



Ector County Appraisal District

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Mr. Chris Stanley, Board President
Ector County Independent School District
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Dear Mr. Stanley,

Senate Bill 2 (SB2) of the second called special session of the 88th Texas Legislature made significant changes to the composition of the Ector County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Previously in effect by board resolution, we had a nine (9) member board of directors. SB2 made the changes effective July 1, 2024, to change the board of directors to five (5) appointed directors, three (3) elected directors and the county tax assessor/collector serves as an ex officio director. SB2 requires that for 2024, the five (5) appointed directors by the taxing units will serve a one-year term that expires January 1, 2025.

Currently, the board of directors consists of:

- Five (5) appointed directors (all 5 are eligible and willing to serve the 2025 term if nominated and elected):
 1. Gary Johnson, ECAD Chairman
 2. David Dunn, ECAD Vice Chairman
 3. Dorothy Jackson
 4. Jeff Fambro
 5. Mari Willis
- Three (3) elected directors: *(elected directors terms expire December 31, 2026)
 6. Place #1- Robert Chavez
 7. Place #2- Feliz Abalos, ECAD Secretary
 8. Place #3- Gregg Simmons
- One (1) tax assessor/collector as ex officio director:
 1. Lindy Wright

*A uniform election was to be held in May 2024 for the elected directors. There were no applicants to be placed on the ballot for the elected directors. The election was cancelled and the vacancies for the elected directors were appointed by the board of directors per TPTC 6.0301. The current elected director's terms expire December 31, 2026.

We are now beginning the process for the taxing units to nominate and elect five members to the board of directors for the 2025 term. Each taxing unit must submit to the chief appraiser one nominee for each position to be filled before October 15, 2024. The Appraisal District Directors Manual is attached for reference on the process and director's eligibility requirements. After the nominations have been received, a ballot will be prepared and submitted to the taxing units to cast

its votes by resolution. The included voting entitlement of each taxing unit is determined by a calculation of its share of the total tax levy. Two (2) directors will be appointed to serve a term of one year and three (3) directors will be appointed to serve a term of three years. After the initial term, all appointed directors will serve staggered four-year terms.

NOMINATION

Please consider an agenda item to nominate up to five (5) candidates for the 2025 term. **Nominations must be by resolution** adopted by the governing body of the entity. The names of the nominees must be submitted to the chief appraiser **ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2024**. Any nominations received after this date cannot be accepted.

ELECTION

Once all nominations have been submitted by October 15, 2024, the appraisal district will mail a ballot and list each candidate alphabetically prior to October 30, 2024. **The governing body may cast all its votes for one candidate or may distribute their votes among any number of candidates.** The taxing unit's governing body **must cast its votes at the 1st or 2nd open meeting after the ballot is submitted** and **must submit its votes by resolution** to the chief appraiser **not later than the third day following the date the resolution is adopted.**

RESULTS

The results of the election will be submitted to all entities and candidates by December 31, 2024.

For reference, please find attached:

- a calendar for the 2025 election,
- taxing units voting entitlement calculation,
- Appraisal District Directors Manual, March 2024,
- a sample resolution

Please submit nominations on or before October 15, 2024.

****NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY RESOLUTION****

Thank you for your participation in this process and please give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Layne Young, RPA
Chief Appraiser-Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Keeley Boyer, Interim Superintendent
cc: Ms. Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer