The Fort Bend County Midterms Election Guide



A nonpartisan guide to the races on ballots in Fort Bend County. **Early voting is from October 19 – 30 and Election Day is November 3.**

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How to Use This Guide

This is the Fort Bend County guide. It covers the races that appear on ballots in Fort Bend County in the November 3, 2026 general election. If you live in a different county, use that county's guide.

Step 1: Check your registration and know the dates

The registration deadline is Monday, October 5. Early voting runs Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 30, and Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Applications to vote by mail must be received by Friday, October 23. Details are in the How to Vote section of this guide.

Step 2: Find your sample ballot and polling place

Visit https://muslims.vote/muslims-voter-registration/ to check your registration and look up your election information. Your sample ballot shows exactly which races you will vote in, because district races depend on your home address. You can also find your sample ballot through ballotpedia - *https://ballotpedia.org/Fort_Bend_County_Sample_Ballot_(Texas*).

Step 3: Understand the general election ballot

In the general election, every voter receives the same ballot for their address, no matter which party primary they voted in or whether they voted in a primary at all. You may vote for any candidate in any race. Texas no longer offers straight-ticket voting, so you will mark each race individually. Candidates from the Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, and Green parties, along with any independents, may appear.

Step 4: Find your races in this guide

The guide follows the order of the ballot: Federal Races (U.S. Senate and U.S. House), Statewide Races, Judicial Races, State Board of Education, Texas Legislature (Texas Senate and Texas House), Fort Bend County Races. Use the Contents page, or in Word open View > Navigation Pane, to jump to a section.

Because Fort Bend County is divided among several districts, the guide lists every district that includes part of the county, but only one of each appears on your ballot. Match the district numbers on your sample ballot to the headings in this guide:

- U.S. House: Districts 7, 14, 18, 22
- State Board of Education: Districts 6, 7, 8
- Texas Senate: Districts 13, 18
- Texas House: Districts 26, 27, 28, 76

Statewide races, such as Governor and U.S. Senate, appear on every ballot in Texas.

Step 5: Read the candidate entries

Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name within each race. Each entry gives the candidate's background, campaign website, and stated priorities, followed by positions and record by issue area. For current state legislators, final 2025 votes on the listed Texas House and Senate bills appear inside the issue area each bill concerns. Some offices, such as Railroad Commissioner and the State Board of Education, use issue areas specific to that office. "No position was located" means the guide found no public position in the materials reviewed; it does not mean the candidate has no view. This guide does not endorse or oppose any candidate.

Step 6: Research further

Visit each candidate's campaign website, attend candidate forums, and read local news coverage. This guide covers federal, statewide, State Board of Education, legislative, and county races; your sample ballot may also include city, school district, or other local races and measures that are not covered here.

Step 7: Make your voting plan

Decide whether you will vote early or on Election Day, and check the hours and locations for your county. During early voting you may vote at any early voting location in the county. Bring an acceptable photo ID (listed in the How to Vote section). You may not use your phone in the voting booth, so bring written or printed notes of your choices.

About This Guide

This guide gives voters basic, factual information about the candidates who will appear on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot in Fort Bend County. It covers every candidate in each race listed, uses the same format and the same types of sources for every candidate, and does not rate, rank, score, or recommend candidates.

How candidate information was gathered

- Background and stated priorities come from each candidate's campaign website, official biographies, candidate questionnaires (including those published by The Ballot Brief, Community Impact, the League of Women Voters, and Ballotpedia), and news reports. Priorities are summarized in the candidate's own terms.
- Positions by issue area (federal and State Board of Education races) are drawn from campaign websites (including Branch Politics' nonpartisan summaries of those websites), Ballotpedia candidate surveys, official congressional statements and votes, and news coverage. For every member of Congress who was in office in July 2025, the Healthcare entry notes his or her vote on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Where no position was located, the guide says so. The absence of a position does not mean a candidate has no view.
- For state and legislative candidates, each issue area combines stated positions from campaign materials and questionnaires, public statements, and documented official actions (bills authored, letters signed, executive actions). For current legislators, final 2025 votes on the listed bills appear in the issue area each bill concerns. County entries list public statements and actions separately. The same source types were reviewed for every candidate.
- Campaign contributions are listed only in the Railroad Commissioner race, because the commission directly regulates the oil and gas industry that funds most candidates for it. Donor figures come from Texas Ethics Commission filings as reported by the Texas Tribune.
- Pending criminal charges or arrests reported by major news outlets during the campaign are noted in one sentence, with the candidate's response where one was located. This rule was applied to every candidate; two candidates in this guide met it.
- For current legislators, the guide may also name up to two bills the member authored, sponsored, or coauthored in 2025 that fall within the guide's issue areas and that the member's own campaign materials identify as priorities. Challengers without a legislative record are summarized from their campaign materials and questionnaires in the same issue areas. The same rule was applied to every candidate.
- Voting records cover Texas state legislation only. They are shown for current members of the Texas House and Texas Senate who served during the 2025 regular session and are running for a Texas House or Texas Senate seat. The guide reports each member's final recorded vote in their own chamber on the same set of state bills, taken from the official Texas House and Texas Senate journals. A vote alone does not explain a member's reasons.
- Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name within each race.

Issue areas

Candidate entries use specific issue areas depending on the office:

- **Federal, Statewide, and Texas Legislature:** Foreign Affairs, Immigration, Religious Freedom, Civil Rights, Education, and Healthcare. (Foreign Affairs appears in state-level entries only for candidates who have addressed it.)
- **State Board of Education:** Social Studies Curriculum, Teacher Support, Digital Education & AI, Religion in Public Schools, and Other Issues.
- **Railroad Commissioner:** Oil and gas permitting/enforcement, pipeline safety/rates, water and land impacts, natural gas supply/grid reliability, and commission accountability.
- **Land Commissioner:** Permanent School Fund/land management, coastal protection/disaster recovery, Veterans Land Board programs, and border land use/foreign ownership.
- **Agriculture Commissioner:** Support for farmers/ranchers, school meals/nutrition, rural water/land, and consumer protection.

- **Comptroller:** Tax policy/budget transparency, education savings accounts, and revenue estimates/economic development.

Religious Freedom is included across all offices because religion-related actions and statements can arise in any of them.

Religious Freedom covers positions, statements, and official actions on religion in public life. That includes statements about Sharia law; statements about Muslims or any other faith community (Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and others); views on the separation of church and state; the Bible, Ten Commandments, or prayer in public schools; religious liberty protections; and government actions affecting houses of worship or faith-based developments, such as the proposed EPIC City. It also includes membership in legislative caucuses organized around these topics. Candidates and officeholders hold a wide range of views here, and the guide reports each in the candidate's own terms without evaluating it.

Texas House and Texas Senate bills included in the voting records

The bills below were considered by the Texas House and Texas Senate during the 89th Texas Legislature's 2025 regular session. They are state bills, not federal legislation. Voting records on these bills appear only in entries for Texas House and Texas Senate candidates who currently serve in the Legislature. They do not apply to candidates for Congress, statewide office, the State Board of Education, county office, or judicial office.

Each bill is described using its official caption and a plain summary of what the enacted version does. Vote counts are the final recorded votes in the Texas House and the Texas Senate.

Texas bill	Official caption and summary	Final votes (Texas House and Texas Senate)
SB 2	Relating to the establishment of an education savings account program. Creates a state-funded education savings account program that eligible families may use for private school tuition and other approved education expenses.	House passed April 17, 2025 (86–61); Senate concurred in House amendments April 24, 2025 (19–12).
SB 10	Relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms. Requires public elementary and secondary schools to display a poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments in each classroom. In 2026 the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit upheld the law, 9–8.	House passed May 25, 2025 (82–46); Senate concurred in House amendment May 28, 2025 (21–10).
SB 17	Relating to the purchase or acquisition of an interest in real property by certain aliens or foreign entities; creating a criminal offense; providing a civil penalty. Bars governments, companies, and certain individuals tied to countries designated as national security threats (currently China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia) from buying most real property in Texas, with exceptions for U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents, and authorizes the attorney general to investigate and enforce violations.	House adopted conference committee report May 29, 2025 (85–57); Senate adopted conference committee report May 30, 2025 (23–8).
SB 326	Relating to the procedure for determining whether a student's violation of a public school's or public institution of higher education's student code of conduct was motivated by antisemitism. Requires public schools and universities to consider a specified definition of antisemitism (the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition) when determining whether a student conduct violation was motivated by antisemitism.	House passed April 30, 2025 (129–8); Senate concurred in House amendment May 7, 2025 (29–2).
SB 2972	Relating to expressive activities at public institutions of higher education. Sets rules for expressive activity on public college and university campuses, including limits on the times and places where certain activities may occur.	House adopted conference committee report June 1, 2025 (97–39); Senate adopted conference committee report June 1, 2025 (22–9).

Texas bill	Official caption and summary	Final votes (Texas House and Texas Senate)
HB 4211	Relating to certain residential property interests controlled by certain entities. Amends the Texas Fair Housing Act so that exemptions that normally allow religious organizations to operate housing developments do not apply to certain developments, and bars certain residential contracts from requiring disputes to be resolved outside Texas or U.S. courts. The bill was widely discussed in connection with the proposed EPIC City development (now called The Meadow).	Senate passed May 27, 2025 (30–1); House concurred in Senate amendments May 29, 2025 (110–26).

What supporters and critics said

The summaries below describe the main public arguments for and against each bill, drawn from lawmakers' statements, court filings, and news coverage. This guide presents both sides and does not take a position on any bill.

SB 2: Relating to the establishment of an education savings account program.

Supporters: Author Sen. Brandon Creighton argued that "a one-size-fits-all education does not work for many of our students in Texas." He said the program is paid for from the state surplus rather than public school funds, and pointed to research from other states showing gains in student outcomes, safety, and college readiness. Gov. Abbott and Lt. Gov. Patrick made the bill a top priority.

Critics: The Senate Democratic Caucus called SB 2 "a deeply flawed voucher scheme" that subsidizes private schools. Groups such as Raise Your Hand Texas, along with education researchers, argued that it diverts money from public schools and holds private schools to weaker accountability than public schools, since participating students do not take the state test. Sen. Royce West warned it could favor white students, recalling the history of vouchers being used to avoid desegregation. In 2026, Islamic schools and Muslim parents sued after the comptroller's office excluded schools it said had ties to CAIR from the program.

SB 10: Relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.

Supporters: Author Sen. Phil King said the Ten Commandments are "ingrained into who we are as a people and as a nation," and argued that students cannot understand the foundations of American history and law without knowing them. House sponsor Rep. Candy Noble spoke of following God's law during House debate. Supporters argued that the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision in Kennedy v. Bremerton allows such displays, and after the Fifth Circuit upheld the law in 2026, King said the Constitution does not require the state to erase its history.

Critics: The ACLU, the ACLU of Texas, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and the Freedom From Religion Foundation called the law "blatantly unconstitutional" under the First Amendment's Establishment Clause. They said it would marginalize students whose families do not follow the state's chosen version of scripture. A group of Christian and Jewish faith leaders wrote to lawmakers that government should not dictate an official version of any religious text. Families of several faiths sued, and after the 9–8 ruling their lawyers said they would ask the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse it.

SB 326: Relating to the procedure for determining whether a student's violation of a public school's or public institution of higher education's student code of conduct was motivated by antisemitism.

Supporters: Author Sen. Phil King and supporters argued that schools need a clear, consistent definition to recognize when misconduct is motivated by antisemitism. His witness from the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission put it this way: "you cannot defeat what you are unwilling to define." Supporters cited surveys finding that most Jewish college students had experienced or witnessed antisemitism since October 2023. An Anti-Defamation League official said the bill does not ban protected speech and applies only to conduct that already violates school rules.

Critics: Free speech advocates, some Jewish students and groups, and pro-Palestinian advocates argued that the IHRA definition's examples, which include certain criticism of the state of Israel,

could be used to punish or discourage protected political speech. A Jewish University of Texas student testified that the definition encourages "a dangerous conflation of the government of Israel and the Jewish people." Some lawmakers said a law addressing all forms of religious discrimination would be fairer. In 2024, a federal judge in Austin had said that enforcing the definition in campus speech policies was likely unconstitutional.

