The Tarrant County Midterms Election Guide



A nonpartisan guide to the races on ballots in Tarrant 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 Tarrant County guide. It covers the races that appear on ballots in Tarrant 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 your county - https://gisit.tarrantcounty.com/findmyballot.

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), Tarrant County Races. Use the Contents page, or in Word open View > Navigation Pane, to jump to a section.

Because Tarrant 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 6, 12, 24, 25, 30
- State Board of Education: Districts 9, 13, 14
- Texas Senate: Districts 9, 22
- Texas House: Districts 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 101

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 Tarrant 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 list used here is the 38-member list published by The Texan on March 13, 2026; 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 Tarrant 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 Tarrant 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 6



JAKE ELLZEY

Republican, incumbent

Background: U.S. representative since 2021; former Navy fighter pilot and state representative; serves on the Appropriations Committee.

Website: ellzeyfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Border security, including finishing the border wall; strengthening public schools; supporting veterans and law enforcement.

Key Issues

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

Immigration: Ellzey has said the previous administration's border policies created a humanitarian crisis that allowed criminals, fentanyl, and human traffickers across the border.

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

Civil Rights: Ellzey's campaign says he supports election security measures to guard against voter fraud.

Education: Ellzey's campaign says he supports strong, well-equipped public schools and resources for teachers, and opposes what it calls "social experiments" and "radical indoctrination" in education.

Healthcare: Ellzey opposes abortion access,. He voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (July 2025), which included changes to Medicaid.



DANNY MINTON

Democratic

Background: Healthcare industry sales executive with 30 years in healthcare; first run for office.

Website: dannyfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Universal, affordable healthcare modeled on Medicare and the VA; strengthening public schools and opposing vouchers; fair taxation and small business support.

Key Issues

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

Immigration: Minton supports a strong border and enforceable immigration laws while treating immigrants with compassion and dignity. He has called for abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or returning it to its original purpose and redirecting its budget to state and local law enforcement.

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

Civil Rights: Minton supports passing the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, expanding voter protections, and full congressional representation for Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

Education: Minton calls for rebuilding and strengthening the U.S. Department of Education and for a nationwide ban on school vouchers.

Healthcare: Minton supports universal, affordable healthcare modeled on programs such as Medicare and the VA, and calls for restoring the protections of Roe v. Wade.

U.S. House, District 12



CRAIG GOLDMAN

Republican, incumbent

Background: U.S. representative since 2025; former state representative and House Republican Caucus chair; serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Website: craiggoldman.org

Stated priorities: Border security; reducing property taxes; preventing human trafficking through National Guard deployment.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Goldman's campaign says a strong national defense for the U.S. and its allies is critical given escalating threats from China, Russia, and Iran.

Immigration: Goldman's official biography lists securing the border among his priorities; his 2024 campaign cited his work in the Texas House to secure state funding for border security.

Religious Freedom: Goldman's 2024 campaign materials cited his record in the Texas House of working to "ensure religious freedoms."

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: Goldman's 2024 campaign materials cited his Texas House record of work to "protect the unborn." He voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (July 2025), which included changes to Medicaid.



ANGELA "HELI" RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

Democratic

Background: Fort Worth entrepreneur and educator with more than a decade in the technology sector; Texas A&M graduate.

Website: helifortexas.com

Stated priorities: Universal healthcare; universal child care; fully funding public schools.

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: Prilliman says she will "protect our democracy with voting rights, public education, and the removal of billionaire money in politics."

Education: Prilliman supports public education and proposes capping child care costs for working families at $10 a day.

Healthcare: Prilliman supports a universal healthcare system that is not tied to employment, and supports reproductive rights, saying patients and doctors should make those medical decisions.

U.S. House, District 24



KEVIN BURGE

Democratic

Background: Marine Corps veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan and former Defense Intelligence Agency officer; IT security specialist.

Website: burgeforcongress.com

Stated priorities: Affordable housing; Medicare for All; checks and balances.

Key Issues

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

Immigration: Burge supports immigration reform that "treats families like humans."

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

Civil Rights: Burge's campaign lists protecting civil liberties as a priority, supports self-determination for Puerto Rico (statehood or independence), and supports expanding the U.S. Supreme Court to one justice per federal circuit.

Education: Burge supports publicly funded education beginning at pre-K, changes to the federal education funding formula, and tuition-free public college and trade school.

