

ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DEW
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A
BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE
DISTRICT; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE
CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE
ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS
RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Dew Independent School District (the "District") finds that an election should be held to determine whether the Board shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amounts and for the purposes hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, is contracting with Freestone County, Texas (the "County") for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the County (the "Election Contract"); and

WHEREAS, Freestone County, acting through the Freestone County Elections Administrator (the "Elections Administrator") in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the election for residents of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT;

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

Section 2. Call of Election; Date; Eligible Electors; and Hours. An election (the "Election") shall be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 ("Election Day"), within and throughout the territory of the District at which all resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote. The Board hereby finds that holding the Election on such date is in the public interest. The hours during which the polling places are to be open on Election Day shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 3. Voting Precincts; Polling Places; Election Officers. The Election is to be conducted by the County, as provided in Chapter 271, Texas Election Code (the "Code") and the Election Contract. Voting for the Election on Election Day shall occur during the hours and 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 Code and the Election Contract.

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 Administrator in accordance with the Election Contract and the Code. The Elections Administrator 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, or her designee, to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the County.

Section 4. Propositions. At the Election there shall be submitted to the resident, qualified electors of the District the following propositions (each a "Proposition" and collectively, the "Propositions"):

DEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Shall the board of trustees (the "board") of the dew independent school district (the "district") be authorized to issue bonds of the district, in one or more series or installments, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the district and the purchase of vehicles and school buses, which bonds shall mature, bear interest and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the board be authorized to levy, impose 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 costs of any credit agreements (including credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds), all as authorized by the constitution and laws of the state of Texas and the United States of America?

Section 5. Ballots. The Ballots shall conform to the requirements of the Election Code and shall have written or printed thereon the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

DEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

☐ FOR

☐ AGAINST

The issuance of \$2,000,000 bonds for the construction renovation and equipment of school buildings in the district and the purchase of vehicles and school buses, and levying and imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and the costs

of any credit agreement required.

Section 6. Voting. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code and any future proclamations of the Governor impacting the Election. 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 Administrator 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.

Each voter desiring to vote in favor of a Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "FOR" such Proposition, and each voter desiring to vote against a Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "AGAINST" such Proposition.

Section 7. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by the County. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin in accordance with the Code 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 on Exhibit A attached hereto. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code. Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the District. The Superintendent or her designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A to reflect the designated locations, and such locations are hereby approved.

Section 8. Voting By Mail. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be delivered to the address below and received (not postmarked) by October 24, 2025.

The Election Administrator, Ms. Renee McBay is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be sent by mail to:

Ms. Renee McBay, Elections Administrator
118 East Commerce Street
PO Box 1150
Fairfield, Texas 75840
Phone: (903) 389-3330.
Fax (903) 389-3839
Email: election.administrator@co.freestone.tx.us.
Website Address: <http://www.co.freestone.tx.us/page/freestone.Elections>.

Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, one time not earlier than the thirtieth

(30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District (or that otherwise complies with applicable law), (ii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Document (as hereinafter defined), in English and Spanish, on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board and in at least three (3) other public places within the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election, and (iii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Document, in English and Spanish, on the District's website, prominently and together with the Notice of the Election, the contents of the Propositions and any sample ballot prepared for the election, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order and the Voter Information Document shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the County Clerk of each of each county in which the District is located not later than the sixtieth (60th) day before the Election Day; which notice the Counties are hereby authorized and directed to post to their website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to Election Day. Notice of the Election shall be posted to the District's internet website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, in compliance with Section 4.009, Texas Election Code, as amended. The website for the District can be found at www.dewisd.net.

Section 10. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 11. Additional Information Required by Section 3.009 of the Election Code.

(a) Pursuant to Section 3.009, Election Code: (i) the proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 5 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized are set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amount of bonds to be authorized is set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (iv) if the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, as set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over a number of years not to exceed the maximum number of years authorized by law and bearing interest at the rate or rates (not to exceed the maximum rate now or hereafter authorized by law), as authorized by law and determined by the Board, (vi) as of the date of the adoption of this Election Order, the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations is \$0.00, and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations is \$0.00, and (vii) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate as of the date of adoption of this Election Order is \$0.0000 per \$100 valuation of taxable property.

(b) Based upon market conditions as of the date of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 5.00%. 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. In addition, the estimate contained in this subsection (b) is (i) based on certain assumptions (including assumptions concerning

prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 3.009, Election Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to and does not give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with the Propositions submitted by this Election Order.

Section 12. Authority of the Superintendent. The Superintendent or such person's designee, action on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's attorney and bond counsel is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including making changes or additions to polling places or procedures to the extent required or desirable as determined by the Election Administrators or as may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order.

Section 13. Voter Information Document. The Board hereby approves the voter information document (the "Voter Information Document"), in substantially the form presented to the Board, with such changes as may be approved by the President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's general counsel, bond counsel, and financial advisor, as prescribed by Section 1251.052(b), Texas Government Code.

The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, is further authorized and directed to post or provide for the posting of the Voter Information Document in the manner provided under Section 9 of this Order, and additionally on the District's website in an easily accessible manner beginning not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the date set for the Election and ending on the day after Election Day. The District's website is: www.dewisd.net.

Section 14. Authorization to Execute. The President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to execute and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest this Election Order on behalf of the Board; and the President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 15. Effective Date. This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

[Execution Page to Follow]

be and **PASSED AND APPROVED this** 11th day of April, 2025 **President, Board of Trustees**
Dew Independent School District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Dew Independent School District

(District Seal)

Exhibit A

POLLING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATION AND HOURS

(Election Day Polling Locations open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Locations

EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Main Early Voting Location: