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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members and Members-elect of the Texas House of Representatives

FROM: Dade Phelan

SUBJECT: House Rules, 87th Legislature

In adopting rules of procedure for the coming session, the House will face a new challenge of determining how best to protect the health and safety of legislators, staff, and the public while providing for meaningful participation by members and the public in the legislative process. Our colleagues on the Workgroup on Legislative Operations During a Pandemic have been working to identify what is needed for us to work safely and effectively during this pandemic, and their work will provide a foundation for developing the House Rules of Procedure for the 87th Legislature.

To continue the process of developing those rules, I have asked Representatives Ana Hernandez, Todd Hunter, Brooks Landgraf, and Joe Moody to solicit rules proposals for the 87th Legislature. With over 50 combined years of House experience, these members bring a familiarity with the House Rules and their practical application and a commitment to preserving the House's institutional integrity and the Texas tradition of giving all Members the opportunity to represent their districts.

With the assistance of the House Parliamentarians, the role of these members will be to collect, organize, and review member proposals for changes to the existing House Rules. I have asked that Representatives Hernandez, Hunter, Landgraf, and Moody engage all members in this process, and they will reach out to you with details of the submission and review process.

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