Healthcare: Burge supports Medicare for All, calls healthcare a right, and supports abortion access.



BETH VAN DUYNE

Republican, incumbent

Background: U.S. representative since 2021; former Irving mayor and federal housing official; serves on the Ways and Means Committee.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign website was located.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Van Duyne's campaign supports renegotiating or leaving trade arrangements that disadvantage U.S. businesses and workers competing against state-subsidized foreign competitors.

Immigration: Van Duyne's campaign calls for closing asylum loopholes, building border barriers where Border Patrol requests them, and hiring more border agents. According to Branch Politics' summary of her website, she supports legal status, but not citizenship, for undocumented immigrants who arrived as children or have not committed crimes.

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: Van Duyne's campaign says she has worked to give families "better healthcare options." She voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (July 2025), which included changes to Medicaid.

U.S. House, District 25



DIONE SIMS

Democratic

Background: Founder of a Fort Worth nonprofit.

Website: dionesimsforcongress.com

Stated priorities: Civil rights; wages; healthcare.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Sims pledges to vote for a strict prohibition on foreign gifts to federal officials.

Immigration: Sims supports a roadmap to citizenship for immigrants, including Dreamers and Temporary Protected Status holders, and "humane" asylum processing.

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

Civil Rights: Sims has said Americans are "seeing our freedoms being stripped," supports protecting workers' right to organize, opposes the Citizens United ruling, and supports congressional term limits.

Education: Sims supports fully funding public schools, enforcing special education protections, and allowing teachers to teach "accurate history without fear."

Healthcare: Sims supports strengthening the Affordable Care Act, expanding Medicaid, protecting coverage for pre-existing conditions, and lowering prescription drug costs.



ROGER WILLIAMS

Republican, incumbent

Background: U.S. representative; serves on the Financial Services and Small Business committees.

Website: rogerforcongress.com

Stated priorities: Lower taxes; government deregulation; small business relief.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Williams' campaign lists support for Israel among his priorities.

Immigration: Williams' campaign lists border security among his priorities.

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: Williams introduced a bipartisan resolution designating Glioblastoma Awareness Day. He voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (July 2025), which included changes to Medicaid.

U.S. House, District 30



FREDERICK D. HAYNES III

Democratic

Background: Senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas for more than four decades.

Website: haynesforcongress.com

Stated priorities: Economic opportunity; voting rights; criminal justice reform (per KERA).

Key Issues

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

Immigration: At his campaign kickoff, Haynes listed abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement among his priorities, per KERA News.

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

Civil Rights: A longtime racial justice and civil rights activist, Haynes lists protecting voting rights and criminal justice reform as priorities, per KERA News and the Sun-Reporter.

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

Healthcare: Haynes listed "health care for all" among his campaign priorities, per KERA News.



EVERETT JACKSON

Republican

Background: Small business owner and community organizer making his first run for office.

Website: jacksonfortexas.com

Stated priorities: No campaign website was located.

Key Issues

Foreign Affairs: Jackson's campaign calls for "confronting China's aggression to protect American interests" and protecting U.S. interests against foreign aggression.

Immigration: Jackson supports reducing immigration and confronting drug cartels, and advocates the death penalty for drug traffickers.

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.

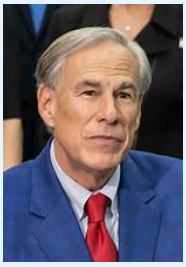
Education: Jackson's campaign emphasizes "genuine education" in public schools and supports expanding the Child Tax Credit for families.

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

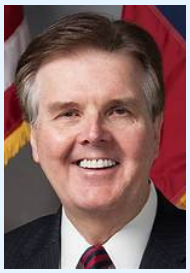
Immigration: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

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.

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

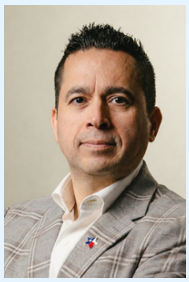
Permanent School Fund and state land management: Buckingham's campaign says the Land Office has contributed nearly $6 billion to public education during her tenure. She has announced plans to explore geothermal energy, small modular nuclear reactors, and natural gas plants on state lands and supports 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)

Other judicial and local offices with one candidate

Office	Candidate
District and county court judges (unopposed)	Don Pierson, Jennifer Rymell, Mike Hrabal, David Cook, Carey Walker, Bob McCoy, Deborah Nekhom, Randi Hartin, Eric Starnes, Charles Vanover, Trent Loftin (all Republican incumbents)

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 Tarrant County area; only one appears on your ballot, and some addresses have no SBOE race this year.

