 40 years from their date), as prescribed by applicable Texas law, though the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 31-year period from their respective date of issue.
- (g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations secured by debt service taxes as of the date of this Order is \$12,135,000.
- (h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations secured by debt service taxes as of the date of this Order is \$5,011,709.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District as of the date of this Order is \$0.1900 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

(j) The website for the District (as the authority conducting the Election) is <https://www.blandisd.us> and the website for the Counties (as the entities administering the Election) are <https://www.huntcounty.net/page/hunt.election> (Hunt County), and <https://www.collincountytx.gov/Elections> (Collin County).

Exhibit A

Election Day Hours

November 4, 2025
7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Election Day Polling Locations

To be updated to conform to Election Contract

Exhibit B

Early Voting Polling Locations, Dates and Hours

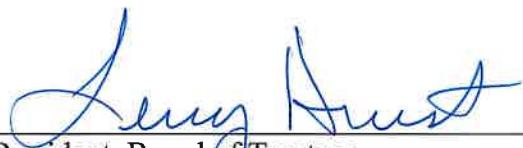
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3. The Board has approved the Order, and the President and Secretary of the Board hereby declare that their signing of this certificate shall constitute the signing of the attached and following copy of said Order for all purposes.

SIGNED AND SEALED ON AUGUST 14, 2025.



Carol
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Bland Independent School District



Lucy
President, Board of Trustees
Bland Independent School District

(District Seal)