SB 2972: Relating to expressive activities at public institutions of higher education.

Supporters: Author Sen. Brandon Creighton said the law strengthens free speech by fostering a culture of openness on campus while protecting students, faculty, and property from disruption by outside groups. Supporters said it responds to the disruption and unsafe behavior during the 2024 campus protests over the Israel–Hamas war, including encampments. After a court ruling against parts of the law, Creighton said he was confident it would ultimately be upheld.

Critics: The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) sued to block the law, arguing it violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments by banning protected expression from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.; a FIRE attorney said "the First Amendment doesn't set when the sun goes down." The ACLU of Texas said the law lets officials restrict how, when, and where Texans can speak on campus, whatever their politics. Critics also noted it walks back a 2019 law that opened outdoor campus spaces to public speech. In late 2025, a federal judge temporarily blocked key parts of the law, and the University of Texas System appealed.

HB 4211: Relating to certain residential property interests controlled by certain entities.

Supporters: Author Rep. Candy Noble said the bill protects the meaning of home ownership for every Texan, citing investment terms from the EPIC City developers that she called unlawful. Gov. Abbott said it prevents developments from using religion "as a form of segregation" and requires disputes to be resolved in Texas courts. The EPIC City developers said they supported the bill and already complied with it.

Critics: Much of the criticism focused on how state leaders described the law, not on its text, which does not mention Islam or Sharia. Muslim civil rights groups, including CAIR-Texas, said the governor's description of the law as a ban on "Sharia compounds" distorted its purpose. They said it singled out Muslims in ways never applied to other faiths' religious law and was fueling anti-Muslim bigotry. One senator and 26 House members voted against final passage.

Caucus membership is reported from published member lists. The Sharia Free Texas Caucus has reported 38 members, but the most complete public list found names 28; the Sharia-Free America Caucus list used here dates from early 2026. A candidate not listed may still be a member.

Corrections

Every effort was made to verify this information as of October 5, 2026. Candidates or community members who wish to submit a correction or add information may contact CAIR Texas; corrections will be applied in the same way for all candidates.

How to Vote in Fort Bend County

Voter registration deadline: Monday, October 5, 2026. Mailed applications must be postmarked by that date. You can check your registration or register at https://muslims.vote/muslims-voter-registration/.

Early voting: Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 30, 2026. During early voting you may vote at any early voting location in the county.

Vote by mail: Applications must be received by Friday, October 23, 2026. Eligibility is limited to voters who are 65 or older, have a disability, will be out of the county, or are confined in jail but otherwise eligible.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Photo ID: Bring one of seven acceptable forms of photo ID: Texas driver license, Texas Election Identification Certificate, Texas personal ID card, Texas handgun license, U.S. military ID with photo, U.S. citizenship certificate with photo, or U.S. passport. Voters who cannot reasonably obtain one may sign a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and show a supporting document such as a utility bill or voter registration certificate.

Look up your ballot and polling place: Visit https://muslims.vote/muslims-voter-registration/ to check your registration and find your election information. Which district races appear on your ballot depends on your address.

Federal Races

U.S. Senate

Six-year term. Senators vote on federal legislation, confirm federal judges and executive nominees, and ratify treaties.



TED BROWN

Libertarian

Background: Retired insurance adjuster from Austin; Libertarian nominee for U.S. Senate in 2024.

Website: tedbrown.org

Stated priorities: Brown's campaign website lists repealing the federal income tax and abolishing the IRS, across-the-board federal budget cuts, a non-interventionist foreign policy, ending the federal war on drugs, and ending government surveillance.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Brown's campaign lists a non-interventionist foreign policy as a top priority.

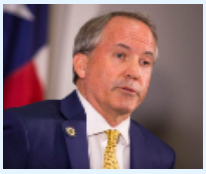
Immigration: Brown's campaign website opposes Operation Lone Star as a state intrusion on a federal issue; supports abolishing ICE, limiting Customs and Border Protection to borders and ports of entry, and closing detention facilities; and proposes allowing entry at international ports after criminal-record checks and disease screenings, with immediate work authorization.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: Brown's campaign website supports decriminalizing marijuana federally, ending government surveillance, giving people access to and deletion rights over government-collected personal data, and opposes government-mandated social media age limits and age-verification laws.

Education: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Healthcare: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



KEN PAXTON

Republican

Background: Texas attorney general since 2015; former state senator and state representative. Won the Republican nomination over incumbent Sen. John Cornyn.

Website: kenpaxton.com

Stated priorities: Paxton's campaign lists taking on the Washington establishment, continuing his record of suing the federal government and pursuing election-integrity cases, and keeping Texas conservative.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Paxton's campaign describes an "America First" approach. As attorney general, he joined multistate coalitions condemning Hamas, supported Texas's anti-boycott (BDS) laws, and praised the U.S. withdrawal from the Iran nuclear agreement.

Immigration: As attorney general, Paxton sued to end DACA and to continue the "Remain in Mexico" policy, and supported border wall construction, bans on sanctuary jurisdictions, and state border operations.

Religious Freedom: Paxton's campaign highlights his record defending religious liberty. As attorney general, his office opened a 2025 investigation into the proposed EPIC City

development planned by the East Plano Islamic Center, and in March 2026 he asked Collin County officials to reject permit applications tied to the project. In a September 2025 press release, he said, "In Texas classrooms, we want the Word of God opened, the Ten Commandments displayed, and prayers lifted up." In January 2026, he issued an attorney general's opinion concluding that the comptroller may exclude schools from the education savings account program under state anti-terrorism laws; Islamic schools excluded from the program later sued.

Civil Rights: As attorney general, Paxton opposed expansions of voting access, sued voter registration organizations, and supported the 2017 federal travel restrictions on several Muslim-majority countries.

Education: Paxton supports school choice and vouchers and restrictions on how race and history are taught.

Healthcare: Paxton has sought to repeal the Affordable Care Act through litigation and favors market-based healthcare, religious exemptions from coverage requirements, and enforcement against healthcare fraud.



JAMES TALARICO

Democratic

Background: State representative from Austin (HD 50); former middle school teacher; Presbyterian seminarian.

Website: jamestalarico.com

Stated priorities: Talarico's campaign lists fighting corruption, reducing the influence of large donors, and investing in public schools and affordable healthcare.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Talarico has called for stopping offensive weapons sales to the Netanyahu government while protecting civilians, using U.S. leverage to pursue a two-state solution and halt settlement expansion, and has described Gaza as a "moral and spiritual emergency." He has pledged not to accept AIPAC PAC money and has referenced human rights abuses in Sudan. No position on Iran was located.

Immigration: Talarico supports comprehensive immigration reform combining border security with a pathway to legal status for long-term undocumented residents, expanded legal work visas, modernized ports of entry, and oversight of ICE, saying enforcement should prioritize traffickers and violent offenders.

Religious Freedom: In the Texas House, Talarico opposed SB 10 (Ten Commandments in classrooms), saying, "I'm a Christian who firmly believes in the separation of church and state," and has called that separation "a sacred boundary" that protects both government and the church. He has spoken against what he calls "Christian nationalism." During the SB 11 school prayer debate, he asked whether teachers could encourage students to pray according to other faiths, such as Islam. He signed the November 2025 joint statement by House members asking the Governor to rescind his proclamation designating CAIR as a foreign terrorist organization.

Civil Rights: Talarico has said narrowing the space for protest and public speech has long-term implications for civil liberties. In the Texas House, he voted for SB 2972 (campus expressive activity restrictions) and SB 326 (IHRA definition of antisemitism).

Education: A former public school teacher, Talarico supports increased public school funding, teacher pay, and early childhood investment and opposes vouchers. He has spoken about nondiscrimination if public funds go to private or religious schools.

Healthcare: Talarico supports a public insurance option, allowing Americans to buy into Medicare, and strengthening the Affordable Care Act. He helped pass a Texas law capping insulin copays at $25 per month.

U.S. House of Representatives

Two-year term. Districts were redrawn in 2025. Parts of Fort Bend County are in the districts below; only one appears on your ballot. Check your sample ballot.

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives write and vote on federal laws and the federal budget.

U.S. House, District 7



LIZZIE PANNILL FLETCHER

Democratic, incumbent

Background: U.S. representative since 2019; attorney; vice ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Website: lizziefletcher.com

Stated priorities: Flood mitigation in the Houston area; transportation and infrastructure; jobs and the economy.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Fletcher has voted for security aid to Israel, Iron Dome funding, and resolutions supporting Israel's defense against Hamas, and has supported humanitarian aid to Palestinians. She has advocated diplomatic approaches to Iran and has worked to extend Temporary Protected Status for Sudanese nationals.

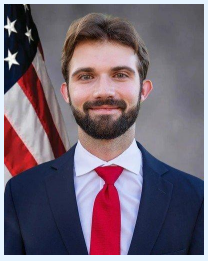
Immigration: Fletcher supports comprehensive immigration reform, hiring more immigration judges to reduce backlogs, protections for DACA and TPS recipients, and the NO BAN Act, and opposes building a border wall.

Religious Freedom: Fletcher supports the NO BAN Act, which would prohibit religious discrimination in immigration entry decisions, and has said hatred directed at Muslims "runs counter to our fundamental values."

Civil Rights: Fletcher's campaign emphasizes equality and civil rights for all Americans and rejects bigotry and discrimination.

Education: Fletcher supports investment in public education and teachers and opposes school voucher programs.

Healthcare: Fletcher supports strengthening the Affordable Care Act, Medicare drug price negotiation, and legislation on maternal and infant health and prescription costs, and opposes cutting or privatizing Social Security and Medicare. Fletcher voted against the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (July 2025), which included changes to Medicaid.



ALEXANDER HALE

Republican

Background: Energy consultant; former American Enterprise Institute staff member; first run for office.

Website: halefortexas.com

Stated priorities: Hale's campaign website lists the Houston energy economy, border security, fiscal responsibility and opposing "wasteful government spending," public safety, and school choice.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Immigration: Hale supports border security and says unchecked illegal immigration harms Houston communities.

Religious Freedom: Hale's campaign describes him as a devout Christian and constitutional conservative.

Civil Rights: Hale's campaign website calls for securing federal resources "to help catch criminals, solve crimes, and empower local authorities in Houston."

Education: Hale supports school choice and "innovative approaches" to improve outcomes.

Healthcare: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



ESPOIR NGABO

Green

Background: Information technology analyst who came to Houston as a refugee at age five.

Website: espoirfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Lowering housing costs; single-payer healthcare; flood mitigation investment in Houston.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Ngabo opposes further unconditional military aid to Israel, supports conditioning aid on compliance with U.S. human rights law including the Leahy Law, restoring UNRWA funding, and recognizing Palestinian statehood. No positions on Iran or Sudan were located.

Immigration: No immigration platform was located; he came to Houston as a refugee.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: Ngabo supports codifying abortion rights, overturning Citizens United, ranked-choice voting, and congressional term limits, and says he does not accept AIPAC or corporate PAC money.

Education: Ngabo opposes vouchers and supports student loan forgiveness, restoring the Department of Education, and universal school meals.

Healthcare: Ngabo supports single-payer Medicare for All and more funding for community clinics.

U.S. House, District 14



THURMAN BILL BARTIE

Democratic

Background: Former Port Arthur mayor and justice of the peace.

Website: votebartie.org

Stated priorities: Jobs and economic opportunity; hurricane and flood infrastructure; strengthening the Affordable Care Act.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Education: Bartie's campaign calls for "investment in teachers, modernized classrooms, and pathways to success for every child."

Healthcare: Bartie advocates the "strengthening and restoration of the Affordable Care Act" and has criticized federal cuts to Medicaid and SNAP, per the Port Arthur News.



RANDY WEBER

Republican, incumbent

Background: U.S. representative since 2013; former state representative and founder of an air conditioning business; serves on the Energy and Commerce and Science committees.

Website: randyweber.org

Stated priorities: Lower taxes; reduced wasteful spending; better schools.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Weber has said Israel has the right to defend itself and criticized the Biden administration's handling of the Israel-Hamas war, per Fox Business.

Immigration: In a 2024 Community Impact questionnaire, Weber called restoring border security his top priority, including securing the border, deporting people in the country illegally, and removing terrorists.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Education: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Healthcare: Weber has long opposed the Affordable Care Act and voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (July 2025), which included changes to Medicaid.

U.S. House, District 18



CHRISTIAN MENEFEE

Democratic, incumbent

Background: U.S. representative since February 2026; Harris County attorney 2021–2026.

Website: christianmenefee.com

Stated priorities: Menefee's campaign website lists affordability and housing, Medicare for All, voting rights, gun safety, fully funding public schools, and flood and climate infrastructure.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Immigration: Menefee's campaign website calls for fixing "our broken immigration system." As Harris County attorney, he supported litigation alleging ICE racial profiling and unlawful detention tactics.

Religious Freedom: Menefee publicly criticized the Governor's November 2025 proclamation designating CAIR as a terrorist organization.

Civil Rights: Menefee's campaign website supports the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act, ending for-profit prisons, and gun measures including an assault weapons ban, closing background-check loopholes, and limiting high-capacity magazines. In April 2026 he introduced the Special Election Timeliness Act, requiring states to fill House vacancies within 180 days.

Education: Menefee's campaign website supports fully funding schools, raising teacher pay, expanding Pell Grants, and investing in career and technical education and apprenticeships.

Healthcare: Menefee's campaign website supports Medicare for All and expanding Medicare and Medicaid to cover dental, vision, and hearing.



RONALD WHITFIELD

Republican

Background: Houston landscaping business owner.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign website was located. In a 2025 Houston Chronicle editorial board interview, Whitfield said his campaign centers on public safety and civic education.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: In a 2025 interview with the Houston Chronicle editorial board, Whitfield said his campaign centers on public safety and civic education.

Education: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Healthcare: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

U.S. House, District 22



MARQUETTE GREENE-SCOTT

Democratic

Background: Mayor pro tem of the City of Iowa Colony.

Website: marquettegreenescott.com

Stated priorities: Jobs and economic growth; infrastructure; bipartisan problem-solving.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: Greene-Scott has spoken in support of protecting voting rights and has said she wants to restore "decency and love of democracy" to the office, per Houston Style Magazine and the Houston Chronicle.

Education: Greene-Scott's campaign calls for fully funded public schools.

Healthcare: Greene-Scott's campaign emphasizes access to affordable healthcare, and she has spoken in support of women's bodily autonomy and access to IVF and contraception.



TREVER NEHLS

Republican

Background: Retired U.S. Army colonel; Fort Bend County Precinct 4 constable 2013–2020; twin brother of retiring Rep. Troy Nehls.

Website: trevernehlsforcongress.com

Stated priorities: Nehls's campaign website lists border security and "crushing the cartels," supporting law enforcement, lower taxes and fewer regulations, energy independence, parental rights in education, and District 22 infrastructure.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Immigration: Nehls pledges to codify President Trump's executive actions on immigration, finish the border wall, permanently end catch-and-release, deport people in the country illegally who violate the law, and keep drug cartels designated as foreign terrorist organizations.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: Nehls's campaign website states he "will back the blue without apology," opposes "soft-on-crime leftist policies," and will vote to eliminate DEI mandates.

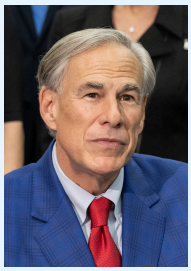
Education: Nehls' campaign supports parental rights and curriculum transparency, opposes teaching gender ideology in schools, supports restricting girls' sports to biological females, and calls for "patriotic, pro-America education."

Healthcare: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Statewide Races

Governor

Four-year term. The governor is the state's chief executive, signs or vetoes legislation, prepares a state budget recommendation, appoints state officials and judges to fill vacancies, and can call special legislative sessions.



GREG ABBOTT

Republican, incumbent

Background: Governor of Texas since 2015; former Texas attorney general and Texas Supreme Court justice.

Website: gregabbott.com

Stated priorities: Abbott's campaign lists cutting and reforming property taxes through his Empowering Texas Taxpayers plan, continuing border security through Operation Lone Star, and growing Texas jobs as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Abbott's campaign lists continuing Operation Lone Star, the state border security initiative, as a priority. In 2025 he signed SB 8, which requires most sheriffs to seek 287(g) immigration enforcement agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Religious Freedom: In February 2025, Abbott posted that "Sharia Law is not allowed in Texas" and directed state investigations into the proposed EPIC City development planned by the East Plano Islamic Center, including an order to halt construction pending permits. In November 2025, he issued a proclamation designating CAIR as a foreign terrorist organization under state law, which bars them from acquiring land in Texas, and later asked the U.S. Treasury to suspend CAIR's tax-exempt status; CAIR has sued to overturn the designation. In May 2026, he threatened to withhold $530,000 in state public safety grants from Grand Prairie unless the city canceled a privately organized Eid event at the city-owned Epic Waters water park, saying an early flier advertised it as "MUSLIMS ONLY," which he called "religious discrimination" and "unconstitutional" under HB 4211; the organizer said the wording was a mistake and revised the flier to say "All are welcome," and the city canceled the event. Forty-one legislators asked him to rescind the threat. In 2025 he signed SB 10 (Ten Commandments display in classrooms), SB 11 (optional school prayer and Bible-reading periods), and HB 4211 (religion-based restrictions on residential property).

Civil Rights: In 2025 Abbott signed SB 2972, which sets rules for expressive activity on public college campuses, and SB 326, which requires schools to consider a specified definition of antisemitism in student discipline. Abbott's campaign lists bail reform (SJR 5, 2025) and support for law enforcement as priorities.

Education: Abbott made school choice a top priority and in 2025 signed SB 2, creating the state's education savings account program. In 2026, after the acting comptroller excluded schools with alleged ties to CAIR from the program, which led to lawsuits from Islamic schools and Muslim parents, Abbott said he agreed with the decision because funds should not go "to radical Islamic indoctrination."

Healthcare: Abbott has opposed expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. In 2025 he signed SB 25, the "Make Texas Healthy Again" food-labeling and nutrition law, and SB 379, barring use of SNAP benefits for sweetened drinks and candy.



PAT DIXON

Libertarian

Background: Professional engineer and business owner in Lago Vista; former Lago Vista City Council member; former chair of the Libertarian Party of Texas.

Website: patdixon.org

Stated priorities: Dixon's campaign website lists growth that "pays for the resources it uses," targeted spending cuts before tax cuts, due process in firearm policy, parent choice in education, and election reforms including approval and ranked-choice voting.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Dixon's campaign website states the federal government has primary immigration-enforcement responsibility and Texas should cooperate, but that he "refuses policies that harm Texans' life, liberty, or property," and that reduced border crossings do not justify "killing and harassing people."

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: Dixon's campaign website supports law-abiding Texans' right to possess firearms, prioritizes due process in any "red flag" law, and opposed interrupting the 2025 flood-response special session to redraw congressional districts. He supports allowing cities to adopt approval voting and supports ranked-choice voting.

Education: Dixon's campaign website supports parent choice and "parent-led school accountability instead of politically motivated testing mandates," and proposes a statewide scholarship giving every child the same funding to use at any school.

Healthcare: Dixon's campaign website supports adults' freedom to use hemp-derived THC products "provided they do not harm others," and says crisis responses should not deprive people of liberty and livelihood.



GINA HINOJOSA

Democratic

Background: State representative from Austin since 2017; attorney; former Austin ISD board president.

Website: ginafortexas.com

Stated priorities: Hinojosa's campaign website lists quality and accessible healthcare, affordability and "taking on corporate greed," public education funding instead of vouchers, school safety and teacher pay, and opposing state land sales for data centers.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Hinojosa has said she supports border security while criticizing current federal enforcement tactics, describing "ICE attacks on our families and our communities." She called Gov. Abbott's April 2026 threat to withhold public safety grants from cities that limit police cooperation with immigration authorities "unacceptable," and opposed his deployment of the Texas National Guard to support ICE operations.

Religious Freedom: *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – No; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – No.

Civil Rights: Hinojosa is a former civil rights and union lawyer. Her campaign website opposes private prisons and opposed the 2025 mid-decade congressional redistricting. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – No.

Education: Hinojosa has been one of the Legislature's leading critics of the state's school voucher program, per the Texas Tribune; her campaign website calls for investing in "school safety and teacher pay, not corporate profits" and proposes zero-based budgeting for education. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – No [party-line vote; verify].

Healthcare: Hinojosa's campaign website lists quality and accessible healthcare as a priority; she has said Texans are being "cheated out of basic health care," opposes private equity acquisition of medical practices, and supports access to abortion.

Lieutenant Governor

Four-year term. The lieutenant governor presides over the Texas Senate, appoints Senate committee chairs and members, and serves as acting governor when the governor is absent.



ANTHONY CRISTO

Libertarian

Background: High school teacher; Navy veteran; Libertarian nominee for U.S. House in 2018 and 2020.

Website: anthonycristo.com

Stated priorities: Cristo's campaign website lists cutting taxes and spending, free-market economics, a balanced budget, and marijuana legalization.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Cristo's campaign website states he supports "immigrants who come to work and contribute," while opposing taxpayer-funded welfare.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: Cristo's campaign website supports legalizing marijuana in Texas.

Education: Cristo's campaign website states school districts can be properly funded without tax increases.

Healthcare: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



VIKKI GOODWIN

Democratic

Background: State representative from Austin since 2019; real estate broker.

Website: vikkigoodwin.com

Stated priorities: Goodwin's campaign website lists funding neighborhood public schools rather than vouchers, affordability including a $15 minimum wage and housing, water and grid infrastructure, healthcare access, and election reforms.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Goodwin's campaign website supports comprehensive immigration reform, including doubling visa caps and creating "safe processing facilities in home countries."

Religious Freedom: Goodwin publicly opposed the Governor's designation of CAIR as a foreign terrorist organization, saying that if the Governor can "label an advocacy organization a terrorist group" by declaration, "no community is safe from political retaliation." Speaking against SB 11 (school prayer and religious-text periods) on the House floor in 2025, Goodwin said students may already pray if they choose and that "government officials have no business

interfering with these deeply personal and constitutionally-protected matters." *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – No; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – No.

Civil Rights: Goodwin's campaign website supports online voter registration, ranked-choice voting, a citizen ballot-initiative process (HJR 198), and gun measures including "stronger background checks, proper training requirements, and tools to investigate straw purchases." She authored the Natalia Cox Act (2023) providing resources to domestic violence victims. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – No (statement: intended present, not voting); SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – No.

Education: Goodwin's campaign website prioritizes funding neighborhood public schools rather than vouchers, better pay for educators and support staff, and reducing standardized testing. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – No [party-line vote; verify].

Healthcare: Goodwin's campaign website supports Medicaid expansion, extending postpartum Medicaid coverage, addressing rural provider shortages and maternal mortality, and access to abortion.



KEVIN MCCORMICK

Green

Background: Retired attorney and former high school math teacher; lives near Lindale.

Website: kmm2026.org

Stated priorities: McCormick's campaign website lists expanding public transit, investing in the rural economy and family farms, water policy modernization, opposing subsidies for data centers, and election reform including ranked-choice voting.

Key Issues and Record

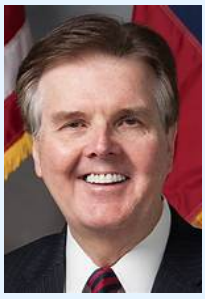
Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: McCormick's campaign website proposes ranked-choice voting, a statewide primary open to four parties and independents, and Election Code rules "to significantly limit gerrymandering."

Education: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Healthcare: McCormick's campaign website prioritizes "effective public health policy and preventive primary healthcare."



DAN PATRICK

Republican, incumbent

Background: Lieutenant governor since 2015; former radio host and state senator.

