

**Agenda**  
**Midlothian ISD**  
**Board of Trustees Special Meeting**

L.A. Mills Administration Building  
100 Walter Stephenson Road  
Midlothian, Texas 76065

**October 9, 2023 – 5:30 PM**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Midlothian ISD will be held October 9, 2023, beginning at 5:30 PM.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed on the agenda, which is attached to, and made a part of this Notice. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Members of the public may access this meeting in real time by clicking the [video conference link](#) and selecting the Board of Trustees Special Meeting for October 9, 2023.

The open portions of this meeting will be streamed live and recorded. The video will be made available to the public on the District's website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Public comments related to this meeting will be accepted in person only in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Local District Policy, BED(LOCAL). Members of the public wishing to address the Board during the public comment portion of this Special meeting shall be limited to the items on the agenda and five minutes, or less, should a change to the allotted time be necessary as determined by the presiding officer based on the meeting.

In-person participants must either sign up online by 4:00 pm the day of the meeting or sign in and complete a "Public Comment Participation Form" and present it to the Board President or designee 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. If a completed form for public comment is not received by the applicable deadline posted, the individual will not be able to participate in public comment at this meeting.

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Board Members will listen to the comments. The Board, through the presiding officer or Superintendent, can offer factual information, cite Board policy, or direct the administration to investigate items and report back to the Board, but shall not engage in a two-way dialogue with patrons.

- I. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS
  - A. Announcement by the presiding officer that a quorum of Board members is present, that the meeting has been duly called, and that notice of the meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT - Members of the public may address the Board during the public comment portion of the board meeting in accordance with Board policy BED (LOCAL). Individuals wishing to speak shall follow the procedures outlined above.
- III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Consider Recommendation and Submission of Names for Consideration 3  
for the 2024 Ellis County Appraisal Board Election

- IV. CLOSED SESSION as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.
  - A. Consideration of Personnel, Texas Government Codes 551.074 - Resignations, Terminations, and Non-renewals of Professional Employees, Employment, Leaves of Absences, Personnel Issues
- V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION
- VI. Action, if any, on Items Discussed in Closed Session
- VII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section:

- 551.071 Private consultation with the board's attorney.
- 551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 551.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
- 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
- 551.075 To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.
- 551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel, or devices.
- 551.082 Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
- 551.0821 Discussing personally identifiable information about a public school student.
- 551.083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employees groups.
- 551.084 Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the school Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed meeting or session, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

**Midlothian ISD  
BOARDBOOK TEMPLATE**

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	October 9, 2023
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Consider Recommendation and Submission of Names for Consideration for the 2024 Ellis County Appraisal Board Election
<b>Agenda Location:</b>	ACTION
<b>Template Attachments:</b>	Yes <span style="float: right;">PDF</span>
<b>If yes, then select what applies:</b>	
<b>Link to the presentation:</b>	No presentation for this item.
	<p><b>Why:</b>            Every two years Ellis County taxing entities nominate candidates for the Board of Directors of the Ellis County Appraisal District. This five-member board serves two-year terms and is charged primarily with hiring a chief appraiser, adopting the ECAD budget, and making general policies for the ECAD's operations.</p> <p>There are 5,000 total votes in the county which are prorated to each taxing entity according to the amount its 2020 tax levy. MISD has 1,019 of these votes to cast. It takes 834 votes to secure a spot on the board so MISD has the opportunity to assure one place on the board.</p> <p>Current ECAD board members are: David Hurst, Walter Ervin, Ken Marks, Dani Muckleroy, and Rick Keeler. Ellis County Tax Collector Richard Rozier also sits on the board as a non-voting member.</p> <p>Nominations are due October 15 so the MISD school board will be asked to make nominations at the September meeting. At the September Board meeting, Trustees will have an opportunity to nominate up to five (5) individuals as candidates to serve on the Ellis County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024 term.</p> <p>***This election is for 2024. SB2 becomes effective 7/1/2024 and Section 6.0301 requires another election to take place prior to December 31, 2024 to appoint five directors who will begin serving January 1, 2025. In that election, two of these appointed directors will serve a term of one year and three will serve a term of three years. I am seeking counsel on how this will be determined, but do not have an answer yet. This is only to inform you, as I understand this new law, there will be another election in 2024.</p> <p>The Chief Appraiser will tabulate the nominations by October 30 and create a ballot for the MISD school board to vote at the November meeting. The Chief Appraiser will count all submitted votes. The five candidates who receive the largest cumulative vote totals will be elected. The results will be made available to each governing body by December 31, 2023.</p>