State Board of Education, District 9



KASON HUDDLESTON

Republican

Background: Pastor and conservative activist running for this open seat.

Website: huddlestonfortexas.com

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Huddleston says curriculum should teach "Western values of individual liberty, self-government, moral character, and rule of law" and reflect "Texas values instead of activist agendas."

Teacher Support: He names teacher retention and student discipline as priorities for the board.

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

Religion in Public Schools: He says he feels called to "defend faith, family, and freedom" in schools.

Other Issues: He wants the Permanent School Fund to vote proxies on financial performance alone rather than DEI criteria and to review school bond debt.



ERICKA LEDFERD

Democratic

Background: Longtime educator in secondary education, ESL leadership, and curriculum development; former Spanish instructor at Texas A&M–Commerce; former Rockwall County LULAC president.

Website: ledferd4texas.com

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Her campaign lists "strengthening curriculum to create real opportunity" as a core priority.

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

Digital Education & AI: Guiding classrooms "responsibly through the AI era" is one of her three core priorities.

Religion in Public Schools: Ledferd testified in opposition to the proposed social studies standards' language on Islam.

Other Issues: Her first priority is protecting public schools from privatization.

State Board of Education, District 13



TIFFANY CLARK

Democratic, incumbent

Background: SBOE member since 2025; former school counselor and DeSoto ISD trustee (2017–2023); adjunct instructor at UNT Dallas with a doctorate from Abilene Christian University.

Website: tiffanyclark4stateofeducation.nationbuilder.com

Key Issues

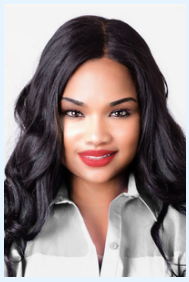
Social Studies Curriculum: Clark voted against the elementary social studies standards in June 2026, saying contributions of Black, Mexican American, and Muslim Americans were being "whitewashed," and proposed language requiring analysis of primary and secondary sources.

Teacher Support: Clark prioritizes staff and student mental health and implemented staff mental health days at DeSoto ISD.

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

Religion in Public Schools: On the standards' emphasis on Christianity, Clark said public schools should serve all students and that "My faith does not need government endorsement to stand."

Other Issues: Clark prioritizes college and career readiness and aligning testing with state standards, and opposes removing books from libraries.



APRIL WILLIAMS MOORE

Republican

Background: Air Force veteran and former finance specialist; supply chain professional and licensed realtor.

Website: aprilfortexas.com

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Moore lists high-quality curriculum as a priority.

Teacher Support: Moore lists supporting teachers as a priority.

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

Religion in Public Schools: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Other Issues: Moore wants resources "fairly distributed across all schools" and has emphasized budget transparency.

State Board of Education, District 14



MINDY BUMGARNER

Republican

Background: Operations executive with a doctorate in clinical psychology.

Website: mindybumgarner.com

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Bumgarner supports curriculum emphasizing core knowledge, real-world skills, and "faith, family, and freedom," with "less politics."

Teacher Support: She favors curriculum that "lets great teachers do what they do best."

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

Religion in Public Schools: She lists faith among the values curriculum should reflect.

Other Issues: She supports school choice, public charter schools, and parental rights.



AMY TAYLOR

Democratic

Background: Public school teacher at a Title I school in Denton.

Website: amytaylortexas.com

Key Issues

Social Studies Curriculum: Taylor says standards should be shaped by current teachers and researchers rather than political pressure.

Teacher Support: Taylor calls retention and hiring of certified teachers the most pressing issue and supports stronger certification standards.

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

Religion in Public Schools: Taylor supports non-religious curriculum and has expressed skepticism of Bluebonnet Learning.

Other Issues: Taylor supports accountability beyond test scores, re-evaluating STAAR end-of-course exams as graduation requirements, and SBOE veto power over charter applications.

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.

Texas Senate Districts 9 and 22 on the 2026 ballot include parts of Tarrant County; other Senate districts covering the county are not up this year.

