

Application for the Vacant Place 7 Trustee Position

The CISD Board of Trustees is accepting applications for the possible appointment of an individual to fill the vacant Place 7 Trustee position from from Monday, October 24 at 8 a.m. until Tuesday, November 1 at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in applying for a potential appointment to the open seat must meet the requirements listed below and in [District Policy BBA \(LEGAL\)](#), and will be required to resign from any conflicting commitments, including, but not limited to, other district committees and nonprofits, PTOs, or booster clubs.

According to Texas law, CISD Trustees may either (1) call a special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, (2) appoint a replacement for the Place 7 Trustee position through the May 6, 2023 election or (3) allow the position to remain vacant until the May 6, 2023, election. In any event, the unexpired term for CISD Trustee Place 7 will be on the May 6, 2023, ballot to fill the remainder of the term. Place 7 will then be up for election for its full three-year term during the May 4, 2024 election.

Applicants must meet the Board of Trustees qualifications, which generally are:

- A U.S. Citizen
- 18-years-old at the start date of the Term of Service
- A resident of the district for 6 months before the application deadline
- A resident of the state of Texas for 12 months before the application deadline
- Be registered to vote

Email *

sjpatel50@yahoo.com

Applicant's First and Last Name *

Samit Patel

Address *

358 Ashley Drive

City *

Coppell

Zip Code *

75019

Phone Number *

2149959530

Do you have children currently enrolled in Coppell ISD? *

Yes

No

If yes, please list your child's schools/ and grades below: *

Untitled Section

Do you have children who have graduated from Coppell ISD? *

Yes

No

Why would you like to be part of the CISD Board of Trustees? *

I have served on my committees for the ISD and would like to continue to serve the District in a greater capacity to continue to help keep our District one of the best

What is your understanding of the role of School Board Trustee? *

The Trustee's role is to serve as guidance and oversight for the community for the District.

Briefly describe your education background and qualifications. *

I have a bachelors degree in landscape architecture with a professional licensure that requires yearly continuing education. I serve as a mentor to new developing professionals. I coach youth sports.

If you are currently employed, briefly describe your position. *

I am a senior landscape architect in leadership of a new group entering into the DFW market. I previously ran my own design firm.

Briefly describe your volunteer experience/involvement in CISD. *

I have serve on numerous committees including three terms with DEIC, currently on the Bond Steering Committee, CBAS Advisory Committee, previously on the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee. I also serve on CEF. and I am also on the Education Committee with the Chamber of Commerce

What strengths do you bring to this position? *

I am very open minded and pragmatic. I try to listen to view ideas and decisions from as many sides as I can in order to make a more informed decision. I am not afraid to consider very different thoughts and ideas. And I am ready to support my counterparts ideas or opinions.

What is your vision for education in our community? *

Maintaining the high level CISD is at requires constant improvements and change. Changes must be carefully guided. We should have the best educators and staff and the best facilities and resources to support the educators, learners and community. We need to make sure we remain among the most desirable Districts to help preserve our property values.

What do you see as the most significant challenge facing CISD? *

Funding is every ISD's biggest challenge. We have aging facilities that needs to addressed, along with capacity issues.

School Board Trustees spend an average of 12-15 hours per month executing their duties, with some months requiring substantially more. Are you prepared to make this time commitment? *

Yes

No

Briefly describe why you believe you have sufficient time to devote to this position: *

I currently serve on several committees with the ISD as well as CEF and the Chamber as well as coach youth sports. I understand I may have to step down from some of those as priority would have to go to the Board.

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you or your immediate family members employed by CISD or any company that does business with or receives funds from CISD? If yes, please describe. If no, please type no. *

No

Please provide three references. Please share the name, email address, phone number and your relationship to the reference below. *

Ellie Braxton, ellie@coppellchamber.org, 214-304-5927, President & CEO Coppell Chamber of Commerce
Melissa Mieyr, melissamieyr@infoquestcfs.com, 4696089626, Colleague on Chamber Education Committee
Greg Hope, Greg.Hope@Schwab.com, 6178161466, Classmate in Leadership Coppell
Andrew Million, AMillion@thegrowthcoach.com, 214.701.5152, Colleague with Chamber of Commerce

I understand that this position is only until the May 6, 2023 election. The unexpired term for CISD Trustee Place 7 will be on the May 6, 2023 ballot to fill the remainder of the term. The regular three-year Place 7 term will also be on the May 4, 2024 Ballot. *

I understand.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. Typing my full name below serves as my signature *

Samit Patel

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