



**MAYORS OFFICE OF  
BOARDS &  
COMMISSIONS**

# TYPES OF BOARDS



ARTS,  
RECREATION &  
CULTURAL  
AFFAIRS



ADVISORY  
BOARDS



ECONOMIC &  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT



GOVERNMENT  
OVERSIGHT &  
REGULATORY  
ISSUES



PUBLIC  
SAFETY



# OVERVIEW



There are 164 active boards and commissions and 2,081 individual appointees serving on those boards across the City.



Boards and Commissions engage Houston residents who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise for the benefit of the community by setting policy, settling disputes, aiding fellow citizens, fundraising, and planning for Houston's future.

# APPOINTMENT TYPES

## Mayoral Appointments

Immediate upon the Mayor's signature.  
Ex. Advisory boards, Ad-Hoc boards.

## Mayor Nominates – Council Approves

The Mayor nominates via formal letter, and Council Approves during Wednesday Sessions. (most common)  
Ex. METRO, Coastal Water Authority.

## Council Nominated – Council Confirmed

Completed by a Council motion after the Mayor's office sends a memo to request nominations begin. Ex. Houston Land Bank

## Board/ Commission Nominates. Approved by Mayor/Council

A board will conduct its own nomination process and make recommendations to the Mayor for Council approval. Ex. Management Districts

## Joint Appointments

A handful of appointments are made jointly by the Mayor, City Council, and Harris County Commissioners Court. Ex. Chairperson of the Harris County Houston Sports Authority

## Other Entities Nominate

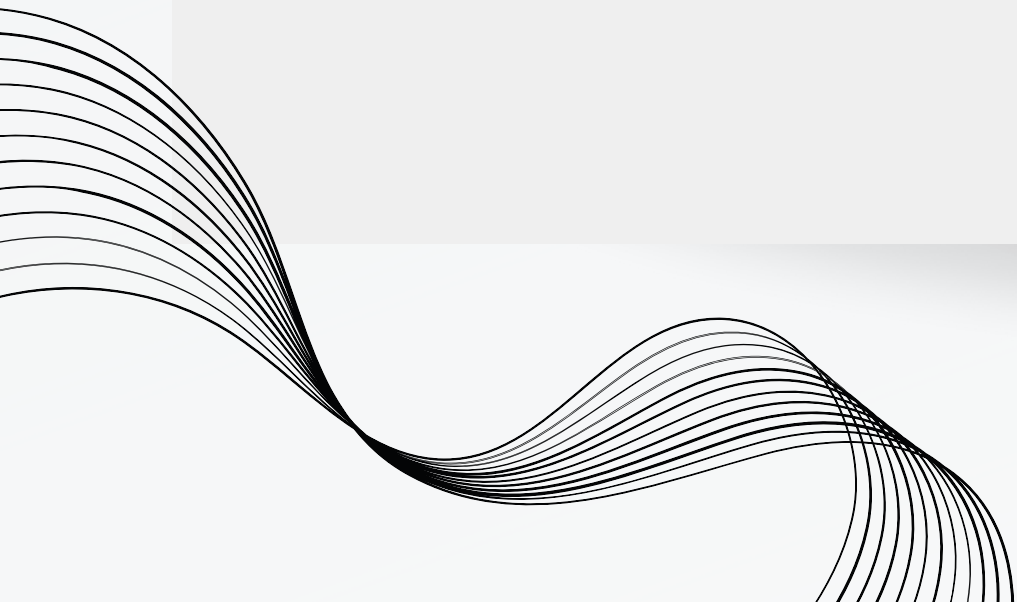
Several boards and commissions have seats dedicated to other entities that have an interest in the operations of that board. Ex. School Districts, Counties, Small Cities, The State

# COUNCIL NOMINATED, COUNCIL CONFIRMED

<b>Board Name</b>	<b># of Appointees</b>	<b># of Expired Terms</b>
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee	4	4
Houston Civic Events	1	0
Houston Ethics Commission	4	4
Houston First Corporation	1	1
Houston Land Bank	2	2
Houston Municipal Employees Pension System	2	0
Port of Houston Authority of Harris County Texas	1	0
Wastewater Capacity Reservation Review Board	2	2

# BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- Must be enthusiastic and passionate about the mission and efforts of the board.
- Must commit to attending at least 80% of board meetings.
- Must be current on personal property taxes- if applicable.
- Must be a resident of Houston. Limited positions are available for non-residents.
- Several boards and commissions have additional requirements.



# APPOINTMENT PROCESS

- Mayoral Recommendations
- Online Applications
- Council Member Recommendations
- Advisor Networking
- Board Member Recommendations
- Community Connections

## CANDIDATE CULTIVATION



Candidate research

Interview with B&C Advisor

Tax Check

## DUE DILIGENCE



B&C Office submits formal paperwork to the City Secretary and notifies Council and Organization of nominees.

## FORMAL NOMINATION



Nominations go to City Council for confirmation.

## COUNCIL ACTION

# QUESTIONS

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