Texas Senate, District 9



TAYLOR REHMET

Democratic, incumbent

Background: Won a January 2026 special election for this seat; U.S. Air Force veteran and president of the Texas State Council of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Rehmet's stated platform includes veterans' services, workers' rights, affordable housing and tenant protections, fully funded education with vocational pathways, and land and water protection.

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: Rehmet supports fully funding public schools.

Healthcare: Rehmet's campaign lists better access to healthcare as a priority, and he has said families struggle to afford "groceries, health care, or a roof over your head."



LEIGH WAMBSGANSS

Republican

Background: Conservative activist; former chief communications officer of Patriot Mobile; former television journalist.

Website: leighfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Wambsganss's campaign website lists lowering property taxes and insurance premiums, data center reform, school funding and career training, public safety, and economic development.

Key Issues and Record

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

Religious Freedom: Wambsganss's campaign website says her mission is "to defend conservative Christian family values" and to keep Texas a stronghold for faith, family, and freedom.

Civil Rights: Wambsganss's campaign website calls for keeping men out of women's sports, bathrooms, and locker rooms, and for protecting the right to keep and bear arms.

Education: Wambsganss's campaign website supports funding to improve education and more career training and apprenticeship programs.

Healthcare: Wambsganss's campaign website lists the sanctity of life as an issue, saying she will protect innocent life and remove barriers so the private sector can provide resources to women facing crisis pregnancies.

Texas Senate, District 22

Open seat. Sen. Brian Birdwell resigned in May 2026 to become an assistant secretary at the Department of Defense. This seat appears twice on the November 3 ballot: a special election to serve the rest of the current term (through January 2027) and the regular election for the next full term. The same two candidates are running in both.



DAVID COOK

Republican

Background: State representative for HD 96 since 2021; former Mansfield mayor.

Website: davidcookfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Cook's campaign website lists property tax relief, cutting government waste, restoring what he calls common sense in schools, stopping illegal immigration, and enforcing the rule of law.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Cook's campaign website lists stopping illegal immigration as a priority and says he will take on cities and judges that he says shelter people in the country illegally and ignore state law.

Religious Freedom: Cook is listed as a member of the Sharia Free Texas Caucus, a Texas House caucus formed in March 2026 that says it will develop legislation to counter what it describes as the rise of Sharia law in Texas. *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) – No.

Education: Cook's campaign website says he will keep boys out of girls' sports and put parents in charge of their child's education. *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.



AMY MARTINEZ-SALAS

Democratic

Background: Arlington legal assistant and parent; first-time candidate.

Website: amysalasfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Martinez-Salas calls the water crisis "the most critical life-or-death issue" facing the district's families and farmers and pledges to secure water and infrastructure; she also lists rural hospital access and finding common ground on nonpartisan issues.

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: Martinez-Salas's campaign website says she is running to protect Texas public schools and rural communities. She supports increasing teacher funding, opposes school vouchers, and supports ending high-stakes testing, per the Fort Worth Report as summarized by The Ballot Brief.

Healthcare: Martinez-Salas, an Arlington legal assistant and first-time candidate, lists rural hospital access among nonpartisan "lifeline issues" she wants to address.

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.

Texas House District 90

Unopposed.



RAMON ROMERO JR.

Democratic, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2015 and chair of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus; founder of a tile business; son of Mexican immigrants.

Website: ramonromerojr.com

Stated priorities: Romero's stated priorities are combating human trafficking, workforce development and mental health, criminal justice reform, and veterans.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Romero has criticized federal immigration policies as a threat to "the very fabric of our nation," opposed immigration enforcement at Texas schools, and opposed SB 8 (sheriff cooperation with ICE).

Religious Freedom: He also 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) – No.

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

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

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

Texas House District 91



DAVID LOWE

Republican, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2025; retired Army military police officer with two deployments to Afghanistan.

Website: davidlowefortexas.com

Stated priorities: Lowe's stated priorities are phasing out property taxes, election security, and fiscal responsibility.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Lowe's campaign website lists "Stop the Invasion" among his legislative priorities.

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

Civil Rights: Lowe's campaign website lists election security and reform as a priority and says he requested more record votes than any other House member during the 2025 session. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – No.

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

Healthcare: Lowe's campaign website lists protecting the preborn and addressing mental health and homelessness among his legislative priorities.