Website: danpatrick.org

Stated priorities: Patrick's campaign lists continuing conservative leadership of the Senate, cutting property taxes, border security, school choice, and family values legislation as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Foreign Affairs: Patrick designated SB 17, restricting certain land purchases by individuals and entities tied to China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia, as a 2025 priority bill. In February 2026, Patrick removed a member of the Religious Liberty Commission he chairs after she raised questions about Israel and Zionism during a hearing on antisemitism, saying no commissioner may "hijack a hearing for their own personal and political agenda," per the Houston Chronicle

Immigration: Patrick's campaign lists border security as a priority.

Religious Freedom: Patrick designated SB 10 (Ten Commandments display in classrooms) and SB 11 (optional school prayer and Bible-reading periods) among his priority bills in the 2025 session; both became law. His campaign lists "family values legislation" as a priority. Patrick has directed Senate committees to study ways to prevent Sharia law in Texas before the 2027 session, with the stated aim of ensuring Texans "are never held under the heel of 'Sharia law,'" per KLTV and the New York Times. Patrick chairs President Trump's Religious Liberty Commission and has said, "There is no such thing as a separation of church and state in the U.S. Constitution."

Civil Rights: Patrick designated SJR 5 (2025), allowing judges to deny bail to certain violent offenders, as a priority. His campaign website supports increased law enforcement funding and stronger criminal penalties for firearm-related crimes, and supports legislation ending the teaching of critical race theory and abolishing DEI policies in universities. He has pledged $1 million in campaign funds to establish Turning Point USA chapters at Texas colleges and high schools.

Education: Patrick made school choice (SB 2, education savings accounts) a top 2025 priority.

Healthcare: Patrick designated SB 25 (2025), the "Make Texas Healthy Again" food-labeling and nutrition law, as a priority; it became law. His campaign website states he opposes abortion and opposes pathways toward recreational marijuana legalization.

Attorney General

Four-year term. The attorney general is the state's chief legal officer; represents the state in legal matters, issues legal opinions, oversees child-support enforcement and crime-victim compensation, and enforces open-government and consumer-protection laws.



NATHAN JOHNSON

Democratic

Background: State senator from Dallas since 2019; attorney.

Website: nathanfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Johnson's campaign website lists restoring a nonpartisan, independent attorney general's office, prosecuting public corruption "irrespective of political party," consumer protection, and healthcare access. He cites his Senate work on insurance reform, grid resilience, and Medicaid expansion.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Johnson's campaign website states he wants the southern border "secure, and safe" while "rejecting border policy and tactics that violate the U.S. Constitution," and says ICE is placing people's constitutional rights "under threat."

Religious Freedom: *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – No; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – Yes.

Civil Rights: Johnson's campaign website states "I will be an independent Attorney General who will investigate and prosecute officials – irrespective of political party – not for revenge or persecution"; he opposed the 2025 mid-decade congressional redistricting. *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – No [verify].

Education: *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – No [verify].

Healthcare: Johnson's campaign website cites his Senate work on insurance reform and Medicaid expansion and supports reforming the Texas health insurance marketplace to extend "private health insurance for an estimated 350,000 previously uninsured Texans."



MAYES MIDDLETON

Republican

Background: State senator (SD 11), former state representative, attorney, and oil company president.

Website: mayesmiddleton.com

Stated priorities: Middleton's campaign lists border security and enforcement of deportation orders against criminal networks, election integrity and voter ID enforcement, and rooting out government waste as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Middleton pledges to sue sanctuary cities and enforce federal border security and deportation orders.

Religious Freedom: In 2025 Middleton authored SB 11, which allows school districts to adopt daily periods for prayer or reading religious texts with parental consent. On its passage he said, "We are a state and nation built on 'In God We Trust,'" and that "litigious atheists are no longer going to get to decide for everyone else" whether students and educators exercise religious liberties at school. He also authored SB 854 (2025), which would have required cities to approve housing on land owned by religious institutions, describing it as empowering "churches, synagogues, mosques, and other religious groups." *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – Yes; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – Yes.

Civil Rights: Middleton lists election integrity and voter ID enforcement as priorities and passed legislation allowing the attorney general to prosecute election cases without a local prosecutor's consent. *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – Yes.

Education: Middleton has called for overturning Plyler v. Doe, the U.S. Supreme Court decision guaranteeing undocumented children access to public education, and sponsored the Save Women's Sports Act. *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – Yes [verify].

Healthcare: Middleton authored SB 379 (2025), directing the state to seek a federal waiver barring the use of SNAP benefits for sweetened drinks and candy; it became law.



TOM OXFORD

Libertarian

Background: Attorney in Jefferson County; former legal aid office manager; Libertarian nominee for the Texas Supreme Court in seven prior elections.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Oxford has not published a campaign platform and did not respond to the Community Impact candidate questionnaire. In a 2020 questionnaire he described his philosophy as civil liberty with limited government involvement in private life.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Oxford says due process applies to everyone regardless of legal status and that the state "can protect our borders without walking away from our founding principles." He says he would use the attorney general's powers to protect due process.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: Oxford says every citizen has a right to vote, and that he would use the office to block efforts to intimidate voters at polling locations. He supports more polling locations and secure mail-in voting.

Education: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Healthcare: Oxford says he would end the state's legal actions against other states that provide abortion medications, and that the state "should have no involvement in decisions about our personal health."

Comptroller of Public Accounts

Four-year term. The comptroller is the state's chief financial officer: collects taxes, estimates revenue available for the state budget, and administers the state's education savings account (voucher) program.



V. ALONZO ECHAVARRIA-GARZA

Libertarian

Background: City manager of Hearne; state representative 1991–1993; Libertarian nominee for comptroller in 2022.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign platform was located. Branch.vote and The Ballot Brief found no website or online platform as of September 2026.

Key Issues and Record

Tax policy and budget transparency: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Education savings account program: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Revenue estimates and economic development: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



SARAH ECKHARDT

Democratic

Background: State senator from Austin (SD 14), attorney, and former Travis County judge.

Website: saraheckhardt.com

Stated priorities: Eckhardt's campaign lists stopping no-bid contracts and auditing the voucher program, transparency about tax spending, and healthcare costs as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Tax policy and budget transparency: Eckhardt pledges to act as a watchdog over the state budget, end no-bid contracts and "sweetheart deals," and root out waste and fraud, citing her record of balanced budgets as Travis County judge.

Education savings account program: Eckhardt pledges to audit the Texas Education Freedom Accounts program, including who receives funds and how they are spent.

Revenue estimates and economic development: Eckhardt has said the comptroller's office should report on federal funds Texas forgoes by not expanding Medicaid, which she supports.

Religious Freedom: *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – No; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – No (the only Senate vote against); SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – No; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – No [verify]; SB 2 (education savings accounts) – No [verify].



SHEHLA FAIZI

Green

Background: Graphic designer with a background in advertising and marketing journalism; moved to Texas in 2012.

Website: faizifortexas.com

Stated priorities: Faizi's campaign lists keeping Texas tax dollars in Texas, ending tax breaks for large corporations, and restoring checks and balances to the office as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Tax policy and budget transparency: Faizi's campaign calls for keeping Texas tax dollars in Texas and restoring checks and balances to the comptroller's office.

Education savings account program: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Revenue estimates and economic development: Faizi's campaign calls for ending tax breaks for large corporations.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



DON HUFFINES

Republican, incumbent

Background: Appointed comptroller in July 2026; real estate developer and former state senator.

Website: donhuffines.com

Stated priorities: Huffines's campaign lists eliminating government waste, fraud, and abuse, transparent state budgets, and defending taxpayers as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Tax policy and budget transparency: Huffines says his commitment is to "run government lean, protect every tax dollar." He has pledged not to take a state salary, proposed auditing state spending (which he calls "DOGE-ing Texas") and returning savings through property tax relief, and pledged that no public money will benefit undocumented immigrants. In August 2026 he launched a performance review of school district spending.

Education savings account program: Huffines supports school choice. As comptroller since August 2026, he announced that 101,600 students had received Texas Education Freedom Account funding, called the program "a free market approach," and his office has asked the Legislature to double its base funding for 2027–28.

Revenue estimates and economic development: Huffines supports ending business regulations that he says impede job creation.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Commissioner of the General Land Office

Four-year term. The land commissioner manages state-owned lands and mineral rights, directs revenue to the Permanent School Fund, runs Veterans Land Board programs, and oversees coastal protection and disaster recovery programs.



DAWN BUCKINGHAM

Republican, incumbent

Background: Land commissioner since 2023; eye surgeon and former state senator.

Website: dawnbuckingham.com

Stated priorities: Buckingham's campaign lists border security through General Land Office land actions, public education funding through the Permanent School Fund, and veterans programs as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

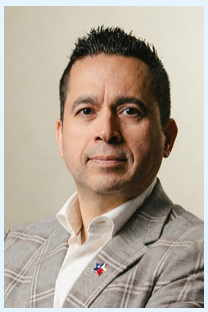
Permanent School Fund and state land management: Buckingham's campaign says the Land Office has contributed nearly $6 billion to public education during her tenure. She has announced plans to explore geothermal energy, small modular nuclear reactors, and natural gas plants on state lands and supports oil and gas production as critical to the state's economy and national security. The Land Office also operates the Alamo; Buckingham has overseen restoration there and in 2025 criticized an Alamo Trust post recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day as "woke," after which the Trust's CEO left.

Coastal protection and disaster recovery: Buckingham's campaign says the Land Office has delivered more than $9 billion in disaster recovery funding and $1 billion for flood mitigation projects during her tenure.

Veterans Land Board programs: Buckingham's campaign says the Land Office has delivered more than $1.5 billion to help veterans buy, renovate, or improve homes and property during her tenure.

Border land use and foreign land ownership: Buckingham has used Land Office land and resources to assist with border wall construction and launched the Jocelyn Initiative, committing available Land Office resources to help detain and deport "criminal illegal immigrants." In July 2026 she ordered federal contractors to stop clearing a state-owned border tract near Big Bend, saying the work was being done "illegally."

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



BENJAMIN FLORES

Democratic

Background: Bay City council member with a background in cybersecurity and compliance.

Website: letsgowithben.com

Stated priorities: Flores's campaign lists directing General Land Office revenue to public schools, expanding Veterans Land Board programs, and coastal protection and storm recovery as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Permanent School Fund and state land management: Flores prioritizes protecting and maximizing Permanent School Fund revenue for public schools and opposes school vouchers. He has said he would encourage data center developers to lease state land and proposes land swaps to encourage affordable housing. On the Alamo, which the Land Office operates, Flores opposed the removal of the Alamo Trust's CEO after the Indigenous Peoples' Day post, citing freedom of speech and academic freedom.

Coastal protection and disaster recovery: Flores proposes faster debris removal and contract approvals after disasters, including "a roster of pre-vetted Texas contractors ready to mobilize," and supports coastal resilience measures against extreme weather and climate change.

Veterans Land Board programs: Flores supports partnerships to end veteran homelessness, expanded childcare access for veterans, a VA hospital in the Rio Grande Valley, and a new assisted-living home in the Coastal Bend.

Border land use and foreign land ownership: Flores opposes the current commissioner's use of Land Office resources to acquire and transfer land for border and immigration enforcement, which he cites as his reason for entering the race.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



NEILL SNIDER

Libertarian

Background: Mechanical contractor and cattle rancher; state representative 1983–1985.

Website: voteneillsnider.com

Stated priorities: Snider's campaign website lists transparent management of state lands and mineral rights, fair energy leasing, reducing General Land Office spending, and keeping the office to its "core responsibilities."

Key Issues and Record

Permanent School Fund and state land management: Snider's campaign website proposes managing state land and mineral assets "efficiently and transparently to maximize revenue for taxpayers and public schools" or selling them, and supports fair leasing practices and respecting private property.

Coastal protection and disaster recovery: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Veterans Land Board programs: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Border land use and foreign land ownership: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Commissioner of Agriculture

Four-year term. The agriculture commissioner leads the Texas Department of Agriculture, which regulates weights and measures and pesticides, promotes Texas agriculture, and administers school nutrition programs.