<b>Background Information</b>	<p><b>What:</b> The <b>FIRST</b> step is for Midlothian ISD to submit any candidate nominations from the Board to be considered on the ballot. This resolution must be completed and submitted to Ellis Co. Appraisal District by October 15th.</p> <p><b>SECOND:</b> At the <b>November</b> board meeting, the MISD Board will vote to distribute the 1,019 votes as determined by the Board at that meeting.</p> <p>Finally, no later than December 31, 2023, the Chief Appraiser will make the results available to each governing body.</p>	
<b>Strategic Priority:</b> <i>(Primary)</i>	Priority 4: District Operations and financial Stewardship	
<b>Performance Objective:</b> <i>(Primary)</i>	4.3 Commitment to Financial Stewardship	
<b>Strategic Priority:</b> <i>(Secondary - if needed)</i>		
<b>Performance Objective:</b> <i>(Secondary - if needed)</i>		
<b>Legal Reference: (1) / (2)</b>		
<b>Fiscal Impact/Budget Function Code:</b>	N/A	
<b>Administration Recommendation</b>	This is a Board decision.	
<b>Motion:</b>	A motion might be, "I move to nominate (Insert name(s)) by resolution to be considered for the Ellis County Appraisal District 2024-2025 Board"	
<b>Presenter:</b>	David Belding, Ed.D.	
	Superintendent	



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**Board of Directors**  
 T. Walter Erwin, Chairman  
 Diana B. Muckleroy, Secretary  
 David Hurst, Member  
 Richard Keeler, Member  
 Ken Marks, Member  
 Richard Rozier, Non-voting Member  
  
 Kathy Rodrigue, Chief Appraiser

September 12, 2023

Voting Taxing Units of the Ellis Appraisal District:

It is election time and the **2024-2025 Board of Directors Taxing Unit Voting Entitlements** are enclosed.

*\*This election is for 2024. SB2 becomes effective 7/1/2024 and Section 6.0301 requires another election to take place prior to December 31, 2024 to appoint five directors who will begin serving January 1, 2025. In that election, two of these appointed directors will serve a term of one year and three will serve a term of three years. I am seeking counsel on how this will be determined, but do not have an answer yet. This is only to inform you, as I understand this new law, there will be another election in 2024.*

**The FIRST step for in this process is NOMINATIONS.** Each taxing unit may **nominate by resolution** adopted by its governing body (sample enclosed) one candidate for each position to be filled on the board of directors. The presiding officer of the governing body of the unit shall submit the name(s) of the unit's nominee(s) to the chief appraiser before October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Before October 30<sup>th</sup>, the chief appraiser will prepare a ballot, listing the candidates and shall deliver a copy of the ballot to the presiding officer of your unit. **The SECOND step for you in this process is to VOTE.** The governing body shall determine its **vote by resolution** (sample enclosed) and submit it to the chief appraiser before December 15<sup>th</sup>. Your voting entitlement may be cast for one candidate or distributed as the governing body chooses. It takes **834 votes** to secure a position on the board. The chief appraiser will count the votes, declare the five candidates who received the largest cumulative vote totals elected, and submit the results before December 31<sup>st</sup> to each governing body. **Taxing Units with more than 5% of the total vote are listed on separate page and have additional requirements under Section 6.03(k-1).**

Please mark these dates for the governance of the Ellis Appraisal District:

- Before October 15            Your governing body submits candidate(s) name(s) (with bio) to the chief appraiser
- Before October 30            I will prepare and deliver a ballot to the presiding officer of your unit
- Before December 15\*        Your governing body will vote by resolution and submit to the chief appraiser
- Before December 31         I will send the results of the election to each governing body

**Please make plans on your scheduled meetings to consider and act on these matters. Your vote is very important to the continued dedicated leadership of this board.**

I have asked the current board members about their interest in serving another term. Walter Erwin, Dani Muckleroy, Richard Keeler and David Hurst are willing to continue to serve. I am enclosing the history of the current board members.

