

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

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Applicant's First and Last Name *

Jobby Mathew

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Zip Code *

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Do you have children currently enrolled in Coppell ISD? *

Yes

No

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

Canyon Ranch Elementary School (5th and 2nd)

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? *

Coppell ISD is a unique school district and community. A community that my wife and I sought out to educate our children, and build a life in. As soon as we moved into this community, I started serving it. After 5 years of serving the District and the community, I have learned that the School Board guides the future of both the children individually and the community as a whole. With the open position and given my experience as a volunteer and a professional, I would be honored to be a part of the future of Coppell ISD, continue its great tradition, and help it grow to new heights.

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

A School Board Trustee serves as a guide to, and champion of, the School District. This is primarily done through providing feedback on proposed initiatives; ensuring that the systems are in place for the district to deliver on a shared vision and goals; financial review and planning to achieve the district goals, advocating on behalf of all students, and working effectively with, and evaluating, the Superintendent.

Briefly describe your education background and qualifications. *

My education is a mix of public and private through high school. Public school really stood out to me as an opportunity to learn from a wide variety of backgrounds. Ultimately, I graduated from Bishop McGuinness High School (1999) in Oklahoma City. I hold two degrees from the University of Oklahoma, a Bachelors in Management Information Systems (2004), and a Juris Doctorate (2010). I am also a member of the Oklahoma and Texas Bar Associations, the United States Patent and Trademark Office Bar, the South Asian Bar Association, and the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

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

I am a Principal Corporate Counsel for Microsoft Corporation. In my role I serve as a trusted advisor to my business clients providing both strategic legal and business counsel on their short- and long-term initiatives across the globe for all products and services in both the enterprise and public sector sales channels.

Briefly describe your volunteer experience/involvement in CISD. *

For the past 5 years, my volunteer experience has been solely focused on the education and support of children in the Coppell ISD community and at an area elementary school. For the Coppell ISD community, I have served on the Student Health Advisory Council; the Coppell ISD Education Foundation (Grants and Superstars Committee; Run to Fund Chair; President); St. Ann Special Needs Ministry (Special Needs Sibling Support Group Leader); Coppell Youth Soccer Association (Assistant Girls Soccer Coach); Cub Scout Pack #873 (Assistant Den Leader); Coppell ISD Community Based Accountability System work group; 2023 CISD Bond Committee; and am an iLead graduate. For an area elementary school, I work through Communities in Schools of North Texas (Boys Student Leadership Group Leader, Rockbrook Elementary).

What strengths do you bring to this position? *

One of my biggest strengths comes from my active support of my wife's ongoing 19-year career as an educator. This has allowed me to serve students and teachers personally while giving me a day-to-day look at how impactful and important public education is. I also possess a Growth Mindset meaning that, after careful deliberation, I am not afraid to try a new approach or reassess my own assumptions and actions. Throughout my volunteer and professional roles, I strive to make reasonable, evidence-based decisions. For the groups and teams that I have led and lead, I try to lead through empathy. In addition, I solve team and individual problems by being a critical, independent, and innovative thinker. For example, in the midst of the pandemic I re-created a one-day event into a week-long series of events with a mix of virtual runs and outdoor opportunities (e.g., May the 4th Night) to accommodate families and raise money for CEF. I also utilize my experience in global strategic, high stakes, high value negotiations to solve complex problems. Also, my professional experience (and professional certification) working with technology companies and data privacy laws make me uniquely suited to address the challenges the use of technology brings to the District. In addition, it is my understanding that my appointment would make me the first person to serve on the Coppell ISD School Board who resides in Irving. With the explosion of growth in Irving, the Coppell ISD community would benefit from a Board presence of someone who resides in Irving.

What is your vision for education in our community? *

My vision for Coppell ISD is: (1) creating and maintaining a path to success for every student; (2) having robust programs to engage and enrich students, parents, and teachers; (3) maintaining financial responsibility alongside short- and long-term strategic planning; and (4) investing in teachers to increase satisfaction and retention.

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

Being able to maintain efficient district operations and build the educational programs we need to prepare our learners for the future with limited financial resources all while rewarding and retaining teachers.

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 spend an equivalent amount of time now as President of the Coppell ISD Education Foundation. I am also prepared to complete any and all required training, including those required within the first 90 days.

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. *

(1) Rosie Stevens, txstevens122@gmail.com, 214-448-5750; Friend and President of Young Men's Service League (Coppell Chapter); Co-President, Coppell High School Boys Basketball Booster Club; Co-Leader, CHS IB Booster Club; VP of CHS PTSO

(2) Jenn Fishman, jbillfishman@gmail.com, 214-632-7040, Friend and President of CMSN PTO; President-Elect of CEF

(3) Roopa Hira, roopah@verizon.net, 972-897-5511, Friend and President of CHS Band Booster Club

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 *

Jobby C. Mathew

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