AUSTIN R. KELLY

Libertarian

Background: Ecologist and founder of an ecological consulting firm; former Texas A&M instructor.

Website: kellyfortx.com

Stated priorities: Kelly's campaign website lists water conservation and brush-control science, private property rights and eminent domain reform, invasive species and screwworm response, and removing barriers to direct farm sales.

Key Issues and Record

Support for farmers and ranchers, and trade: Kelly's campaign website supports voluntary rangeland conservation and stewardship programs "while defending private property rights," and proposes monitoring, sterile-insect controls, and streamlined producer reporting to address New World screwworm outbreaks.

School meals and nutrition programs: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Rural water and land: Kelly's campaign website pledges to publish a review of scientific research on brush control and water yield, and lists water conservation and eminent domain reform as priorities.

Consumer protection and product regulation: Kelly's campaign website calls for removing rules restricting direct-to-consumer food sales, cottage foods, and local processing, and for focusing invasive-species enforcement on border prevention and early detection "rather than landowner fines."

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



NATE SHEETS

Republican

Background: Agriculture entrepreneur and beekeeper who built a honey business; U.S. Navy Reserve veteran.

Website: natesheets.com

Stated priorities: Sheets's campaign lists bringing agribusiness experience to the department, supporting farmers and ranchers, and restoring integrity to the office as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Support for farmers and ranchers, and trade: Sheets pledges to boost agricultural job opportunities in rural areas and to work with the Legislature to give the state authority to investigate "agro-terrorists" who might spread pathogens that damage agricultural production.

School meals and nutrition programs: Sheets, who describes himself as part of the "Make America Healthy Again" movement, pledges to help Texas farmers produce "clean and healthy food" for homes and public schools.

Rural water and land: Sheets wants data center companies to invest in water and agriculture-related funds and supports ending preferential tax breaks and subsidies for data centers.

Consumer protection and product regulation: Sheets founded Nature Nate's Honey, which emphasized testing for pesticides and herbicides, and says that experience shaped his views on healthy food.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



CLAYTON TUCKER

Democratic

Background: Farmer and rancher near Lampasas; former secretary of the Texas Farmers Union.

Website: claytontuckertx.com

Stated priorities: Tucker's campaign lists supporting family farms and ranches, fair trade for Texas producers, and protecting rural water and land as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Support for farmers and ranchers, and trade: Tucker, a former fair-trade organizer, pledges to preserve family farms and "bust monopolies" in agriculture.

School meals and nutrition programs: Tucker pledges to lower the cost of food and remove harmful chemicals from the food supply.

Rural water and land: Tucker pledges to protect Texas farmland and water from the rapid growth of data centers.

Consumer protection and product regulation: Tucker supports regulating dangerous chemicals such as PFAS and stopping the spread of microplastics.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Railroad Commissioner

Six-year term. The Railroad Commission regulates the oil and gas industry, natural gas utilities, pipelines, and surface coal mining in Texas.



ARTHUR DIBIANCA

Libertarian

Background: Retired computer programmer, formerly with the Texas Department of Transportation; longtime Libertarian activist.

Website: votedibianca.com

Stated priorities: DiBianca's campaign website lists free-market energy policy without subsidies or mandates, mineral and surface property rights, and operator accountability for well plugging and cleanup.

Key Issues and Record

Oil and gas permitting and enforcement: DiBianca's campaign website calls for holding operators "accountable for well plugging and cleanup" while making "compliance predictable and transparent," and for using bonding and insurance markets to handle environmental risk "instead of taxpayer bailouts."

Pipeline safety and gas utility rates: DiBianca's campaign website calls for "competitive access to pipelines and markets rather than monopoly protections."

Water, land and landowner impacts: DiBianca's campaign website pledges to protect mineral and surface owners "from government overreach and eminent domain abuse" and favors "voluntary, market-based solutions" for landowner–developer disputes.

Natural gas supply and power grid reliability: DiBianca's campaign website supports "all of the above" energy development and opposes government "picking winners and losers between oil, gas, wind, solar, or nuclear."

Commission accountability: DiBianca's campaign website calls for rules that prevent the commission from being "unduly influenced by the industries they regulate" and for simplifying and modernizing its regulations.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



BO FRENCH

Republican

Background: Former chair of the Tarrant County Republican Party; energy trader and rancher.

Website: bofrench.com

Stated priorities: French's campaign lists reducing regulation on oil and gas producers and enforcing state restrictions on foreign ownership of Texas land as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Oil and gas permitting and enforcement: French pledges to cut Railroad Commission regulations on oil and gas operators, saying he is running on "strengthening our oil and gas industry by lowering regulation" and opposing "radical climate change ideology" and "foreign capture" of the industry. He has said redirecting the commission's diversity, equity, and inclusion spending would make the budget for plugging abandoned wells "go much further."

Pipeline safety and gas utility rates: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Water, land and landowner impacts: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Natural gas supply and power grid reliability: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Commission accountability: French's largest donors in 2026 include the Texas Freedom Fund for the Advancement of Justice PAC, supported by oil executives Tim Dunn and Farris Wilks ($773,500), the Texas Conservative Voters PAC ($285,000), oil executive Luke Dunn ($50,000), and Farris Wilks ($25,000), per the Texas Tribune.

Religious Freedom: French's campaign website calls to "Stop the Islamic Invasion of Texas." At the Conservative Political Action Conference in Grapevine in March 2026, he said Republicans should more openly embrace Islamophobia, per the Texas Tribune.



JON ROSENTHAL

Democratic

Background: State representative from Houston (HD 135); engineer and project manager with 25 years in oil and gas.

Website: jonrosenthaltx.com

Stated priorities: Rosenthal's campaign lists data center energy policy, fair and affordable gas utility rates, and Texas energy jobs as priorities.

Key Issues and Record

Oil and gas permitting and enforcement: Rosenthal, a former oil and gas engineer, pledges to end routine flaring and venting except in emergencies, require modern leak detection and repair, deny new permits to operators that violate rules, and expand well plugging with public dashboards. He would fund plugging through a new fee on saltwater disposal and higher operator bonds, and would repurpose inactive wells for geothermal energy and carbon storage.

Pipeline safety and gas utility rates: Rosenthal pledges to lower gas utility bills through price-smoothing and storage standards, require prudence reviews before utilities pass storm

costs to customers, bar recovery of costs caused by negligence, and require plain-language billing.

Water, land and landowner impacts: Rosenthal supports baseline and follow-up groundwater testing near high-risk operations and stronger liners and monitoring at oilfield waste sites.

Natural gas supply and power grid reliability: Rosenthal says natural gas delivery was the root cause of the 2021 Winter Storm Uri grid failure and supports weatherization requirements for gas facilities with deadlines, third-party audits, fines, and public reliability scorecards.

Commission accountability: Rosenthal pledges to ban industry donations to railroad commissioners, publish commissioners' calendars and recusals, and livestream enforcement hearings. His reported major donors are elected officials, including state Sen. Carol Alvarado and state Rep. Gene Wu.

Religious Freedom: During the 2025 House debate on SB 10, Rosenthal offered amendments, which were defeated. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – Absent; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – No; SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – [verify]; SB 2 (education savings accounts) – No [party-line vote; verify].

Judicial Races

Judicial candidates are listed by name and party. Judges are expected to decide cases impartially, and this guide does not report positions on issues for judicial candidates. At this time, we were not able to compile background information or statements for these candidates. To learn more, visit VOTE411.org, the League of Women Voters' nonpartisan voter guide, and enter your address to see the judicial candidates on your ballot and their own answers to the League's questions.

Statewide courts

Office	Candidates
Supreme Court, Chief Justice	Jimmy Blacklock (Republican, incumbent); Maggie Ellis (Democratic)
Supreme Court, Place 2 (Unexpired Term)	Chari Kelly (Democratic); James P. Sullivan (Republican, incumbent)
Supreme Court, Place 7	Kyle D. Hawkins (Republican, incumbent); Kristen Hawkins (Democratic)
Supreme Court, Place 8	Brett Busby (Republican, incumbent); Gisela D. Triana (Democratic)
Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3	Okey Anyiam (Democratic); Mark Ash (Libertarian); Thomas Smith (Republican)
Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4	Audra Riley (Democratic); Kevin Patrick Yeary (Republican, incumbent)
Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9	John Messinger (Republican); Holly Taylor (Democratic)
15th Court of Appeals, Chief Justice	Scott Brister (Republican, incumbent); Jerry Zimmerer (Democratic)
15th Court of Appeals, Place 2	Tom Baker (Democratic); Scott K. Field (Republican, incumbent)
15th Court of Appeals, Place 3	April Farris (Republican, incumbent); Marc M. Meyer (Democratic)

1st Court of Appeals

Office	Candidates
1st Court of Appeals, Place 3	Todd Frankfort (Republican); Veronica Rivas-Molloy (Democratic, incumbent)
1st Court of Appeals, Place 4 (Unexpired Term)	Julie Countiss (Democratic); David M. Gunn (Republican, incumbent)
1st Court of Appeals, Place 5	Jessica Caird (Republican); Amy Guerra (Democratic, incumbent)

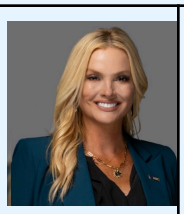
14th Court of Appeals

Office	Candidates
14th Court of Appeals, Chief Justice	Kevin Jewell (Republican); Sarah Beth Landau (Democratic)
14th Court of Appeals, Place 7	William Demond (Democratic); Ken Wise (Republican, incumbent)

State Board of Education

Four-year term. The 15-member board sets curriculum standards, approves instructional materials, and oversees the Permanent School Fund. Members are unpaid. The districts below include parts of the Fort Bend County area; only one appears on your ballot, and some addresses have no SBOE race this year.

State Board of Education, District 6



TIFFANY NELSON

Republican

Background: Nonprofit consultant; Conroe ISD trustee 2022–2025.

Website: tiffanynelsonfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Nelson's campaign website lists "removing liberal indoctrination and returning to the basics," parental rights and school choice, accountability for tax dollars, and Permanent School Fund investments that "put Texas, and America, first."

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Nelson's campaign website opposes "critical race theory, gender ideology, and anti-American narratives" and calls for a focus on reading, writing, math, science, and history.

Teacher Support: Nelson's campaign website states she supports "encouraging teachers and maintaining open communication for necessary support."

Digital Education & AI: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religion in Public Schools: As a Conroe ISD trustee, Nelson secured funding to place the Ten Commandments in every classroom.

Other Issues: Nelson describes parents as the "first and foremost educators" of their children, supports parental choice "while emphasizing the need for high standards and excellence in public schools," and pledges to fight wasteful spending. On the Conroe ISD board, she voted to uphold the removal of library titles including "The Color Purple" and supported a policy barring district support for "the gender transition of minors."



MICHELLE PALMER

Democratic

Background: History and government teacher in Aldine ISD and Houston ISD; 2020 and 2022 nominee for this seat.

Website: palmerfortexased.com

Stated priorities: Palmer's campaign website lists fact-based standards written with educator input, teacher pay and working conditions, classroom technology, special education in charter schools, and science and health standards.

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Palmer says standards should be fact-based and supports appointing educators to curriculum committees. In 2020 she objected to standards stating that Moses influenced the Founding Fathers.

Teacher Support: Palmer supports raises for rural teachers, smaller class sizes and more planning time, and educator input on certification and textbook adoption.

Digital Education & AI: Palmer supports funding for classroom devices and 1:1 technology.

Religion in Public Schools: Palmer testified in opposition to the proposed social studies standards, which critics said misrepresent Islam, emphasize Christianity over other faiths, and reduce coverage of slavery, segregation, and world cultures.

Other Issues: Palmer prioritizes special education in charter schools, teaching climate change in science, and consent education in health.

State Board of Education, District 7



TIFFANY PERKINZ

Democratic

Background: Educator and tutoring business owner; first run for office.

Website: texasfortiffany7.org

Stated priorities: Perkinz's campaign website lists "honest history, inclusive literature, and evidence-based science," protecting teachers from censorship and political retaliation, religious neutrality in public schools, and opposing vouchers.