YISAK WORKU

Democratic

Background: Ethiopian immigrant and first-generation college student in computer science at UT Dallas.

Website: yisakfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Worku's stated priorities are raising teacher pay and opposing vouchers, shifting more school funding to the state, and infrastructure investment to lower energy and transportation costs.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Worku's campaign website calls for humane and effective immigration policy and says he wants to bring peace to the southern border and nearby communities.

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

Civil Rights: Worku's campaign website supports criminal justice reform, including ending what he calls an abusive for-profit prison system, and rehabilitation for people with addiction.

Education: Worku's campaign website supports fully funding classrooms and teachers and returning local control to schools by ending unfunded state mandates and standardized tests he calls failed.

Healthcare: Worku's campaign website calls for access to healthcare for everyone.

Texas House District 92



SALMAN BHOJANI

Democratic, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2023; attorney and business owner; former Euless City Council member; immigrated from Pakistan as a teenager. He and Rep. Suleman Lalani were the first Muslims elected to the Texas Legislature.

Website: bhojanifortexas.com

Stated priorities: Bhojani's stated priorities are education funding, economic development, housing affordability, and religious freedom.

Key Issues and Record

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

Religious Freedom: Bhojani 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. Bhojani 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. He has described Sharia as a "personal moral code," called the exclusion of Islamic schools from the voucher program "Islamophobic," and signed an April 2024 letter from House Democrats asking President Biden to reassess unconditional military aid to Israel. Responding to Republican campaign rhetoric about Islam and Sharia law in early 2026, Bhojani said, "I'm shocked and I'm offended by my own elected leaders," per the New York Times. *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) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – No.

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

Healthcare: Bhojani said he supports a government-run healthcare program such as Medicare for All, government regulation of prescription drug costs, and more state funding for opioid treatment, and described himself as pro-choice. He has worked on legislation expanding telehealth for patients temporarily out of state.



JP WOODRUFF

Republican

Background: Arlington native with more than 30 years in oil and gas; founder of Black Forest Energy and the Christian ministry Revival Remnant.

Website: woodruff4texas.org

Stated priorities: Woodruff's stated priorities are property tax relief, youth workforce and skilled-trades training, election security, and oversight of H-1B visa hiring.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Woodruff's campaign website supports employment visa policies for H-1B workers that address workforce needs while following immigration laws and considering their effect on U.S. workers and employers.

Religious Freedom: In his Ballotpedia candidate survey, Woodruff wrote that he would protect Texans "from those who take advantage of our religious freedoms" and that "on my watch Sharia law and foreign and domestic attacks from the inside will not be tolerated."

Civil Rights: Woodruff's campaign website supports election systems administered according to state, federal, and constitutional law, and strong protections for free speech.

Education: Woodruff's campaign website supports helping young people gain the education, training, and job skills to build careers, and helping students understand emerging AI technology.

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

Texas House District 93

Open seat. The same two candidates also appear in a special election for the remainder of the current term. Rep. Nate Schatzline resigned in July 2026. This seat appears twice on the November 3 ballot: a special election to serve the rest of the current term (through January 2027) and the regular election for the next full term. The same two candidates are running in both.



ALAN BLAYLOCK

Republican

Background: Fort Worth City Council member (District 10) and retired Nokia product manager.

Website: alanblaylock.com

Stated priorities: Blaylock's stated priorities are permanent property tax relief, insurance accountability, I-35 and I-287 infrastructure, and classroom funding.

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: Blaylock's campaign website calls for combating human and child trafficking and for ensuring police and first responders have training and resources.

Education: Blaylock's campaign website supports directing state resources into classrooms, supporting teachers, maintaining rigorous academic standards, and partnerships among parents, teachers, and school boards.

Healthcare: Blaylock's campaign website supports mental health initiatives for local youth.

Lomick announced on September 21, 2026, that she had suspended her campaign. Her name remains on the ballot.



ERICKA LOMICK

Democratic

Background: Senior operations analyst with more than 20 years of experience; law student at UT Austin.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Lomick's stated priorities are fully funding public education, teacher retention and smaller classes, property tax relief, and healthcare and mental health access.

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.

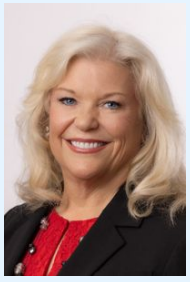
Civil Rights: No position was located in the materials reviewed for this guide.

