

Special Meeting

Monday, September 23, 2024 8:00 AM

Board Room of the Beaumont ISD Administration Building, 3395 Harrison Ave,
Beaumont, TX 77706-5009

I. INTRODUCTION

I.A. ROLL CALL

II. OPEN MEETING

II.A. ACTION ITEM

- II.A.1. **Ratify and Adopt a Resolution to
Nominate Board Member for JCAD to Service
beginning January 1, 2025 through December
31, 2025**



Board Exhibit Cover Sheet

Meeting Date: September 23, 2024

Agenda Item/Exhibit Number: **II.A.**

Agenda Item Title: Ratify and Adopt a Resolution to Nominate Board Member for JCAD to Service beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Cabinet Level Presenter(s): Dr. Shannon Allen, Superintendent

Additional Presenter(s): None

Executive Summary: The County, Cities, Towns and School Districts in each county Appraisal District will select new board members this fall. These new board members will serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2025. It is the time for our board to make nominations to the Jefferson Central Board of Directors and submit that (Those) name(s) in writing to Angela Bellard's office at the Jefferson Central Appraisal District by October 14, 2025. Each voting unit may nominate from one to five candidates. To be eligible for the appraisal district board, a person must reside in the appraisal district for at least two-years preceding the date that he or she takes office. **Ms. Lauren Mason and Mr. Eugene Landry currently serve as members of the Board of Directors and have confirmed interest in continuing to serve.** A resolution has been prepared for use in making any nominations.

Recommendation: Ratification and Approval of a Resolution for Beaumont ISD's Nomination for the Jefferson Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.


Budget Impact* (if applicable):

Funding Source (if applicable):

Compliance with Purchasing Guidelines (list applicable guidelines, including grant requirements): N/A

Policy Reference (if applicable, list policy/regulation):

Legal Review (if necessary, list attorney and firm): N/A



Cabinet Level Presenter's Signature

9/20/2024

Date

*CFO Signature (required if there is a budget impact)

Date

General Counsel's Signature

Date

JCAD Board of Directors Election for 2025 and 2025-2027 Term

In accordance with Section 6.03(e) of the Property Tax Code, attached please find the voting entitlement for each taxing unit that is entitled to vote for the Board of Directors.

The terms of the current Board members expire on December 31, 2024. This election applies to the 2025 and 2025-2027 terms of office. Once the members are appointed, they will draw lots to determine the two members that will serve a one-year term for 2025 and the three members that will serve a three-year term for 2025-2027. Thereafter, all appointed members will serve four-year staggered terms.

If your entity would like to submit nominations for the Board of Directors, you must do so by resolution adopted by your governing body and file it with the Chief Appraiser prior to October 15. Before October 30, we will submit a ballot listing all of the nominees. Each entity will then cast its votes, again by resolution adopted by the governing body, and submit the resolution to us before December 15. ***Please be aware that new legislation added in 2021 requires any entity with at least 5 percent of the total votes to cast their votes at the first or second open meeting held after the ballot is submitted to you. Further, these entities must submit the resolution casting their votes to us no later than the third day after your governing body takes action.***

The conservation and reclamation districts nominated Lauren Williams Mason for the 2025/2025-2027 term of office. Mrs. Mason's name will be placed on the ballot along with the nominees submitted by the County, cities, and school districts. In the main election, the nominee who receives the majority of the votes cast by the conservation and reclamation districts will receive all of the votes cast by the special districts.

I have enclosed a copy of the calendar of events for the election of the Board of Directors. Please be aware that extensions for submitting your nominees and casting your votes cannot be granted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Pamela Barton, RPA
Administrative Assistant
Jefferson CAD
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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF
JEFFERSON
BEAUMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lauren Mason and Eugene Landry are residents of the
Beaumont

Independent School District, Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas: and

WHEREAS, Lauren Mason and Eugene Landry are persons duly
qualified to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson
Central Appraisal District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees,
Beaumont Independent School District, that Lauren Mason and Eugene Land
are hereby nominated to serve as a members of the Board of Directors of the
Jefferson Central Appraisal District for the period January 1, 2025 through
December 31, 2025.

The foregoing resolution was ratified and adopted as a valid action of
the Board of Trustees of Beaumont Independent School District at a duly noticed
meeting of that body on September 23, 2024, at which a quorum was present
and voting, said resolution to be effective October 14, 2024.