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Perkinz supports an "honest and evidence-based" curriculum and testified at SBOE hearings that misrepresenting any minority group's history, including Muslim communities, weakens education for all students.

Teacher Support: Perkinz supports protecting teachers from political retaliation, rigorous certification, and teacher-led professional development.

Digital Education & AI: Perkinz says technology should supplement foundational literacy, supports teacher discretion on digital tools, and supports student data privacy.

Religion in Public Schools: Perkinz supports religious neutrality in public schools, opposes using state curriculum to promote religious doctrine or public funding of private religious schools, and testified in opposition to the proposed social studies standards, which critics said misrepresent Islam, emphasize Christianity over other faiths, and reduce coverage of slavery, segregation, and world cultures.

Other Issues: Perkinz opposes book bans and prioritizes academic freedom and high-quality instructional materials.



JULIE PICKREN

Republican, incumbent

Background: SBOE member since 2023; small business owner and homeschool parent; Alvin ISD trustee from 2015 to 2021.

Website: juliepickren.com

Stated priorities: Pickren's campaign website lists "Reform Public Education," "God in Schools," parental rights and school choice across public, private, charter, and homeschool options, and literacy.

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Pickren supported the anti-Muslim amendments to the 2026 social studies standards. The amendments direct students to "explain early Islam in terms of the Prophet Mohammed's brutal military campaigns against Jewish and Christian tribes" and teach "radical Islam" as the motive for the September 11 attacks. Muslim organizations and several of the board's own expert reviewers objected, and the Texas Tribune described the changes as an "anti-Islamic rewrite." Pickren served on the board's Ad Hoc Committee on Social Studies and

supported the new social studies standards. At an August 2026 news conference, she said the nation was "profoundly shaped by the bible, by Christian principles, by Western civilization" and that Texas must teach "the truth about radical Islamic terrorism and its attacks on America," per Texas Scorecard. During the final debate on the standards in September 2026, she asked an imam who testified whether he had hosted CAIR meetings at his mosque, and said of CAIR, "They want a complete rewrite of U.S. and Texas history. They want Founding Fathers removed," per The Texan. In April 2026, when another member sought to bar CAIR representatives from testifying, she cited the Governor's designation of CAIR as a foreign terrorist organization, per Click2Houston.

Teacher Support: Her platform lists "Reform Public Education" and identifies attendance-based funding and literacy rates as problems; no specific teacher pay proposals were located.

Digital Education & AI: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religion in Public Schools: Pickren's platform lists "God in Schools" and public prayer as priorities, and she supports the Bluebonnet Learning curriculum.

Other Issues: Pickren supports public, private, charter, and homeschool options. Her platform also lists anti-abortion policy, border security, and more police officers.

State Board of Education, District 8



DANA VAN DE WALKER

Democratic

Background: Director at Lone Star College with a doctorate in higher education administration from Sam Houston State; based in Conroe.

Website: dana4txsboe8.com

Stated priorities: Van De Walker's campaign website lists separation of church and state, educator-led standards development, certified teachers in all SBOE-governed schools including charters, adapting standards to AI, and limiting charter expansion.

Key Issues

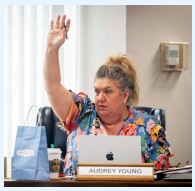
Social Studies Curriculum: Van De Walker says teachers and subject-matter experts should lead standards development and supports vocational, STEM, and critical-thinking curriculum.

Teacher Support: She would require certified teachers in every school under SBOE purview, including charters.

Digital Education & AI: Van De Walker says the board should be "adapting to new technology, like AI," while upholding curriculum standards

Religion in Public Schools: She calls separation of church and state the most pressing issue in Texas education, would work to remove the Ten Commandments requirement and religiously influenced curriculum, supports students' right to practice their own faith, and testified in opposition to the proposed social studies standards, which critics said misrepresent Islam, emphasize Christianity over other faiths, and reduce coverage of slavery, segregation, and world cultures..

Other Issues: She opposes book bans, would limit charter expansion, and supports more holistic student evaluation.



AUDREY YOUNG

Republican, incumbent

Background: SBOE member since 2021 and chair of the Committee on Instruction; retired special education administrator and speech therapist with a doctorate from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Website: sboe8.com

Stated priorities: Young's campaign website lists literacy and dyslexia services, career and technical education, and rejecting standards and materials she describes as "liberal indoctrination."

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Young supported the anti-Muslim amendments to the 2026 social studies standards. The amendments direct students to "explain early Islam in terms of the Prophet Mohammed's brutal military campaigns against Jewish and Christian tribes" and teach "radical Islam" as the motive for the September 11 attacks. Muslim organizations and several of the board's own expert reviewers objected, and the Texas Tribune described the changes as an "anti-Islamic rewrite." Young served on the ad hoc committee that shaped the social studies standards as well. Young also authored the changes on how the founding of Israel is taught. Under them, students identify 1948 as the year the modern State of Israel was established "in the ancestral homeland of the Jews" and President Truman as the first world leader to recognize it. The adopted language does not mention Palestinians or their displacement in 1948, and CAIR-Texas criticized it as erasing Palestinian history.

Teacher Support: Young prioritizes funding for dyslexia and literacy services and career and technical education.

Digital Education & AI: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religion in Public Schools: During the final high school standards debate, Young said teaching religious literature is required by law.

Other Issues: Young highlights her votes rejecting science and health standards and textbooks that she said sought "liberal indoctrination."

Texas Legislature

Voting records in this section are final recorded votes in the Texas House or Texas Senate on the state bills listed under "Texas House and Texas Senate bills included in the voting records" at the front of this guide. They appear only for current legislators running for a legislative seat.

Texas Senate

The Texas Senate is one of the two chambers of the Texas Legislature, where 31 senators write and vote on state laws and the state budget and confirm the governor's appointments; each senator represents one district and serves a four-year term, so only the district covering your address appears on your ballot.

Parts of Fort Bend County are in Texas Senate Districts 13 and 18, which are on the 2026 ballot; other parts are in districts not up this year. Check your sample ballot.

Texas Senate, District 13

Unopposed.



BORRIS MILES

Democratic, incumbent

Background: State senator since 2017; former four-term state representative; insurance agency owner.

Website: borrislmiles.com

Stated priorities: Miles's stated priorities are healthcare access for low-income Texans, juvenile record sealing, and college access for minority male youth.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – No; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – Yes.

Civil Rights: Miles's campaign website lists juvenile record sealing as a priority. *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – No.

Education: Miles's campaign website lists college access for minority male youth as a priority. *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – No.

Healthcare: Miles's campaign website lists healthcare access for low-income Texans as a priority.

Texas Senate, District 18



ERICA GILLUM

Democratic

Background: Realtor and real estate investor; mayor of Hempstead 2022–2024.

Website: gillumfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Gillum's campaign website lists fully funding neighborhood schools and raising teacher pay, rural water and infrastructure, jobs and small businesses, and lowering household costs.

Key Issues and Record

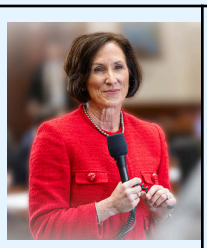
Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Education: Gillum's campaign website calls for fully funding neighborhood schools, raising teacher pay, and expanding programs that prepare children for success.

Healthcare: Gillum's campaign website calls for reducing household costs including prescription drug prices.



LOIS KOLKHORST

Republican, incumbent

Background: State senator since 2014; chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee; small business owner.

Website: loisfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Kolkhorst's campaign website lists restricting land sales to foreign entities designated as national security threats, food labeling and nutrition, government transparency, property rights, and opposing a proposed composting facility near Lake Somerville.

Key Issues and Record

Foreign Affairs: Kolkhorst was the Senate author of SB 17, the 2025 law restricting certain land purchases by individuals and entities tied to China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia.

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – Yes; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – Yes.

Civil Rights: *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – Yes.

Education: *Final Texas Senate votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – Yes.

Healthcare: Kolkhorst authored SB 25 (2025), the "Make Texas Healthy Again" law requiring warning labels on foods containing certain additives, nutrition education in public and medical schools, and daily recess in K–8 schools; she said it is "a good first step in the battle to end the chronic health problems facing our state and nation."

Texas House of Representatives

The Texas House of Representatives is one of the two chambers of the Texas Legislature, where 150 representatives write and vote on state laws and the state budget; each represents one district and serves a two-year term, so only the district covering your address appears on your ballot. Parts of Fort Bend County are in the districts below; only one appears on your ballot. Check your sample ballot.

Texas House District 26



ELIZ MARKOWITZ

Democratic

Background: Sugar Land native; public health instructor at the University of Houston; 2022 Democratic nominee for HD 28.

Website: eliz4tx.com

Stated priorities: Markowitz's stated priorities are strong public schools, affordable healthcare, and economic stability.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: Markowitz opposes partisan gerrymandering, saying it has "compromised the ability to hold fair elections in Texas." In a January 2026 Community Impact questionnaire she said government "should work for everyday people, not special interests or the elite."

Education: Markowitz supports raising teacher salaries and reforming benefits to improve retention, reducing class sizes, and investing in both college and trade programs.

Healthcare: Markowitz supports Medicaid expansion, expanding rural hospitals, increasing preventive care, and improving maternal health outcomes.



MATT MORGAN

Republican, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2025; public insurance adjuster; Richmond resident.

Website: morgan4texas.com

Stated priorities: Morgan's stated priorities are border security, property tax relief, government spending, and insurance reform; he pledges not to accept PAC money.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Morgan's campaign website states he supports "a secure border and safe communities."

Religious Freedom: *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – Yes; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – Yes.

Civil Rights: *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – Absent.

Education: Morgan's campaign website lists school safety as a priority. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – Yes.

Healthcare: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Texas House District 27



MAX ALALIBO

Republican

Background: Entrepreneur; former mental health services worker; 2024 Republican nominee for this seat.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Alalibo's campaign materials list a pro-business climate that supports small businesses and local jobs, community security and support for first responders, healthcare access for veterans and seniors, and congressional term limits.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: Alalibo's campaign materials support strengthening community security and supporting first responders, and he pledges to cosponsor and support an Article V convention resolution to enact congressional term limits.

Education: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Healthcare: Alalibo supports expanded access to quality, affordable care for veterans and seniors.



RON REYNOLDS

Democratic, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2011; attorney; former Houston associate municipal judge. The district includes most of Missouri City and Stafford.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign website was located. Reynolds's 2025 legislation included bills to raise the state minimum wage (HB 812), require paid sick leave (HB 822), and expand Medicaid (HB 726 and HJR 40).

Key Issues and Record

Foreign Affairs: Reynolds signed an April 2024 letter from House Democrats asking President Biden to reassess unconditional military aid to Israel.

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

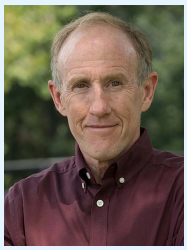
Religious Freedom: Reynolds signed the November 2025 joint statement by House members asking the Governor to rescind his proclamation designating CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood as foreign terrorist organizations. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – Absent; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – Yes.

Civil Rights: *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – No; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – Absent.

Education: *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – No.

Healthcare: Reynolds authored HB 726 and HJR 40 (2025) to expand Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act, and HB 2405 (2025) on emergency detention practices for persons with mental illness; none passed.

Texas House District 28



GARY GATES

Republican, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2020; real estate and property management executive.

Website: gatesfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Gates's stated priorities are border security, cutting property taxes, flood mitigation, water and transportation infrastructure, career and technical education, and parental rights.

Key Issues and Record

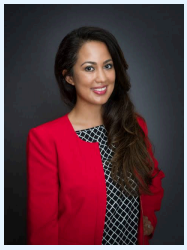
Immigration: Gates's campaign website supports deploying 1,000 additional National Guard troops to the border and increasing penalties for drug trafficking and human trafficking.

Religious Freedom: Gates's campaign website calls for preventing governments from denying business opportunities on the basis of religious affiliation. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – Yes; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – Yes.