Education: Lomick's stated priorities include fully funding public education, teacher retention, and smaller class sizes, per The Ballot Brief.

Healthcare: Lomick's stated priorities include expanding healthcare and mental health access, per The Ballot Brief.

Texas House District 94

Open seat.



CHERYL BEAN

Republican

Background: Engineer and home-building company founder; Fort Worth resident for more than 60 years.

Website: cherylbeanfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Bean's stated priorities are border security, property tax relief, reliable energy, and election integrity.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: During her 2024 campaign, Bean called for more barriers along the Texas-Mexico border and supported SB 4, the law making unauthorized border crossing a state crime. Her 2026 campaign website says she will work to stop cartels from trafficking people and drugs into Texas communities.

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

Civil Rights: Bean's campaign website says she supports methods that make it "easy for Citizens to vote but hard for anyone to cheat," and safeguards to protect children online.

Education: Bean's campaign website says she will address school funding, support and pay teachers, keep parents involved, and return life skills and trades to classrooms; she says she has chaired a public charter school board.

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



KATIE O'BRIEN DUZAN

Democratic

Background: Business leader with a TCU MBA; Arlington ISD graduate and parent.

Website: katiefor94.com

Stated priorities: Duzan's stated priorities are fully funded, safe public schools and affordability for working families.

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: Duzan, a public school parent, supports fully funding state school-safety mandates, including staffing, facility improvements, and training.

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

Texas House District 95

Unopposed.



NICOLE COLLIER

Democratic, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2013; attorney and small business owner.

Website: texasrepcollier.com

Stated priorities: Collier's stated priorities are strengthening public schools, affordable healthcare, and protecting voting rights.

Key Issues and Record

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

Religious Freedom: Collier 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) – Absent; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – No.

Civil Rights: Collier's campaign lists protecting voting rights as a priority, per The Ballot Brief. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – No.

Education: Collier's campaign lists strengthening public schools as a priority, per The Ballot Brief. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – No.

Healthcare: Collier's campaign lists affordable healthcare access as a priority, per The Ballot Brief.

Texas House District 96

Open seat.



ELLEN FLEISCHMANN

Republican

Background: Attorney and small business owner.

Website: ellen4texas.com

Stated priorities: Fleischmann's campaign website lists public safety, cutting regulations on small businesses, education funding, and lowering insurance costs; she also cites property tax relief and border security.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Fleischmann's campaign website says the state must secure the border.

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

Civil Rights: Fleischmann's campaign website says she will end diversity, equity, and inclusion policies and hold prosecutors and judges accountable for releasing violent offenders; she describes herself as strongly pro-Second Amendment.

Education: Fleischmann's campaign website supports increasing funding for teachers and students, parental choice, and rewarding good teachers, and says she will protect children from what she calls radical woke ideology.

Healthcare: Fleischmann describes herself as strongly pro-life, and her campaign website says she will fight lawsuit abuse that she says drives up health insurance costs.



EBONY M. TURNER

Democratic

Background: Attorney with experience in criminal defense, legislative work, and public defense.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign platform was located.

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

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

Texas House District 97



BETH LLEWELLYN MCLAUGHLIN

Democratic

Background: Retired French teacher (29 years at Southwest High School in Fort Worth); Kimbell Art Museum docent.

Website: bethfor97.com

Stated priorities: McLaughlin's stated priorities are fully funded public education, affordable healthcare, and reducing dark money in politics.

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: McLaughlin's stated priorities include fully funded public education, per The Ballot Brief.

Healthcare: McLaughlin's stated priorities include affordable healthcare access, per The Ballot Brief.



JOHN MCQUEENEY

Republican, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2025; restaurant franchise owner; TCU business graduate.

Website: mcqueeneyfortexas.com

Stated priorities: McQueeney's stated priorities are affordability and economic opportunity, local schools, public safety, and healthcare access.

Key Issues and Record

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

Religious Freedom: McQueeney was one of four House sponsors of SB 326 and a coauthor of HB 4211. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 10 (Ten Commandments display) – Yes; HB 4211 (residential property restrictions and dispute forums) – Yes.

