



# THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GREATER HOUSTON

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## From the Desk of ISGH President

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله و بركاته

On Saturday, April 20th, 2019 Ulema committee meeting commenced, in the presence of ISGH president and vice president. Many imams, community leaders and scholars representing the entire Houston metropolis were present. A lengthy discussion regarding the Ramadan and Eid beginnings. A consensus opinion was reached and is summarized as follows:

1. ISGH currently maintains the opinion that the month is to be based on the sighting of the new moon while using definitive astronomical calculations to reject a sighting but not to affirm the sighting. Furthermore, ISGH does not follow the view of "differences in region," that is, that each region of the world must have its own sighting. This current position is the view of the majority of the scholars, both in the past and present.
2. The above opinion is also followed by most non-ISGH mosques in Houston metropolis.
3. A committee will continue to observe different sightings and inform all imams and leaders via What's-app, email and FB once a decision is made on the anticipated 29th or 30th night of *Shaban* (Sunday, May 5th, 2019) by the time of isha prayers, in sha Allah.

We ask Allah to give us the guidance and accept our deeds.

Sohail Syed  
-ISGH President.