Civil Rights: *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – Yes.

Education: Gates's campaign website supports school security funding and emergency-response training for school personnel. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – Yes.

Healthcare: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



SANDY IBANEZ

Democratic

Background: Fifth-generation Tejana raised in Fort Bend County; former educator and fintech executive; works in commercial real estate.

Website: sandyfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Ibanez's campaign website lists fair funding for public schools and teacher support, child care and elder care costs, healthcare and mental health access, flood control and infrastructure, and clean air and water.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Education: Ibanez, a former Fort Bend ISD teacher, supports fair funding for public schools, support for teachers, investment in school safety and school-based mental health programs, and expanded apprenticeships and career and technical education; her campaign website states that "decisions about education should remain local, because parents and educators know best."

Healthcare: Ibanez's campaign website states "every Texan deserves access to affordable healthcare, family planning and mental health services close to home," and calls for counselors in schools, local clinics, and support services for veterans, seniors, and families.

Texas House District 76



LINDA HOWELL

Republican

Background: Realtor and businesswoman; describes herself as a longtime civic leader.

Website: lindafortexashd76.com

Stated priorities: In a September 2026 Community Impact questionnaire, Howell listed making life more affordable, property tax relief and fiscal discipline, expanding access to affordable healthcare, and keeping communities safe, along with protecting the power grid and water supply and addressing flooding. Her campaign website also lists small business growth.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Civil Rights: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Education: In a September 2026 Community Impact questionnaire, Howell said Texas must ensure the resources "needed to insure for a strong public school system, adequate salaries for teachers, a curriculum that challenges and inspires learning and growth, [and] a safe environment to thrive and learn in."

Healthcare: In a September 2026 Community Impact questionnaire, Howell listed "expanding access to affordable healthcare" among her top priorities and called for "free market health care solutions."



SULEMAN LALANI

Democratic, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2023; physician specializing in geriatrics; the first Muslim elected to the Texas House.

Website: drlalanifortexas.com

Stated priorities: Lalani's legislative record includes healthcare access, public education funding, data privacy, disaster preparedness, and flood and camp safety legislation.

Key Issues and Record

Foreign Affairs: Lalani signed an April 2024 letter from House Democrats asking President Biden to reassess unconditional military aid to Israel.

Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Religious Freedom: Lalani publicly criticized the Governor's CAIR designation and signed the November 2025 joint statement by House members asking the Governor to rescind his proclamation designating CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood as foreign terrorist organizations. Lalani signed the May 2026 letter from 41 legislators asking the Governor to rescind his threat to withhold state grant funding from Grand Prairie over a privately organized Eid event at the city-owned Epic Waters water park, which the city canceled. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – No; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – Yes.

Civil Rights: *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – No; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – No.

Education: In a September 2026 Community Impact questionnaire, Lalani said "repealing Abbott's private school voucher scam remains a top priority." His campaign website supports long-term sustainable funding for public education and revamping the "Robin Hood" recapture system. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – No.

Healthcare: In a September 2026 Community Impact questionnaire, Lalani said "improving healthcare access remains my priority, especially expanding Medicaid," and that he will refile bills "to weaken insurance companies' grip on patient care." His campaign website supports Medicaid expansion and abortion access, and he supports a $15 minimum wage with cost-of-living adjustments.

Fort Bend County Races

Fort Bend County Judge

The county judge presides over the Commissioners Court, which sets the county budget and tax rate, and directs the county's emergency management. The office is elected countywide to a four-year term.



DEXTER MCCOY

Democratic

Background: Fort Bend County Precinct 4 commissioner since 2023; former Fort Bend ISD administrator and U.S. Department of Education staff member.

Website: https://www.dextermccoy.com/

Stated priorities: McCoy's campaign lists affordability as his top priority, along with attracting commercial development, infrastructure, transit and transportation planning, broadband expansion, and "truth and transparency" in county government.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: As Precinct 4 commissioner, McCoy points to his votes to raise the minimum wage and establish paid parental leave for county employees. Since June 2026 he and Commissioner Grady Prestage have not attended commissioners court meetings; McCoy called the resulting budget and tax-rate situation a "preventable crisis." He has criticized Wong's appointment as interim judge, saying it "bypassed the ballot box." He previously worked in the Obama administration.



DANIEL WONG

Republican

Background: Civil engineer and co-founder of Tolunay-Wong Engineers, which grew to more than 400 employees; former Sugar Land City Council member and former member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; Fort Bend resident for more than 35 years. Appointed interim county judge in April 2026 after the previous judge was removed from office.

Website: None located

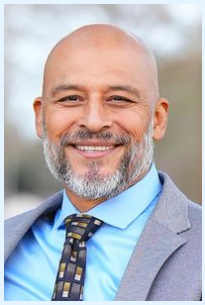
Stated priorities: Wong's campaign lists lowering property taxes ("not just slowing increases, but lowering your bill"), managing rapid growth, economic development and job creation, flood protection, education and workforce development, public safety, and fair investment across all parts of the county.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Wong says he is running to "restore trust, competence, and integrity" to county government and to clear out "chaos and mismanagement." He told Community Impact that keeping pace with rapid growth is the county's greatest challenge. Since June 2026, while the two Democratic commissioners have not attended commissioners court meetings, Wong's campaign has publicly asked them to return. A court case over his authority to serve as interim judge was pending in August 2026.

County Commissioner, Precinct 2

County commissioners serve on the Commissioners Court, which sets the county budget and tax rate. Each is elected from one of four precincts to a four-year term, so only the precinct covering your address appears on your ballot.



ANTONIO "TONY" ARANDA

Republican

Background: No biographical information was located.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Aranda says the county should use long-term planning, responsible budgeting, and measurable results so that growth "strengthens the county—not simply makes it larger."

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



GRADY PRESTAGE

Democratic, incumbent

Background: Fort Bend County Precinct 2 commissioner; registered professional civil engineer.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Prestage's stated priorities are completing current projects, including the Fresno Plan; improving parks, healthcare, youth and senior programs, housing, and community facilities; and making sure no community goes without basic county services. He says county budgets should focus on infrastructure, public safety, healthcare, and workforce development.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Prestage says he helped establish county departments and supported roads, drainage, parks, libraries, community centers, housing, and health services, and that he has encouraged residents to shape decisions through community meetings, town halls, and surveys. Since June 2026 he and Commissioner Dexter McCoy have not attended commissioners court meetings.

County Commissioner, Precinct 4

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Open seat.



APRIL L. JONES

Democratic

Background: No biographical information was located.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Jones's stated priorities are managing rapid growth responsibly while protecting quality of life and infrastructure, transparency and accountability on commissioners court, and a budget that directs funds to community programs.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Jones says she is running because the community "deserves leadership that listens, is accountable and puts people first." She won the Democratic runoff for Precinct 4 in May 2026.



KEN MATHEWS

Republican

Background: Business manager with global business management experience; won the Republican runoff for Precinct 4 in May 2026.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Mathews's stated priorities are an "open and fully transparent" county government, traffic improvements, flooding, crime and public safety, efficiency and cost reductions, planning for growth, and youth community engagement projects. He has said Fort Bend's growth is a strength but "we can't outpace our infrastructure."

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: In a January 2026 Community Impact questionnaire, Mathews said "Fort Bend's rapid growth is a strength, but we can't outpace our infrastructure," and that his experience with multinational business leaders would "position Fort Bend as a top destination for manufacturing." He won the May 2026 Republican runoff over Adam Schoof.

District Attorney, 268th Judicial District

The district attorney is the county's chief prosecutor, deciding which criminal cases to charge and representing the state in court in felony cases, and in some counties misdemeanor cases as well; the office is elected countywide to a four-year term.



SHAWN MCDONALD

Republican

Background: Private attorney board certified in criminal law; former felony prosecutor, judge, and law professor, with 25 years in criminal courts.

Website: mcdonaldforda.com

Stated priorities: McDonald's stated top priority is community safety, working with law enforcement and keeping victims at the center while ensuring every case is handled fairly. He says he would reduce unnecessary dismissals, bring serious cases before juries, reserve pretrial diversion for appropriate cases, train prosecutors and law enforcement, and cut delays in case intake.

Record and Public Statements
Public statements and actions: McDonald told Community Impact that Fort Bend is "one of America's most diverse counties, and a DA must be accessible to everyone," and pledged to hold regular community forums and publicly report the office's performance.



BRIAN MIDDLETON

Democratic, incumbent

Background: Fort Bend County district attorney since 2019; attorney for 29 years; licensed peace officer; president of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

Website: middletonforda.com

Stated priorities: Middleton's stated priorities are to "reduce crime, reduce harm and help youth," and to make sure policies and resources keep pace with public safety needs as the county urbanizes.

Record and Public Statements
Public statements and actions: Middleton says he will continue community outreach, including the District Attorney's Citizens Academy, and his campaign highlights his attendance at neighborhood meetings and community events during his two terms.

District Clerk

The district clerk keeps the records of the district courts, which hear felony, family, and larger civil cases. The office is elected countywide to a four-year term.



AUDREY LEE

Republican

Background: Bachelor's degree in management from Texas A&M's Mays Business School; published author; Texas state chair of Young Americans for Liberty.

Website: audrey4districtclerk.com

Stated priorities: In a January 2026 Community Impact questionnaire, Lee said residents "deserve a District Clerk's Office that is efficient, responsive and accountable," and that an efficient office protects taxpayers as the county grows.

Record and Public Statements
Public statements and actions: Lee won the March 2026 Republican primary with 52.9% of the vote. In a January 2026 Community Impact questionnaire she said an "efficient, well-managed office ensures residents continue to receive timely service while protecting taxpayers as the county grows."



BEVERLEY MCGREW WALKER

Democratic, incumbent

Background: District clerk; attorney with degrees from Texas A&M, the University of Houston, and Texas Southern University.

Website: beverleywalker.com

Stated priorities: Walker says she will "continue to deliver all District Clerk services to the front door of Fort Bend citizens," including juror summoning, passport services, and court case management. She has sought approval for an information technology director to speed up the office's technology projects, and told Community Impact that law enforcement, public safety, transportation, and infrastructure should be county budget priorities.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Walker has served as district clerk for nearly eight years.

County Clerk

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Open seat.



SONYA JONES

Democratic

Background: Policy analyst with experience managing public programs, budgets, and records; background in public service, education, policy, and business.

Website: sonya4fortbend.com

Stated priorities: Jones's stated priorities are modernizing the county clerk's office, long-overdue technology upgrades, funding new legislative mandates, and "culturally responsive service that reflects Fort Bend County's diverse, global community."

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Jones pledges to make resident input part of the office through regular community engagement, surveys, and accessible feedback channels.



TAMARA MCFARLANE

Republican

Background: Real estate company CEO; central count election judge; former government auditor.

Website: tamaraforfortbend.com

Stated priorities: In a January 2026 Community Impact questionnaire, McFarlane listed protecting records through secure digital controls, expanding access through community outreach and mobile services, and modernizing technology with responsible IT upgrades.

Record and Public Statements
Public statements and actions: McFarlane won the March 2026 Republican primary with 52.7% of the vote. She told Community Impact she is running "to continue the clerk's office's strong legacy of service" and that "we cannot stop Fort Bend's rapid growth, but we can prepare for it."

County Treasurer

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JEFFREY L. BONEY

Democratic

Background: Former Missouri City City Council member; Fort Bend resident who raised his family in the county.

Website: https://www.jeffreyboney.com/

Stated priorities: Boney's stated priorities are strong internal controls, responsibly modernizing the treasurer's office, and ethical governance.

Record and Public Statements
Public statements and actions: Boney says he would connect the treasurer's office to the community "as a resource for working families and small businesses."



BILL RICKERT

Republican, incumbent

Background: Fort Bend County treasurer; more than 30 years of executive management experience and more than 380 hours of specialized treasury training.

Website: https://rickert.com/

Stated priorities: Rickert says growth is the county's most pressing challenge and that as treasurer he will focus on reliable cash-flow planning, strong controls, scalable technology, transparent reporting, and disciplined management of county funds.

