

***Killeen Independent School District***  
***Board Agenda Item Information Sheet (Closed Session)***

**Date:** September 9, 2025

**Agenda Item Caption:** Discussion of Resolution to Nominate Candidates for the Board of Directors of the Tax Appraisal District of Bell County for 2026

**Purpose of Agenda Item:** Information only

**Administrative Recommendation:** Discuss nomination of candidates for Board of Directors of the Tax Appraisal District of Bell County for 2026.

**Background Information:** Texas Property Tax Code was amended during the 88th Legislative Session to change the process for selecting the Board of Directors (BOD) for Bell County Appraisal District (Bell CAD). Currently, the board is made up of nine members, as listed below.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Appointed / Elected</u>
Kevin Koch, Chairman	Elected Place 1
Joe Burnett, Vice Chairman / Secretary	Entity Elected – Term Ends 2026
Jared Bryan	Entity Elected – Term Ends 2026
Sam Fulcher	Entity Elected – Term Ends 2025
Susan Jones	Entity Elected – Term Ends 2026
Todd Scott	Entity Elected – Term Ends 2025
Gopal Guttikonda	Elected Place 2
Ashley Smith	Elected Place 3
Shay Luedeke (Ex-Officio)	Elected Tax Assessor-Collector

Rather than specific entities appointing members, all entities nominate up to five candidates (by resolution). Once Bell CAD receives all nominations, the Bell CAD will produce a ballot with all nominations and send it to all entities. The entities will each have a certain number of votes to cast toward the candidates of their choice. Because there are two seats, there are 2,000 votes. Each entity will get a percentage of the 2,000 votes based off the percentage of the total tax levy, calculated at 338 votes for Killeen ISD.

Entities will need to submit a resolution from the governing body for their nominations first, and then again for their votes once Bell CAD has sent out the ballot.

The timeline for each of these resolutions is very quick and have specific requirements. Please see the timeline below.

Board of Directors Entity Selection Timeline:

- Before October 1st – Chief appraiser will deliver to all entities the amount of votes that each entity gets based on tax levies
- Before October 15th – Entity will submit their choice of nominee name and address by resolution to Chief Appraiser (scheduled on September 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting for action)
- Before October 30th – Chief Appraiser will prepare a ballot with all nominees and deliver to all entities
- Before December 15th – All Entities must submit to Chief appraiser their vote by resolution (scheduled on November 4 Board workshop for discussion and November 18 Board meeting for action)

**Fiscal Analysis:** None

**Regulatory Requirement:** None

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**Attachments:** Draft Resolution

**Signature Requested:** No