Houston County Board of Education Board Members

1904
J. T. Houser
J. D. Cherry
J. A. Smith
H. E. Murray
S. J. Hose

1912, per deeds researched by Ellie Loudermilk
J. F. Houser
H. J. Peavy
W. E. Vinson
R. H. Howard
W. J. Cheek

1914, per deeds researched by Ellie Loudermilk
John F. Houser
H. J. Peavy
W. J. Cheek
W. E. Vinson
R. H. Howard

1924
J. P. Cooper

1925, per State of Georgia, Department of Archives and History, Georgia's Official Register
J. D. Fagan, Ch. Fort Valley
Geo. T. Hunt, Kathleen
W. H. Talton, Bonaire
Paul Hodge, Elko
J. H. Allen, Fort Valley

1925
J. W. Bloodworth
J. P. Cooper
C. C. Duncan
R. E. Harper
C.G. Harris
H. P. Houser

1926
J. P. Cooper

1927
J. P. Cooper

1927, per State of Georgia, Department of Archives and History, Georgia's Official Register
School Supt. H. P. Houser
Board of Education:
W. H. Talton, Chm., Bonaire
George T. Hunt, Kathleen, R. F. D.
P. H. Hodge, Elko, R. F. D.
S. W. Hickson, Jr., Fort Valley, R. F. D.
John T. Miller, Willston, R. F. D.

1929, per State of Georgia, Department of Archives and History, Georgia's Official Register
School Supt.-H. P. Houser
W. H. Talton, Chm., Bonaire
John T. Miller, Wellston
J. N. Buff, Elko
P. H. Hodge, Elko
S. W. Hiekson, Jr., Ft. Valley

1931
Robert Walker
Luther Kersey
J. W. Perdue
C. B. Watson
John T. Miller Note: HHJ also listed Mrs. George Collins

1931, per State of Georgia, Department of Archives and History, Georgia's Official Register
School Supt. H. P. Houser
Board of Education:
W. H. Talton, Chm., Bonaire
John T. Miller, Wellston
P. H. Hodge, Perry
J. N. Buff, Elko
S. W. Hickson, Jr., Fort Valley

1932, per State of Georgia, Department of Archives and History, Georgia's Official Register
J. N. Buff, Elko
S. W. Hickson, Jr., R. 3, Fort Valley
P. H. Hodge, Elko
W. H. Talton, Bonaire
John T. Miller, Wellston

1935
S. W. Hickson, Chairman

Perry Board: Frank Greene, G. C. Nunn, H. P. Dobbins, J. M. Grubb, and J. P. Etheridge.
Bonaire Board: J. L. Kersey, R. M. Walker, and Mrs. George Collins.

1936, per State of Georgia, Department of Archives and History, Georgia's Official Register
R.F. Scarborough, Perry
S.L. Norwood, Perry
J.N. Buff, Elko
Seabie W. Hickson, Jr., RFD 3, Fort Valley
C.B. Watson, Wellston

1936-1938
Seabie Hickson, President
J.N. Buff
S.L. Norwood
R.F. Scarborough
C.B. Watson

1939-1940
R. F. Scarborough
S. L. Norwood
C. B. Watson
J. N. Buff
F.M. Greene

1941-1942
S.L. Norwood
R.F. Scarborough
Floyd H. Tabor
C.B. Watson
J.N. Buff

1943-1944
J.N. Buff
S.L. Norwood
R.F. Scarborough
Floyd H. Tabor
C.B. Watson

1945
R. F. Scarborough
S. L. Norwood
Floyd H. Tabor
J. N. Buff
Henry Cullen Talton, Sr.

1946
J.N. Buff
B.H. Newberry
S.L. Norwood
R.F. Scarborough
Floyd H. Tabor
Henry Cullen Talton, Sr.

1947
B.H. Newberry
S.L. Norwood
R.F. Scarborough
Floyd H. Tabor
Henry Cullen Talton, Sr.

1948
B.H. Newberry
S.L. Norwood
R.R. Pratt
R.F. Scarborough
Floyd H. Tabor
Henry Cullen Talton, Sr.

1949
S.L. Norwood
R.R. Pratt
R.F. Scarborough
Floyd H. Tabor
Henry Cullen Talton, Sr.

1950
R. F. Scarborough
S. L. Norwood (Replaced by Harvey M. Nesmith)
R. R. Pratt
Henry Cullen Talton, Sr.
Floyd H. Tabor

1951-1954
L. Cohen Walker- President
Harvey M. Nesmith
R. R. Pratt
Floyd H. Tabor (Replaced by Marvin K. Dorsett)
H. C. Talton