So that all taxing units in the election are familiar with new candidates, **please submit a short bio and contact information** (email and cell phone) **for any newly nominated candidate**. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rodrigue, RPA

## Taxing Units with More than 5% of Total Votes in Board of Directors Election

SECTION 3. Section 6.03, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (k) and adding Subsection (k-1) to read as follows:

(k) Except as provided by Subsection (k-1), the [The] governing body of each taxing unit entitled to vote shall determine its vote by resolution and submit it to the chief appraiser before December 15. The chief appraiser shall count the votes, declare the five candidates who receive the largest cumulative vote totals elected, and submit the results before December 31 to the governing body of each taxing unit in the district and to the candidates. For purposes of determining the number of votes received by the candidates, the candidate receiving the most votes of the conservation and reclamation districts is considered to have received all of the votes cast by conservation and reclamation districts and the other candidates are considered not to have received any votes of the conservation and reclamation districts. The chief appraiser shall resolve a tie vote by any method of chance.

(k-1) This subsection applies only to an appraisal district established in a **county with a population of 120,000 or more**. The governing body of each taxing unit entitled to **cast at least five percent of the total votes** must determine its vote by resolution adopted **at the first or second open meeting of the governing body that is held after the date the chief appraiser delivers** (before October 15<sup>th</sup>) **the ballot to the presiding officer of the governing body**. The governing body must **submit its vote to the chief appraiser not later than the third day following the date the resolution is adopted**.

This **law applies** to the following taxing units that make up 85% of the total votes:

Ellis County	15.00%	with 750 votes
Ennis ISD	9.45%	with 473 votes
Midlothian ISD	20.38%	with 1,019 votes
Red Oak ISD	7.86%	with 393 votes
Waxahachie ISD	18.19%	with 910 votes
City of Midlothian	7.21%	with 360 votes
City of Waxahachie	6.91%	with 346 votes

**ELLIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Eligibility:**

Person must have resided in the appraisal district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. Person may not be an employee of a taxing unit served by the appraisal district, but may be an elected official or a member of the governing body. A person may not be appointed if related within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity to either an appraiser who appraiser property for use in the appraisal district's appraisal review board proceedings or a tax representative who represents taxpayers for compensation before the appraisal district's appraisal review board. A person may not have delinquent taxes for more than 60 days after the date the person knew or should have known of the delinquency.

**Term:**

This will be changing with the changes in SB2, until staggered terms are in place where all will serve a four-year term. For 2024, all will be serving a one-year term and another election will be held in late 2024.

**Meetings:**

Meetings are required quarterly but are typically held 6-10 times a year typically on a Thursday morning at 8am at the convenience of the majority of the board members.

**Compensation:**

Directors may not receive a salary, per diem, or other compensation. They are reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of a director's duties if included in the appraisal district budget.

**General Statement of Functions:**

The board of directors has the following primary responsibilities:

- Establish the appraisal district's office;
- Adopt the appraisal district's annual operating budget and bi-annual reappraisal plan;
- Contract for necessary services;
- Hire a chief appraiser;
- Appoint a taxpayer liaison officer; and
- Make general policy on the appraisal district's operation.

TAXING UNIT: Midlothian ISD

RESOLUTION OF **CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS** FOR THE ELLIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025\*

WHEREAS, Section 6.03 (g) of the Texas Property Tax Code, requires that each taxing unit entitled to vote may nominate by Resolution one candidate for each of the five positions to be filled and submit those nominations to the Chief Appraiser of the Ellis Appraisal District before October 15, 2023.

THEREFORE, the Midlothian ISD submits the following nomination(s) with contact information for Board of Directors of the Ellis Appraisal District for 2024-2025:

Name	E-mail	Cell	Bio Included

ACTION TAKEN this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, in Special Session of the governing body of the above mentioned taxing unit; as authorized under Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code, for the purpose of nominating candidates to the Board of Directors of the Ellis Appraisal District.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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