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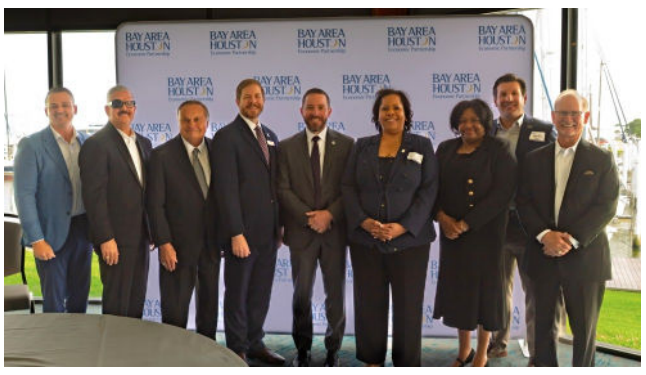
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BAHEP extends its sincere appreciation for the continued support of THE DAILY NEWS through this monthly supplement.

BAHEP Hosts FBI Special Agent Jason Hudson for Public Safety Update

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, a member-driven organization dedicated to stimulating regional economic development and employment in Southeast Texas, hosted its April General Membership Meeting at Lakewood Yacht Club on April 29, 2026. The meeting featured a FBI Security and risk briefing from Jason M. Hudson, Special Agent in Charge of FBI Houston.

The event brought together elected officials, business executives, community leaders, educators and legislative staff for an evening of networking and mingling. BAHEP President Brian Freedman kicked off the program with a welcome message and an introduction of elected officials, new members, and sponsors. Platinum sponsor of the evening, The C.O.R.E Institute, then invited up Special Agent Hudson to the stage.



(L to R) Greg Neail, R.J. Boatman, Carl Joiner, Brian Freedman, Jason Hudson, Nellie Chappell-White, Dr. Chara Bowie, Travis Perez, and Dave Smith.

Agent Hudson gave an engaging and informative talk on major global developments and emerging threat conditions with potential implications for the Bay Area Houston region. He also addressed security considerations related to the upcoming soccer games, transnational criminal activity involving Mexican cartels, instability in the Middle East, and cyber and infrastructure threats, as well as his perspective on how national and international events translate into local risk, resilience, and readiness. Agent Hudson encouraged members to stay informed and in contact with their public safety resources especially during high-profile times.

After a brief Q&A with Agent Hudson, Nellie Chappell-White, 2026 BAHEP Board Chair and CEO of JES Tech, provided a quick update on upcoming BAHEP events and adjourned the meeting.



(L to R) Eva deCardenas, Elaina Polsen, and Amy Doherty networking prior to the General Membership Meeting.



(L to R) City of Seabrook Mayor Jim Sweeney, City of Friendswood Mayor Mike Foreman, and Carl Joiner.

BAHEP Welcomes 21 New Members with Networking and Breakfast

BAHEP hosted its New Member Breakfast on April 14 at the BAHEP offices to welcome the 21 new members who have joined the organization so far this year. New members, BAHEP staff, committee chairs, and members of the Membership Engagement Committee gathered bright and early to enjoy a catered breakfast and time for networking.

After a quick mingling session, participants took a seat to learn more about the organization as well as hear from each Committee Chair about the mission and work of their committee.



BAHEP's newest members posing with BAHEP committee chairs and staff at the New Member Breakfast.

BAHEP is thrilled to welcome so many new and diverse members to the organization and looks forward to the work they will contribute to this region. To learn more about membership, visit www.bayareahouston.com.



(L to R) Amy Reid, Barbara Cutsinger, and Renee Ethridge mingling at the New Member Breakfast.

2026 New BAHEP Members:

- Agency 8 Recruiting
- Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLC
- BRPH
- Burrows Financial
- Consulate General of Finland in Houston
- Elevated PT
- Empire Creative Marketing
- Exobiosphere
- Hensel Phelps
- Lone Star College System
- Main Stay Suites Houston NASA/Clear Lake
- Odyssey Space Research
- Paragon Space Development Corporation
- ProMusica Foundation
- Quebec Delegation in Houston
- Teleioo Group, LLC
- Texan Title Commercial Division
- Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC)
- UFCU University Credit Union
- Vast, Inc.
- VENU Holding Corporation

Houston Airport System Provides Update Ahead of Busy Summer

On May 7, 2026, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership hosted its May General Membership Meeting at Lakewood Yacht Club featuring guest speaker, Jim Szczesniak, Director of Aviation for the Houston Airport System. Szczesniak was appointed Airport Director of the Houston Airport System in 2024 and is responsible for the overall management of the Houston Airport System's three aviation facilities: George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) and Ellington Airport (EFD).

The meeting brought together BAHEP's members, and partners, plus elected officials and prospective members. The platinum sponsor of the evening was Wycoff Development and Construction.

As the Houston Airports prepare for a defining global moment this summer, Szczesniak spoke to members about how the Houston Airport System is scaling operations, strengthening partnerships, and advancing infrastructure as the region prepares to welcome more than 500,000 travelers to Houston. He emphasized that this period of heightened global attention bring both opportunities and responsibilities for Houston's business community.



The sponsors of the May General Membership Meeting with Jim Szczesniak, Brian Freedman, and Nellie Chappell-White.



Jim Szczesniak providing a Houston Airport Systems update to the membership.



City of Seabrook Councilmember Summer Sanford, City of Kemah Administrator Cesar Garcia, and Leola Daniels networking ahead of meeting.

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