

# Hitchcock Independent School District

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Meeting Date:** November 17, 2025

**Presented by:** Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Interim Superintendent of Schools

**Subject:** Resolution: Galveston County Appraisal District Election

### Action Item

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Board of Directors for the Galveston Central Appraisal District (GCAD) oversees the operation and policy-setting for the district, which is responsible for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes in Galveston County.

In counties with a population of 75,000 or more, like Galveston County, the Appraisal District Board of Directors is generally composed of nine members:

- Five Directors appointed by the governing bodies of the taxing units (cities, school districts, junior college districts, and certain special districts) participating in the district.
- Three Directors elected by a majority vote at the general election for state and county officers (these positions were phased in starting with the May 2024 uniform election).
- The County Assessor-Collector serves as an ex officio (non-voting) director.

Appointed and elected directors generally serve staggered four-year terms.

The GCAD Board of Directors has several important duties, including:

- Establishing the appraisal district office.
- Hiring and dismissing the Chief Appraiser.
- Approving contracts.
- Setting general policies for the district.
- Adopting the GCAD's annual operating budget after providing public notice and holding a public hearing (must be done before September 15th).
- Holding board meetings at least once each calendar quarter.
- Adopting a reappraisal plan biennially.

Hitchcock ISD is a voting unit entitled to vote for up to 2 candidates from a ballot submitted by the GCAD. The candidates are Robin Collins, Matt Doyle, Thomas Farmer, and James Ross.

**BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

I move that the Board approve the resolution for its selection of up to two candidates to serve on the Galveston County Appraisal District Board of Directors as presented.

**POLICY AUTHORIZATION:**

N/A

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Interim Superintendent

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

N/A

**ENCLOSURES:**

GCAD Board of Directors Election Ballot

GCAD Resolution