

DOCKET NO. 078-LH-12-2025

**HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

v.

EVELYN GATES

§ **BEFORE THE**
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§ **CERTIFIED HEARING EXAMINER**
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§ **STATE OF TEXAS**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CERTIFIED HEARING EXAMINER

Petitioner, Houston Independent School District, (“HISD”), proposes nonrenewal of Respondent, Evelyn Gates (“Gates”) term contract (“the contract”) pursuant to Texas Education Code Sections-21.206(a) and 21.203(b) for the 2025-2026 school year.

Tolulope O. Kuteyi is the Certified Independent Hearing Examiner (“IHE”) assigned by the Texas Education Agency to preside at the hearing. Houston ISD is represented Myra S. Chickering, ROGERS, MORRIS, & GROVER LLP, 5718 Westheimer, Suite 1200, Houston, Texas 77057. Respondent, Evelyn Gates is represented by Christopher L. Tritico, TRITICO LAW, 1523 Yale Street, Houston, Texas.

RECOMMENDATION

1. HISD and Respondent Evelyn Gates (“Gates”) have resolved their differences regarding this matter and no longer desire to prosecute this appeal before the Independent Hearing Examiner.
2. HISD and Respondent Gates, entered into a Joint Stipulation of Dismissal, in accordance with Rule 11 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure on April 14, 2026.
3. For these reasons, HISD and Respondent Gates request that the Independent Hearing Examiner dismiss this appeal with prejudice.
3. HISD and Gates will bear their own attorney’s fees and costs.

SIGNED AND ISSUED on the 14th day of April 2026.

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Tolulope Kuteyi

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