

**Notice of Special Called Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Fort Bend Independent School District**

Friday, August 25, 2023

This is Notice that the Fort Bend Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a Special Called Meeting on Friday, August 25, 2023, beginning at 4:00 PM in the Board Room of the Fort Bend ISD Administration Building, 16431 Lexington Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479.

The agenda packet for the meeting is available at <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/649>.

Members of the public may view the live stream of the meeting at the following address:

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/124962>

1. Call to order

2. Public Comment

3. Information

A. VATRE Considerations

4. Action

A. Directors on TASB Board: Consideration and approval to endorse the following candidate to represent Region IV, as a Director (Position A), on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board. 2

1. Doug James, Klein ISD 3

2. Rose A. Avaloz, Aldine ISD 6

B. Allocate VATRE Funding

5. Adjournment

If, during the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in an open meeting. [See BEC (LEGAL)]

The following Fort Bend ISD Goals may be referenced in agenda items included in this document:

- Goal 1: Fort Bend ISD will provide rigorous and relevant curriculum and deliver instruction that is responsive to the needs of all students.
- Goal 2: Fort Bend ISD will provide a positive culture and climate that provides a safe and supportive environment for learning and working.
- Goal 3: Fort Bend ISD will recruit, develop, and retain high quality teachers and staff.
- Goal 4: Fort Bend ISD will engage students, parents, staff, and the community through ongoing communication, opportunities for collaboration and innovation, and partnerships that support the learning community.
- Goal 5: Fort Bend ISD will utilize financial, material, and human capital resources to maximize district outcomes and student achievement.

For: Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees
Date: August 25, 2023
Action: Consideration and Approval: Region IV,
TASB Director Endorsements
Department: Board of Trustees

Recommendation

Consideration and approval to endorse the following candidate to represent Region IV as Director (Position A) on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors:

- Doug James – Klein ISD – Position A
- Rose A. Avaloz – Aldine ISD – Position A

Received

July 24, 2023

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Business & Finance
Fort Bend ISDFort Bend ISD
16431 Lexington Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Dear Superintendent and Board of Trustees:

I hope this letter finds you in great spirits and you remain excited for the future of education in our great state. Allow me to introduce myself: I am Doug James, an ardent advocate for education and a dedicated member of the Klein ISD Board of Trustees. Today, I come before you with unwavering passion and determination, seeking the esteemed endorsement of your district for my candidacy as a Director on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors.

Throughout my tenure on the Klein ISD Board, which commenced back in November of 2017, I have been privileged to serve the Klein community as both, Board President and Secretary. My journey, however, extends far beyond my official roles. For almost four decades, I have been a proud resident of the Klein Independent School District, actively participating as a volunteer in a variety of Klein schools, as well as lending my expertise to numerous key district leadership teams. Among these contributions, I proudly highlight my role as one of the founding members of the Klein Education Foundation, my involvement in the 2015 Bond Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and my efforts in establishing the International Business Academy at Klein Forest High School.

My passion for education and helping cause-centered businesses dedicated to improving their communities, continuously inspires and has a profound impact it can have on shaping young minds and empowering future leaders. My commitment to fostering educational excellence extends beyond the boundaries of our local community. As a graduate of the esteemed Leadership TASB program (LTASB 2020) and the current Treasurer for the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members (TCBSBM), and representative on the Gulf Coast Region 4 Legislative Action (LAC) Committee, I have sought to expand my knowledge and make a positive difference on a broader scale.

Now, I stand at a pivotal moment, driven by an unyielding desire to serve at the TASB Board level, as a Director. This role would afford me the opportunity to help propel our educational system towards new heights. Enclosed herewith, you will find the endorsement form, ready for your district's consideration. I kindly request that you include this crucial endorsement on your August board agenda, and your positive response would be sincerely appreciated.

Please note that the endorsement form must be returned by August 28, 2023, and should be sent to the following address:

Texas Association of School Boards
Attn: Management Services
P.O. Box 400
Austin, TX 78767-0400

Your endorsement signifies not only a show of faith in my capabilities but also a powerful declaration of your commitment to fostering a brighter future for our children, schools, and communities.

Sincerely,



Doug James
Klein ISD Board of Trustees



TASB ENDORSEMENT FORM

DATE: _____

Our school board endorses the candidacy of the following individual nominated to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

NAME: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

This endorsement was approved by our school district's board of trustees at a duly called meeting on _____

(Date)

Best regards,

(Signature of board president or officer)

PRINTED NAME: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

This form is to be used to endorse a nominated individual from a board of trustees within your TASB Region who is a timely candidate for a position on the TASB Board of Directors.

Must be received by TASB on or before AUGUST 29, 2023.

**RETURN TO: E-mail: boardcommunications@tasb.org
FAX: 512.467.3554**



June 20, 2023

Fort Bend ISD
16431 Lexington Boulevard
Sugar Land, Texas 77534

Dear Superintendent and Board of Trustees:

The purpose of this letter is to request your district's endorsement as a candidate for Position A on the Texas Association of School Boards board of Directors. My name is Rose M. Avalos and I currently serve as assistant secretary on the Aldine ISD board. I was first elected to the Aldine board in May of 2006 where I have served in all offices.

Initially I was approved to fill a large district position as a TASB Director. Due to the change in student enrollment, Aldine will no longer have this position. I am seeking your endorsement for position 4A in Region 4.

I am a product of the Aldine School District and employed there for 33 years, where I served as a teacher, counselor, program director, assistant principal and principal of a high school.

I am asking for the privilege of being endorsed by your district to continue my work as a director. The process is very important in that a candidate who secures the endorsement of 25% or more of the active members from the Region will be included on the official TASB ballot. Furthermore, a candidate who successfully obtains the endorsement of a majority of the Active Members in their region will be the sole nominee of the Nomination Committee. I would sincerely appreciate the support of your board. A copy of the endorsement form is attached and I would appreciate it if you would consider putting this issue on your board agenda. The endorsement form must be returned by August 29, 2023 and should be sent to the following address:

TASB
Attn: Management Services
P.O. Box 400
Austin, TX 78767-0400

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rose Avalos'.

Rose M. Avalos
Assistant Secretary, Aldine ISD Board of Trustees