1955-1958
L. Cohen Walker- President
Marvin K. Dorsett
Harvey M. Nesmith
R. R. Pratt
H. C. Talton

1959-1962
L. Cohen Walker- President
M. K. Dorsett
Francis M. Greene
R. R. Pratt
H. C. Talton

1963-1966
L. Cohen Walker- President
F. M. Greene
R. R. Pratt
W. G. Talbert, Jr. (Replaced Marvin K. Dorsett)
H. C. Talton

1967-1970
L. Cohen Walker- President
H. A. Aultman (resigned October 1968) Dr. J. R. Arnall appointed
Hugh Brazell
C. L. Hollomon
W. G. Talbert, Jr.

1971-1974
Hugh Brazell
W. H. George
Glenn Heck
C. L. Hollomon (resigned July 1973) L. A. McConnell appointed
W. G. Talbert, Jr.

1975-1978
Hugh Brazell
W. H. George
Glenn Heck
L. A. McConnell
W. G. Talbert, Jr. (resigned April 1975) Dr. Ben Lowery appointed

1979-1982
W. H. George
Glenn Heck
Wayne Lowe
Dr. Ben Lowery
L. A. McConnell

1981 ~ two additional board members added:
Billy P. Edenfield
J. R. Arnall

1983-1986
J. R. Arnall
Roy Cowart
Billy P. Edenfield
Bonnie Fortson
Glenn Heck (resigned Feb. 1984) – Josh Kirvin appointed, First black BOE member
Dr. Ben Lowery
Shirley Vassas

1987
J. R. Arnall
Zell Blackmon
Billy P.
EdenfieldJosh
Kirvin
Dr. Ben Lowery (resigned September 1987) – John Adams appointed
Dr. Don Meck
Elizabeth Porter

1988
John Adams
J. R. Arnall
Zell Blackmon
Billy P.
EdenfieldJosh
Kirvin Dr.
Don Meck
Elizabeth Porter

1989
John Adams
Zell Blackmon
Billy P. Edenfield
Hubert Hutcheson
Dr. Don Meck
Elizabeth Porter
Skip Talbert

1990
Billy P. Edenfield, Chairman
John Adams, Vice Chairman
Zell Blackmon
Hubert Hutcheson
Dr. Don Meck
Elizabeth Porter
Skip Talbert

1991
Billy P. Edenfield, Chairman
John Adams, Vice Chairman
Zell Blackmon
Eddie Causey (first year on Board)
Hubert Hutcheson
Shirley S. Lowery (first year on Board)
Skip Talbert

1992
Billy P. Edenfield, Chairman
John Adams, Vice Chairman
Zell Blackmon
Eddie Causey
Hubert Hutcheson
Shirley S. Lowery
Skip Talbert

1993
Zell Blackmon, Chairman
Eddie Causey
Dave Davidson
Tiena Fletcher
Hubert Hutcheson
Shirley S. Lowery
Skip Talbert

1994
Zell Blackmon, Chairman
Skip Talbert- Vice Chair
Eddie Causey (resigned and replaced with Gary McLure)
Dave Davidson
Tiena Fletcher
Hubert Hutcheson
Shirley S. Lowery

1995
Skip Talbert, Chairman
Dave Davidson
Tiena Fletcher
Hubert Hutcheson
Shirley S. Lowery
Gary McLure
Fred Wilson (first year on Board, replaced Z. Blackmon who didn't run)

1996
Skip Talbert, Chairman
Shirley S. Lowery, Vice Chairman
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins (first year on Board; began Feb. to replace H. Hutcheson who resigned)
Dave Davidson
Tiena Fletcher
Gary McLure
Fred Wilson

1997
Skip Talbert, Chairman
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Terry Hedden
Shirley S. Lowery
Gary McLure
Pat Summers
Fred Wilson

1998
Skip Talbert, Chairman
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Terry Hedden
Shirley S. Lowery
Gary McLure
Pat Summers
Fred Wilson

1999
Skip Talbert, Chairman
Shirley S. Lowery, Vice Chairman
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Terry Hedden
Ralph Nelson
Pat Summers
Fred Wilson

2000
Skip Talbert, Chairman
Shirley S. Lowery, Vice Chairman
Gillis “Skip” Dawkins
Terry Hedden
Ralph Nelson
Pat Summers
Fred Wilson

2001
Shirley S. Lowery, Chairman
Gillis “Skip” Dawkins, Vice Chairman
Pamela R. Greenway
Terry Hedden
Ralph Nelson
Pat Summers
Fred Wilson

