

HOW TO SIGN UP TO TESTIFY AT A BOARD MEETING

Thank you so much for your interest in speaking at the upcoming Houston ISD Board Meeting! **Parent and community voice is incredibly powerful, and HISD leaders want to hear your stories to help inform them about decision-making.**

Here is the link to the upcoming school board meetings and public hearings hosted by HISD.

1. Follow the link provided above and find the meeting where you'd like to provide testimony.
2. Once you find the meeting you want to attend, you will click on "Meeting Details".
3. Next, you will see a gray box that says, "Sign in to Speak". Once you click that gray box, you'll be taken to a log-in screen.
4. You will need to create a log-in, which can be done by clicking the blue text at the bottom of the screen that says "Don't have an account? No problem, create one now!".
5. Create an account, and once you are logged in, you can sign up to be a speaker.

Type of Meeting	What is the meeting for?	When is the meeting?
Agenda Review	Agenda Review meetings are meetings where the HISD School Board reviews the upcoming agenda for the regularly scheduled school board meeting. Public Testimony is heard during this meeting.	First Thursday of the Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agendas are posted on the Monday prior to this meeting • You have until noon the Wednesday before the meeting to register as a speaker*
Regular Board Meetings	School Board Meetings are the regularly scheduled meetings for the district where public testimony is heard, district staff present important updates to the board, and where policies are voted upon by the entire board for approval.	Second Thursday of every month (except July) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have until noon the Wednesday before the meeting to register as a speaker*
Public Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required meetings where the HISD Board must listen to public comment on an issue. • Public comments at these meetings must relate to the topic of the hearing. 	Schedule for these meetings changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the HISD Board Calendar to see when these happen.

NOTES

1. For Agenda Review and Board Meetings, you may speak about a specific agenda item at agenda review or regular board meetings. However, if there is a topic you'd like to discuss that isn't on the agenda, you can speak on any topic during the hearing of citizens at regular board meetings.
2. You may speak in person or via Zoom. To speak virtually through Zoom, you will need to follow the instructions included in the confirmation email you will receive after you complete speaker registration.