Record and Public Statements
Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1

Justices of the peace hear small claims, evictions, and traffic and other minor offenses. Each is elected from a precinct to a four-year term, so only the precinct covering your address appears on your ballot.



KELLY CROW

Republican, incumbent

Background: Justice of the peace for Precinct 1, Place 1 since January 2019; former assistant district attorney in Fort Bend County and former municipal prosecutor and judge in Missouri City, Sugar Land, and Rosenberg. Law degree from South Texas College of Law.

Website: judgekellycrow.godaddysites.com

Stated priorities: Crow's campaign pledges to uphold the law, judicial ethics, and basic fairness in court.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



MARTIN B. SANCHEZ

Democratic

Background: Substitute teacher in Katy; previously a client solutions specialist in banking and financial services. Bachelor's degree in international business from the University of St. Thomas.

Website: martinsanchezfortx.com

Stated priorities: Sanchez's campaign proposes online hearings, certified translators in the courtroom, and a social services coordinator to connect court users with housing and food assistance.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2

Justices of the peace hear small claims, evictions, and traffic and other minor offenses. Each is elected from a precinct to a four-year term, so only the precinct covering your address appears on your ballot.



TRICIA KRENEK

Republican, incumbent

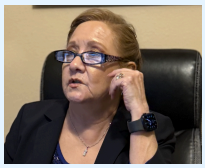
Background: Justice of the peace for Precinct 1, Place 2 since January 2023; attorney, certified mediator, and former managing partner of a Katy litigation firm; former Fulshear City Council member. Law degree from the University of Houston.

Website: triciakrenek.com

Stated priorities: Krenek's campaign says judicial officials should be elected so they can be held accountable.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



HORTENCIA SANCHEZ

Democratic

Background: Executive administrator of a family business; former outreach counselor and case manager for a Corpus Christi nonprofit serving runaway youth, and former program support analyst in the Nueces County veterans office. Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Website: hortencia-sanchezfortx.com

Stated priorities: No priorities listed

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1

Justices of the peace hear small claims, evictions, and traffic and other minor offenses. Each is elected from a precinct to a four-year term, so only the precinct covering your address appears on your ballot.



RODERICK GARNER

Democratic, incumbent

Background: Justice of the peace for Precinct 2 since January 2023; former state trooper and narcotics sergeant, high school English teacher and coach, and chief deputy in the Precinct 2 constable's office. Law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign platform was located.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



NINH TRUONG

Republican

Background: Independent insurance adjuster; University of Houston graduate; first run for public office.

Website: ninhtruongcampaign.carrd.co

Stated priorities: Truong's stated priorities are ensuring language is not a barrier in court, fair hearings for tenants and landlords in eviction cases, and stronger enforcement against fraudulent ticket notices and excessive fines.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1

Justices of the peace hear small claims, evictions, and traffic and other minor offenses. Each is elected from a precinct to a four-year term, so only the precinct covering your address appears on your ballot.



WILLIAM FERGUSON

Republican

Background: Texas peace officer for 33 years, with service in the Stafford Police Department, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, and county constable offices; elected to the Sugar Land City Council in 2020.

Website: fergusonforyou.com

Stated priorities: Ferguson's stated priorities are responding quickly to mental health warrant requests and ensuring fairness in every decision.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



SONIA RASH

Democratic, incumbent

Background: Justice of the peace for Precinct 3, Place 1 since January 2023; attorney who previously ran a private practice. Law degree from Texas Southern University.

Website: judgesoniarash.com

Stated priorities: Rash's stated priorities are streamlined court processes, timely handling of cases, and treating everyone in the courtroom with dignity and respect.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 2

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KENNETH CANNATA

Republican, incumbent

Background: Justice of the peace for Precinct 3, Place 2 since his January 2026 appointment; previously justice of the peace for Precinct 3 for 11 years, the first judge of the 458th District Court, and chief of litigation in the Fort Bend County Attorney's Office. Law degree from South Texas College of Law; board certified in civil trial law.

Website: https://judgekencannata.com/

Stated priorities: Cannata states his priorities are to protect individual rights and safeguard the wellbeing of Fort Bend county residents.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



RACHELLE CARTER

Democratic

Background: Attorney and founder of her own law office, with more than 14 years in practice; associate judge for the Sugar Land Municipal Court; former English teacher.

Website: https://carterforjp3.com/

Stated priorities: Carter's stated priorities are an accessible court, efficient operations that reduce unnecessary delays, and helping court users understand the process and their options.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Fort Bend Central Appraisal District, Board of Directors, Place 1

The appraisal district sets property values for tax purposes. Its board hires the chief appraiser, approves the district's budget, and appoints the board that hears property value protests. Directors do not appraise property or set tax rates. Voters countywide elect three of the nine directors in nonpartisan races to four-year terms.



SHAIZAD "SAM" CHATRIWALA

Nonpartisan, incumbent

Background: Director for Place 1 since July 2024, when he won the board's first public election unopposed; engineering consultant with two engineering degrees from Texas A&M and about 35 years in oil and gas; has served on Missouri City's Planning and Zoning Commission; ran for Missouri City City Council District C in 2019 and 2024.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign platform was located.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



MARTIN JOHN

Nonpartisan

Background: Realtor; ran for Fort Bend County district clerk in 2022.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign platform was located.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Fort Bend Central Appraisal District, Board of Directors, Place 2

The appraisal district sets property values for tax purposes. Its board hires the chief appraiser, approves the district's budget, and appoints the board that hears property value protests. Directors do not appraise property or set tax rates. Voters countywide elect three of the nine directors in nonpartisan races to four-year terms.



JORDAYNA DRUKE

Nonpartisan

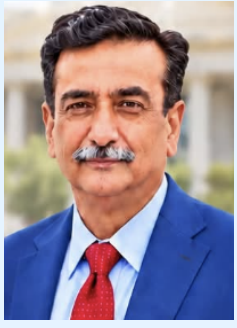
Background: No biographical information was located.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign platform was located.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



MUZAFFAR VOHRA

Nonpartisan

Background: Law graduate, nonprofit CEO, and small business owner; ran for Sugar Land City Council At-Large Position 1 in 2025 and Fort Bend County district clerk in 2026.

Website: https://voteforvohra.com/

Stated priorities: No campaign platform was located.

Record and Public Statements
Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Fort Bend Central Appraisal District, Board of Directors, Place 3

The appraisal district sets property values for tax purposes. Its board hires the chief appraiser, approves the district's budget, and appoints the board that hears property value protests. Directors do not appraise property or set tax rates. Voters countywide elect three of the nine directors in nonpartisan races to four-year terms.

Unopposed.



AMEER MALIK

Nonpartisan

Background: Director of marketing and escrow officer at American Title Company; member of the Lions Club and the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce; co-founder of South Asian Real Estate Professionals; ran for Sugar Land City Council At-Large Position 2 in 2025.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign platform was located.

Record and Public Statements
Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

City Council and School Board Races

These nonpartisan races appear only on the ballots of voters who live inside the city, school district, or single-member district named. Check your sample ballot to see which, if any, apply to you. Candidates are listed alphabetically; this guide does not endorse or oppose any candidate.

Fort Bend Independent School District

Fort Bend ISD trustee races appear on the ballots of all voters who live in Fort Bend ISD. Position 1 candidates must live in the western part of the district and Position 5 candidates in the eastern part, but every Fort Bend ISD voter may vote in all three races. Trustees serve three-year terms.

The board of trustees governs the school district. It hires and evaluates the superintendent, adopts the district's budget and property tax rate, sets district policy, and calls bond elections. Trustees do not run schools day to day. School board races are nonpartisan.

Fort Bend ISD Trustee, Position 1



ANGIE HANAN

Nonpartisan race, incumbent

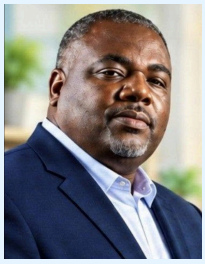
Background: Fort Bend ISD trustee for Position 1 since 2020 and board vice president; 29-year educator, including nine years in Fort Bend ISD as a teacher and ESL coordinator; founder of Hanan Educational Resources; longtime board member of the Fort Bend Association of Parents for Academic Excellence.

Website: voteangieforfbisd.com

Stated priorities: Hanan says her priority is "providing high-quality education in a safe environment" and that she runs to ask questions on stakeholders' behalf about student outcomes and district spending.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Hanan encourages residents to speak at board meetings, complete district surveys, and serve on decision-making committees.



PEDRO VALENCIA

Nonpartisan race

Background: Fort Bend ISD parent whose children attend district schools.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Valencia says supporting teachers is his main reason for running, arguing that teachers have too often been treated "as a line item in the budget rather than the heart of the district."

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Valencia has said he is not running against Hanan personally and praised her background as an educator.

Fort Bend ISD Trustee, Position 4 (At Large)



ROBERT DOMBROWSKI

Nonpartisan race

Background: No biographical information was located.

Website: None located

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Dombrowski did not respond to Community Impact's September 2026 candidate questionnaire, and no campaign platform was located.



ROB DOMINGUEZ

Nonpartisan race

Background: President of a data and analytics company with a finance and operations background; parent of a Fort Bend ISD first grader.

Website: robwdominguez.com

Stated priorities: Dominguez's top priority is "honest, forward-looking budgeting," saying the district has relied on one-time money to cover recurring gaps. He supports conservative enrollment projections, reviewing non-classroom spending before classroom cuts, strong neighborhood schools and early reading, and giving families real options before board votes.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



DAN MATHEWS

Nonpartisan race

Background: Engineer with more than 25 years in the energy industry; licensed Texas real estate broker; longtime Fort Bend ISD resident and parent.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Mathews's top priority is "excellence in every classroom": improving academics, retaining teachers with competitive pay, addressing declining enrollment and facility use, financial stability, and measurable long-term goals. He says school closures should be a last resort and supports expanding career, dual-credit, and specialized programs and considering limited open enrollment.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Mathews supports town halls, listening sessions, and surveys so residents are involved before major decisions.



SHIRISHA MUDHIREDDY

Nonpartisan race

Background: Architect and lead for data, cloud, and AI technology projects.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Mudhireddy's stated priorities are equal resources, technology, and career pathways across all campuses, closing achievement gaps through targeted tutoring and interventions, auditing programs to redirect money to classrooms, special education support, campus safety, industry certifications, and dual-credit partnerships. She prefers program expansions over forced boundary changes.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: No public statement was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.



ERIC PURSLEY

Nonpartisan race

Background: High school classroom teacher; practiced law for 10 years.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Pursley's top priority is "pushing back against extremist and ideological pressures from the state government," saying curriculum should be effective, factual, and allow all students "to feel equally valued." He supports auditing technology spending, smaller class sizes, teacher retention, and specialized academies.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Pursley says he decided to run after the board's school closure decisions despite strong community opposition, and pledges to weigh most heavily the voices of those negatively affected by board decisions.



SHIRLEY ROSE-GILLIAM

Nonpartisan race, incumbent

Background: Fort Bend ISD trustee for Position 4 and board secretary; 30-year educator, including 25 years in Fort Bend ISD as a teacher and administrator; former district Secondary Principal of the Year.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Rose-Gilliam's stated priorities are student achievement, fiscal responsibility, and opportunity for every student, supported by data-driven strategies and strong instruction. She supports strategic planning around enrollment, facilities, and boundaries, and strengthening academics, career and technical education, fine arts, and athletics.

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Rose-Gilliam says she listens through community meetings, surveys, campus visits, and transparent communication.

Fort Bend ISD Trustee, Position 5

Unopposed.



ADDIE HEYLIGER

Nonpartisan race, incumbent

Background: Fort Bend ISD trustee for Position 5 since her 2025 appointment to fill a vacancy; previously served two terms on the board (2015–2021), including as board president in 2020–2021.

Website: None located

Record and Public Statements

Public statements and actions: Heyliger is unopposed.

District, county court, and constable races also appear on Fort Bend County ballots; see your sample ballot at https://ballotpedia.org/Fort_Bend_County_Sample_Ballot_(Texas).