2002
Gillis “Skip” Dawkins, Chairman
Fred Wilson, Vice Chairman
Pamela R. Greenway
Thomas Walmer
Ralph Nelson
Chuck Summers defeated October 2002 by Karen Mertens
Shirley S. Lowery (retired as of Dec. 2002)

2003
Fred Wilson, Chairman
Pamela R. Greenway, Vice Chairman
James “Jim” Boswell (Jan. 2003 joined Board)
W. G. “Griff” Clements (Jan. 2003 joined Board)
Gillis “Skip” Dawkins
Karen Mertens
Tom Walmer

2004
Pamela R. Greenway, Chairman
W. G. “Griff” Clements, Vice Chairman
James “Jim” Boswell
Gillis “Skip” Dawkins
Karen Mertens
Tom Walmer
Fred Wilson

2005
Pamela R. Greenway, Chairman
W. G. “Griff” Clements, Vice Chairman
James “Jim” Boswell
Gillis “Skip” Dawkins
Charles M. (Toby) Hill (Jan. 2005 joined Board)
Tom Walmer
Fred Wilson

2006
Pamela R. Greenway, Chairman
James "Jim" Boswell, Vice Chairman
W. G. "Griff" Clements
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Charles M. (Toby) Hill
Tom Walmer
Fred Wilson

2007
Pamela R. Greenway, Chairman
Tom Walmer, Vice Chairman
W. G. "Griff" Clements
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Charles M. (Toby) Hill
Marianne Melnick (joined as of Jan. 2007)
Fred Wilson

2008
Pamela R. Greenway, Chairman
Tom Walmer, Vice Chairman
W. G. "Griff" Clements
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Charles M. "Toby" Hill
Dr. Marianne Melnick
Fred Wilson

2009
Tom Walmer, Chairman
Charles M. "Toby" Hill, Vice Chairman
W. G. "Griff" Clements
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Pamela R. Greenway (passed away March 28, 2009) – Helen M. Hughes appointed, June 2009
Dr. Marianne Melnick
Fred Wilson

2010
Tom Walmer, Chairman
Charles M. "Toby" Hill, Vice Chairman
W. G. "Griff" Clements (resigned as of Dec. 2010)
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Helen M. Hughes
Dr. Marianne Melnick
Fred Wilson

2011
Tom Walmer, Chairman
Charles M. "Toby" Hill, Vice Chairman
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Helen M. Hughes
Jim Maddox (joined as of Jan. 2011)
Dr. Marianne Melnick
Fred Wilson

2012
Tom Walmer, Chairman
Dr. Marianne Melnick, Vice Chairman
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Charles M. "Toby" Hill
Helen M. Hughes
Jim Maddox
Fred Wilson

2013
Dr. Marianne Melnick, Chairman
Fred Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Helen M. Hughes
Jim Maddox
Dave McMahan
Tom Walmer (resigned Feb. 2013) Dr. Rick Unruh appointed April 2013

2014
Dr. Marianne Melnick, Chairman
Fred Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins
Helen M. Hughes
Jim Maddox (resigned as of Dec. 2014)
Dave McMahan (resigned March 2014)
Bryan Upshaw (appointed August 2014)
Dr. Rick Unruh

2015
Dr. Marianne Melnick, Chairman (resigned July 31, 2015)
Fred Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gillis "Skip" Dawkins (resigned July 21, 2015)
Helen M. Hughes
Hoke Morrow (joined Board Jan. 2015)
Dr. Rick Unruh
Bryan Upshaw

2016
Fred Wilson, Chairman
Helen M. Hughes, Vice Chairman
Dr. Rick Unruh
Lori Johnson (joined Board Sept. 2015)
Dave Crockett (joined Board Sept. 2015)
Hoke Morrow
Bryan Upshaw

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2017 - 2022
Fred Wilson, Chairman
Helen M. Hughes, Vice Chairman
Dr. Rick Unruh
Lori Johnson
Dave Crockett
Hoke Morrow
Bryan Upshaw

2023-2024
Helen M. Hughes, Chairman
Dr. Rick Unruh, Vice Chairman
Dave Crockett
Mark Ivory (joined in January 2023)
Lori Johnson
Jon Nichols (joined in January 2023)
Bryan Upshaw

2025-Present
Helen M. Hughes
Dr. Rick Unruh
Dave Crockett
Mark Ivory
Clyde Jackson (joined in January 2025)
Lori Johnson
Jon Nichols