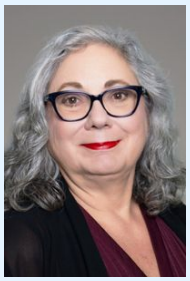
Civil Rights: *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 326 (antisemitism definition in student discipline) – Yes; SB 2972 (campus expressive activity) – Yes.

Education: McQueeney's campaign website lists good schools among his goals for the district. *Final Texas House votes, 2025 (state legislation):* SB 2 (education savings accounts) – Yes.

Healthcare: McQueeney's campaign website describes him as pro-life and lists quality healthcare among his goals for the district.

Texas House District 98

Open seat.



CATE BRENNAN

Democratic

Background: Retired healthcare executive and former CEO of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners; first run for office.

Website: brennanforhd98.com

Stated priorities: Brennan's stated priorities are expanding Medicaid, controlling healthcare costs, increasing public school funding, and free community and trade school tuition.

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: Brennan's stated priorities include increasing public school funding and free community and trade school tuition.

Healthcare: Brennan's stated priorities include expanding Medicaid and controlling healthcare costs.



ARMIN MIZANI

Republican

Background: Attorney; former mayor of Keller and former two-term Keller City Council member.

Website: arminfortexas.com

Stated priorities: Mizani's stated priorities are reducing property taxes and spending, increasing law enforcement pay, immigration enforcement, and school choice.

Key Issues and Record

Immigration: Mizani's campaign website says he will work to end policies that incentivize illegal immigration, support federal deportation operations, and fully fund Operation Lone Star. Under Mizani, Keller became the first Tarrant County city to formally partner with ICE, per NBC 5.

Religious Freedom: As mayor, Mizani signed a December 2025 proclamation declaring that Keller rejects Sharia law and brought a related city council resolution, writing on X that "Texans should never apologize for our heritage or our values." His campaign website describes him as a Christian conservative.

Civil Rights: Mizani's campaign website says prosecutors who refuse to enforce the law should be removed and that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed.

Education: Mizani's campaign website supports letting families use their tax dollars for the school of their choice, expanding parental rights, and keeping what he calls woke ideology out of classrooms.

Healthcare: Mizani's campaign website says he will support efforts that protect the unborn and adequate funding for adoption services.

Texas House District 99



CHARLIE GEREN

Republican, incumbent

Background: State representative since 2001; Fort Worth restaurant owner and rancher; former Deputy U.S. Marshal.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Geren's stated priorities are protecting the local economy and jobs, fiscal responsibility, and property rights.

Key Issues and Record

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

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) – Yes.

Education: *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.



MICHELLE WINDER

Democratic

Background: Army National Guard veteran and retired Santa Fe Railroad employee and union leader.

Website: michellforhd99.com

Stated priorities: Winder's stated priorities are public education and teacher pay, water resources and clean energy, and affordable healthcare.

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: Winder's stated priorities include increasing public school funding and raising teacher pay, per The Ballot Brief.

Healthcare: Winder's stated priorities include expanding affordable healthcare coverage and lowering prescription drug costs, per The Ballot Brief.

Texas House District 101

Open seat; unopposed.



JUNIOR EZEONU

Democratic

Background: Grand Prairie City Council member and mayor pro tem, first elected in 2021 at age 22; UT Arlington graduate born in Nigeria.

Website: votejuniorezeonu.com

Stated priorities: Ezeonu's stated priorities are a $15 minimum wage, public school funding and free in-state college tuition, Medicaid expansion, and renewable energy jobs.

Key Issues and Record

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

Religious Freedom: Ezeonu 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.

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

Education: Ezeonu's stated priorities include increased public school funding and expanded access to free in-state college tuition, per The Ballot Brief.

Healthcare: Ezeonu's stated priorities include expanding Medicaid coverage, per The Ballot Brief.

Tarrant County Races

Tarrant 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.



TIM O'HARE

Republican, incumbent

Background: Tarrant County judge since 2023; attorney; former mayor of Farmers Branch (2008–2011) and former Tarrant County Republican Party chair.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: O'Hare says he has "led the charge to restore limited government, cut property taxes, support law and order, and uphold Tarrant County family values." He points to lowering the county tax rate, raising the homestead exemption, and securing pay raises for law enforcement, and says his mission is to make Tarrant "the safest large county in Texas."

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: O'Hare's official biography says he seeks to strengthen a community "where faith, family, and freedom are not only respected, but actively supported." In 2025 he supported the commissioners court's mid-decade redrawing of commissioner precincts, which he said was meant to make Precinct 2 more favorable to Republicans.



