

Garland Independent School District

Board of Trustees

Emergency Meeting

Friday, February 19, 2021

Agenda

1:00 PM

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

II. An Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Garland ISD will be held Friday, February 19, 2021, beginning at 1:00 PM by telephonic and/or videoconferences. This meeting is being held in accordance by order of Governor Greg Abbott's Disaster Proclamation issued on February 12, 2021. For more information,

see: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/DISASTER_severe_weather_FINAL_02-12-2021.pdf

III. Public Forum: Members of the public who wish to make comments may complete a Public Comment Participation Request in person at Harris Hill Administration Building or via email at BoardPublicComments@garlandisd.net prior to the start of the meeting indicated in the posting notice. The emailed comments will be read aloud at the meeting by a designated speaker. Emails should include the requester's name, address and the detailed topic to be read aloud. In addition, comments must be limited to issues that can be presented in a public forum and are directly related to the posted and noticed agenda items. Complaints about student discipline, specific student issues or personnel must be addressed through appropriate administrative channels, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and Board policy. For more information about public comment procedures, please review the Board Policy for Public Comment accessible at the following link: <https://pol.tasb.org/Policy/Code/364?filter=BED>.

IV. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Ratification of the May 1, 2021 Special Election Order to Fill a Vacancy-**Mechelle Hogan and Lisa Ray**

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V. Executive Session: Executive session will be held for purposes permitted by Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq.

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, private consultation with the Board's attorney, in person or by phone, when the Board seeks the advice of its attorney about: 1) pending or contemplated litigation; 2) a settlement offer; or 3) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the

governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

VI. Reconvene from Executive Session for any possible action relative to items considered during Executive Session

VII. Adjournment



Garland Independent School District Board of Trustees

Date of Meeting: February 19, 2021

Agenda Item: Consider Approval of Ratification of Special
Trustee Election Order to fill a Vacancy

Agenda Section: Action Item

Administrator Responsible: Mechelle Hogan
Board Services Manager

Lisa Ray
General Counsel

Summary/Background Information:

Saturday, May 1, 2021 is designated as the date for the Special Trustee Election to fill the Place 4 vacancy on the Board of Trustees vacated December 8, 2020. In consultation with the Secretary of State's Election Department, TASB and election code, the district has determined the Special Election filing period is from January 26, 2021 through 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2021.

Administrative Recommendations:

Administration Recommends Approval

SPECIAL ELECTION ORDER TO FILL A VACANCY

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 § GARLAND INDEPENDENT
 § SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DALLAS §

On this the 26th day of January, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT convened in regular session with the following members present, to-wit:

Robert Selders, President
James Miller, Vice President
Wesley Johnson, Secretary
Linda L. Griffin, Member
Larry Glick, Member
Johnny Beach, Member

constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees were the following:

WHEREAS, the terms of the vacant office of Place 4 of the Board of Trustees of this School District will expire on May 6, 2023, or when their successors are duly elected and qualified; and

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of May 2021, a Special Trustee Election to fill the vacancy will be held in said School District; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board to pass an order establishing the procedure for filing for and conducting said Special Trustee Election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That a special election be held in said School District on May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing one member to the Board of Trustees of said School District, one member to fill the Place 4 vacancy.

2. That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned special Trustee election for Place 4 shall be timely made in accordance with the law and shall be in writing, shall state the number of the position (place) for which such person is filing as a candidate, shall be signed by the candidate

and filed with the Board Service Manager, Harris Hill Administration Building, 501 S. Jupiter Road, Garland, Texas 75042, not earlier than January 27, 2021 (and not later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021. **The deadline for write-in candidates is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021. The last day for a candidate to withdraw from the Special Election is 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2021.

All candidates shall file with said application the loyalty affidavit required by Section 141.031(a)(4)(K) of the Election Code.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall post on the District website <https://www.garlandisd.net/content/board-elections> and in the building where the Board of Trustees meets, the names of all candidates that have filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Order.

