



Hobby School of Public Affairs
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Civic Engagement Boot Camp Agenda
Friday, September 12, 2025
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Check-in

9:00 a.m. – 9:03 a.m.: Welcome and Introductions

Jessica Ruland, MPP
Program Director, Internships
Lecturer, Public Policy
Hobby School of Public Affairs

9:03 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.: Opening Keynote & Civic Storytelling Workshop
“Why Your Voice and Story Matters”

Annie Benifield Johnson, Ph.D.
CEO & President
Houston Voting Initiative

10:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.: “Civic Engagement in Action” Panel Discussion

Katie Campbell Shumway
Executive Director
League of Women Voters of Houston

Chris Pino
Manager of Voter Engagement
BakerRipley

Avery Spranger
Civic Engagement Coordinator
Harris County Department of Education

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Voting 101 + Mock Voting Booths

Kortni Montgomery, MBA
Outreach Community Coordinator
Office of Harris County Clerk, Teneshia Hudspeth

Ashley Lawson
Outreach Coordinator
Office of Harris County Clerk, Teneshia Hudspeth

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Civic Skills Lab: From Concern to Action

Sarah Syed
Policy Manager
Woori Juntos

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.: VDVR Training

James Lovell
Deputy Specialist – Voter Registration Outreach
Office of Annette Ramirez, Tax Assessor-Collector
& Voter Registrar