



## Lamar CISD

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**Meeting Type:** Regular

**Item Category:** Future Consent Item

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**Item Name: DISCUSSION OF DESIGNATION OF CARMEN P. TURNER, MPA, PCC, CTOP, PCAC AS TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR FOR LAMAR CISD**

**Item Summary:** Property taxes serve as a primary funding source for Lamar CISD's operational budget. Efficient collection of the annual property tax levy is essential to maintaining financial stability and supporting the District's continued growth. The District requires an experienced and capable tax collector to manage tax collection efforts, ensure adherence to Texas Tax Code regulations, and represent the District in other proceedings when necessary.

The Fort Bend County Tax Assessor has performed the duties of tax assessor-collector for the District since the execution of the initial interlocal agreement in July 1999. The tax collection process has run smoothly since the Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector's office assumed the function. The renewal of this agreement will ensure the continuity of the system and the efficient collection of taxes. The cost of services for the 2024-25 fiscal year are \$50,981.60 (127,454 parcels) as follows:

- Forty cents (\$0.40) per parcel per year,
- Other reimbursable costs incurred by the County on the District's behalf, and
- Costs for any additional services requested by the District.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve, by interlocal agreement, Carmen P. Turner as Tax Assessor-Collector for Lamar Consolidated ISD for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (with the option to extend the contract), and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the interlocal agreement.

**Policy Reference:** CH (Legal and Local) and CCGA (Legal and Local)

**Leadership Definition Alignment:** Plan for Success

**Strategic Plan Alignment:** N/A

**Currently Budgeted?**  Yes  No  No Budgetary Impact

**Completion or Implementation Timeline:** 2024-2025 Fiscal Year