3. That all annual applications ballot by mail (ABBM) for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 due to disability will still be valid for the May 1, 2021.

4. That the voter registration deadline for the May 1, 2021 election is April 1, 2021, the deadline to submit an ABBM is April 20, 2021, and the dates for early voting are Monday, April 19, 2021 through Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

5. The Election Judges will be appointed by the Dallas County Elections Department and the polling places may be combined for some precincts, pursuant to decisions by the Dallas County Elections Department.

6. The polls at the above designated polling places shall on Election Day be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

7. Michael Scarpello is hereby appointed Early Voting Clerk. The early voting for the above designated election shall be at Richland College-Garland Campus-Main Lobby 675 W. Walnut St. Garland, Texas 75040; Rowlett City Hall Annex-Conference Room 4004 Main St. Rowlett, Texas 75088; Sachse Senior Center-Multi-Purpose Room 3815 Sachse Road Building A Sachse, Texas 75048; South Garland Branch Library-The Program Room 4845 Broadway Boulevard Garland, Texas 75043 and other early voting locations as designated by the Dallas County Elections Department. Said places of early voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day of early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday, (but including Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.), beginning on the 12th day (Monday, April 19, 2021) and continuing through the 4th day (Tuesday, April 27, 2021) preceding the date of the election. Said places of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on each weekday for said early voting, except that on Monday, April 26, 2021, and Tuesday, April 27, 2021, the place of voting shall remain open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Early Voting Clerk's mailing

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address to which ballot applications shall be sent and where persons voting by mail shall send their voted ballots is Michael Scarpello, Early Voting Clerk, Dallas County Elections Department, 1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247. Emailed applications for Ballots may also be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at evapplications@dallascounty.org. Applications must be scanned and contain the voter's original signature.

This election is being conducted as a joint election with the Dallas County Elections Department and other participating entities. The early voting locations are subject to change, based on participating entities.

6. Dr. Ricardo López, Superintendent, is authorized to contract with the County of Dallas and the Commissioners Court, or any other agency, on behalf of the School District for the carrying out of this election by the office of the Dallas County Elections Administrator in a joint election with other Dallas County government entities.

7. This Board of Trustees has determined that ES&S ExpressVote Universal Voting System (Ballot Marking Device), EVS 6.0.2.0, Firmware 2.4.0.0; the ES&S DS200 Digital Precinct Scanner, EVS 6.0.2.0, Firmware 2.17.0.0.; and ES&S' Model DS850 High-Speed Scanner and Tabulator, Version 1, EVS 6.0.2.0., to use in all Dallas County polling places, and to mark and tabulate in-person ballots, absentee ballots, and provisional ballots for Early Voting and on Election Day for all elections, including but not limited to any Special Called Election and any related subsequent runoff elections and hereby adopts this system for use in this election.

8. The manner of holding said election shall be governed, as nearly as may be, by the Election Code of this State, and the office of the Dallas County Elections Administrator shall furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

9. The early voting ballots shall be processed by the Joint Election Early Voting Ballot Board appointed by Dallas County.

10. The Board of Trustees shall give notice of said election. The Board President, as the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to execute the notice of election. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and instructed to post or cause to be posted said notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. Said posting shall be made at least 22 days (Friday, April 9, 2021) before the date of said election.

The Secretary shall also cause a copy of the election notice to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the County where the School District is located. Said publication shall be not more than 30 days (Thursday, April 1, 2021), nor less than 10 days (Wednesday, April 21, 2021) before the date of said election.

It is further found and determined that written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board located in the central administrative office in this School District, in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice, having been so posted, remained posted for the time required by law to precede the scheduled time of said meeting.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that the same does pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted "AYE": Larry Glick, Johnny Beach, Linda L. Griffin, James Miller, Robert Selders, Jr., and Wesley Johnson with no persons voting "NO."

ROBERT SELDERS, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATTEST:

WESLEY JOHNSON, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT