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## AGENDA

Wednesday, September 6, 2006  
University of Houston Hilton  
Shamrock Room, Suite 261B  
12:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Interim Charge 6: Evaluate the impact of successful school choice programs on students, parents, and teachers.
  - A. Overview of Supreme Court Ruling & Legal Precedents
    - David Roland, Staff Attorney, Institute for Justice
    - M. Kaye DeWalt, Special Counsel, Adams and Reese, LLP
    - David Anderson, General Counsel, Texas Education Agency
  - B. Successful School Choice Programs Nationwide
    - Dr. Patrick Wolf, Professor and Endowed Chair in School Choice, Department of Education Reform, University of Arkansas
    - Dr. Howard Fuller, Distinguished Professor of Education at Marquette University and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Black Alliance for Educational Options
  - C. Perspectives of School Choice Programs
    - Kathy Miller, President, Texas Freedom Network
    - Suzii Paynter, Director, Christian Life Commission, Baptist General Convention of Texas
  - D. Successful School Choice Programs in Texas
    - Jamie Story, Education Policy Analyst, Texas Public Policy Foundation
    - Rosemary Perlmeter, Founder and Executive Director, Uplift Education
    - Robert Aguirre, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Hispanic Council for Reform and Educational Options
- IV. Public Testimony
- V. Recess