

**Notice of Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the
RUSK COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rusk County Appraisal District will be held on Thursday the 16th day of April, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., in the District's administrative offices, 107 North Van Buren Street, Henderson Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to wit:

1. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum.
2. Public communications on issues within the authority of the Board.
3. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Review and possible approval of changes recommended to the Rusk County Appraisal District Employee Handbook.
5. Uncommit/Recommit fund balances.
6. Presentation of new appointed ARB Chairman and Secretary as appointed by the local administrative judge.
7. Presentation of 2027 proposed operating budget – workshop.
8. Chief Appraiser's comments.
9. Adjournment.

Dated this the 6th day of April, 2026.

RUSK COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

By: _____

Weldon R. Cook

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, including but not limited to consultation with counsel under section 551.071 and personnel matters under section 551.074. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROGRESS OF CHEMISTRY

The Committee on the Progress of Chemistry has the honor to report to the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago the results of its work during the year 1955. The Committee was organized in 1954 and has since that time been engaged in a study of the progress of chemistry in the United States and abroad. It has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from chemists and laymen alike. It has also conducted extensive research into the various factors which influence the progress of chemistry, such as the availability of funds, the quality of the scientific staff, and the state of the scientific equipment.

The Committee has found that the progress of chemistry in the United States is generally satisfactory, but that there are certain areas in which improvement is needed. These areas are: (1) the availability of funds, (2) the quality of the scientific staff, and (3) the state of the scientific equipment.

With respect to the availability of funds, the Committee has found that the Federal Government is the principal source of funds for research in chemistry in the United States. It has estimated that the Federal Government spent approximately \$1.5 billion in 1955 for research in chemistry, of which approximately \$1.2 billion was for basic research and approximately \$300 million was for applied research.

The Committee has found that the Federal Government's support of research in chemistry has increased steadily since 1950, and that this increase is expected to continue in the future. However, the Committee has also found that the Federal Government's support of research in chemistry is still far below that of other countries, such as the Soviet Union and Great Britain.

With respect to the quality of the scientific staff, the Committee has found that the United States has a large number of highly qualified chemists, but that there is a shortage of young chemists. This shortage is due to a number of factors, including the fact that many young chemists are attracted to other fields, such as physics and biology, and the fact that many young chemists are leaving the United States to work in other countries.

The Committee has found that the quality of the scientific staff in the United States is generally high, but that there is a need for more young chemists. It has recommended that the Federal Government should take steps to attract more young chemists to the United States, such as by providing them with research fellowships and by offering them more attractive salaries and benefits.

With respect to the state of the scientific equipment, the Committee has found that the United States has a large amount of scientific equipment, but that much of this equipment is outdated. This is due to the fact that the Federal Government has not provided sufficient funds for the replacement of outdated equipment. The Committee has recommended that the Federal Government should provide more funds for the replacement of outdated scientific equipment.

The Committee has also found that the state of the scientific equipment in the United States is generally poor, and that this is due to a number of factors, including the fact that many scientists are unable to obtain the equipment they need for their research, and the fact that many scientists are unable to maintain their equipment properly.

The Committee has recommended that the Federal Government should take steps to improve the state of the scientific equipment in the United States, such as by providing more funds for the replacement of outdated equipment and by providing more training for scientists in the use and maintenance of scientific equipment.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that the Federal Government should take the following steps to improve the progress of chemistry in the United States: (1) increase its support of research in chemistry, (2) take steps to attract more young chemists to the United States, and (3) provide more funds for the replacement of outdated scientific equipment. The Committee also recommends that the Federal Government should provide more training for scientists in the use and maintenance of scientific equipment. The Committee believes that these steps are essential for the continued progress of chemistry in the United States.