Tillie Hickman, President
Board of Trustees
Beaumont Independent School District

ATTEST:

Denise Wallace-Spooner, Secretary
Board of Managers/Trustees
Beaumont Independent School District

Eugene Landry

Candidate for the Jefferson Central Appraisal District

I have served on the Jefferson Central Appraisal Board since first nominated in 1984. This Board is also a policy setting position, with a major responsibility of selecting and evaluating a Chief Appraiser, the CEO of this entity.

The District is charged to appraise all properties at market value, important to County entities, such as BISD, in order to have fair taxation and sound operating budgets.

I have served on your School Boards from 1983 to 1992, with Superintendents Taylor through Mallet. I am active through this endeavor, with St. Jude Catholic Church, with Some Other Place and several other organizations including The Diocese of Beaumont.

As stated earlier, I am willing to continue service with JCAD if nominated.

If I need to provide more information or if you have questions, please call me. My cell number is 409-781-1940.

Thank you, and have a great school year!

Lauren Williams Mason

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LICENSES

- Attorney at Law, licensed by the State Bar of Texas, November 2005
- Certified Mediator, since May 2005
- Certified in Public Policy Dispute Resolution, University of Texas Graduate Portfolio Program in Dispute Resolution, since May 2005

EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

J.D. received May 2005

- Texas Review of Law and Politics, Senior Editor, 2004-2005; Associate Editor, 2003-2004
- Judge Joe J. Fisher Chief Judge Emeritus Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Law

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

B.S. in Political Science, May 2002

G.P.A.: 3.91, *summa cum laude*

- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

LEGAL

EXPERIENCE

Solo Practice, Beaumont, Texas

Attorney at Law, November 2009 to present

Mehaffy Weber, P.C., Beaumont, Texas

Attorney at Law, September 2007 to November 2009

Eccles Law Office, P.C., Austin, Texas

Attorney at Law, January 2007 through April 2007

The Honorable Fred Edwards, 9th Judicial District, State of Texas

Montgomery & Waller Counties

Briefing Attorney, August 2005 to September 2006

The Honorable Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court, Austin, Texas

Law Clerk, Summer 2003 and 2004

ACTIVITIES

- City of Beaumont Planning & Zoning Commission:
 - Commissioner - September 2009 to October 2021
 - Vice Chairperson - January 2018 to October 2019
- Director on Jefferson Central Appraisal District Board of Directors, June 2016 to present:
 - Chairperson of the Board 2019, 2023, 2024
 - Secretary of the Board 2018
 - Board representative to the Retirement Committee 2023, 2024
- Commissioner - City of Beaumont Library Commission, February 2013 to October 2016
- Recipient of the 40 Under 40 Young Professionals Award for 2017
- Director on Beaumont Community Players Board of Directors, August 2018 to January 2023
 - Nominating chair 2020 - 2022
- Director on Board of Directors of Communities In Schools of Southeast Texas,
 - January 2013 to August 2015
- Appointed by City Council to serve on the City of Beaumont Community Development Advisory Committee, January 2012 to February 2013
- Leadership Beaumont, Class of 2011
- Member of the State Bar of Texas and the Jefferson County Bar Association
- Beaumont Community Players production of The Music Man, Actor, September 2022

Date prepared: September 20, 2024

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Calendar of Events as Revised by HB 988 (2021 session)

- Before October 1** Chief Appraiser calculates votes each entity is entitled to and delivers written notice to each taxing entity (with exception of conservation and reclamation districts).
- Before October 15** By resolution adopted by the governing body, each entity submits nomination to the Chief Appraiser (with exception of conservation and reclamation districts). An entity may submit a nomination for each of the five positions on the Board.
- Before October 30** Chief Appraiser prepares a ballot of candidates whose names were timely submitted and delivers a copy to the presiding officer of each entity entitled to vote. *Any entity with at least 5% of the total votes must cast votes at the first or second open meeting held after chief appraiser delivers ballot and must submit resolution no later than third day after adoption.*
- Before December 15** Each entity determines its vote by resolution and submits it to the Chief Appraiser. An entity may cast all its votes for one candidate or distribute them among candidates.
- Before December 31** Chief Appraiser counts the votes, declares the five candidates who receive the largest vote totals as the winners, and submits the results to the taxing entities and the candidates

Should any deadline fall on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

Revisions to Section 6.03 of the Property Tax Code no longer allow the Chief Appraiser to grant an extension for submitting nominees or casting votes.

II.B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. ADJOURNMENT