

Henderson ISD Board Background

Subject: Consider the Certification of Unopposed Candidates and the Order of Cancellation of the at-large Henderson ISD Board of Trustees Election

Presented for: Action X

Report Only

Background Information

- The filing period for the November 3, 2026 trustee election has closed. **Shannon Coates** and **Loy Dorsey** were the only two candidates to file for the two at-large positions and no timely declaration of write-in candidacy was submitted for that office.
- Under **Texas Election Code 2.052**, the authority responsible for preparing the ballot must certify in writing that the candidates are unopposed.
- Upon receipt of those certifications, the Board shall declare the unopposed candidates elected and the election for those offices is not held. This declaration is completed by adopting an Order of Cancellation under **Texas Election Code 2.053**.
- The Texas Secretary of State's prescribed forms and guidance provide that the governing body first **receives and accepts** the Certification of Unopposed Candidates and then adopts the **Order of Cancellation**.
- A certificate of election will be issued to the elected candidates in the same manner and time as provided for a candidate elected at the election. The candidate must qualify for office in the same manner as provided for a candidate at the election. Candidates cannot take office until the regular canvassing period has taken place.

Recommendation: Accept the **Certifications of Unopposed Candidates**, Approve the **Order of Cancellation** for the November 3rd at-large election, and declare **Shannon Coates** and **Loy Dorsey** as elected.

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