ALISA SIMMONS

Democratic

Background: Tarrant County Precinct 2 commissioner since 2023; former journalist, county 9-1-1 administrator, business owner, and president of the Arlington NAACP.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Simmons's stated priorities are protecting taxpayers and fiscal stability, infrastructure, public safety, mental and behavioral health, accountability for jail operations and deaths in the county jail, access to healthcare and county services, good jobs and small businesses, and restoring transparency and public participation.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: Simmons says she has worked to reform the county jail and defend voting rights. She opposed the 2025 redrawing of commissioner precincts, saying the new map discriminates against Black and Latino voters.

Criminal District Attorney

The Criminal District Attorney is the county's top prosecutor, deciding which criminal cases are charged, how they are resolved, and what penalties the county seeks. The office shapes local policy on issues like bail, diversion programs, hate crime prosecution, and police accountability.



TIFFANY BURKS

Democratic

Background: Attorney and partner at the Fort Worth law firm Varghese Summersett; 22 years in the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office, including six years as deputy chief of the criminal division; 2022 Democratic nominee for district attorney.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No detailed campaign platform was located for this guide.

Public statements and actions

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



PHIL SORRELLS

Republican, incumbent

Background: Tarrant County criminal district attorney since 2023.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No detailed campaign platform was located for this guide.

Public statements and actions

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

District Clerk

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



NATHAN SMITH

Democratic

Background: Public affairs officer; unopposed in the Democratic primary for district clerk.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No detailed campaign platform was located for this guide.

Public statements and actions

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



TOM WILDER

Republican, incumbent

Background: Tarrant County district clerk for about three decades; seeking reelection.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No detailed campaign platform was located for this guide.

Public statements and actions

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

County Clerk

The county clerk keeps the county's official records, such as property deeds and marriage licenses, and serves as clerk of the county courts. The office is elected countywide to a four-year term.



LYDIA BEAN

Democratic

Background: Sociologist (Ph.D., Harvard) and author; founder and president of the consulting firm Equipa; founder of Faith in Texas, an interfaith organizing nonprofit, and co-founder of Whistleblower Aid. Democratic nominee for Texas House District 93 in 2020 and candidate in the 2021 special election for Congressional District 6.

Website: lydiafortexas.com

Stated priorities: Bean says her goal is for doing business with the county to be "fast, friendly, and frustration-free." Her stated priorities are protecting voting rights and free and fair elections, saving residents time and money, holding vendors accountable, using existing revenue more effectively, and transparency and accessibility in the clerk's office.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: Bean pledges to open county government to greater public participation, including through the clerk's role in posting the proposed and adopted county budgets.



MARY LOUISE NICHOLSON

Republican, incumbent

Background: Tarrant County clerk since 2011, finishing her third term; former member of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office command staff for eight years; degree in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Nicholson's stated priorities are technology that makes public records easier to access, including online searches and purchases of land, birth, and death records; protecting against physical and online fraud; and cost-effective services with an emphasis on customer service and feedback.

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

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.

Open seat.



TONY TINDERHOLT

Republican

Background: State representative for House District 94 since 2015, representing parts of Arlington and northeast Tarrant County; not seeking reelection to the House.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No detailed campaign platform was located for this guide.

Public statements and actions
Public statements and actions: Tinderholt publicly supported the 2025 redrawing of commissioner precincts, arguing the map needed to reflect Republican voting strength. He did not respond to a Fort Worth Report candidate questionnaire during the primary.



JARED WILLIAMS

Democratic

Background: Former two-term Fort Worth City Council member representing southwest Fort Worth, including the historically Black Como neighborhood; stepped down in 2025 to focus on his family, faith ministry, and hunger-reduction advocacy.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No detailed campaign platform was located for this guide.

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

County Commissioner, Precinct 4

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.



NYDIA CARDENAS

Democratic

Background: Leadership coach and founder of The Energy Takeback, a leadership and organizational development firm; former vice president of customer experience at a technology startup; mechanical engineering degree from Stanford University and MBA from the University of Michigan. First-time candidate.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: Cardenas's stated priorities are "smarter growth," including funding infrastructure such as roads and drainage before major development is approved; restoring county programs cut by the current majority; expanding mental health resources and diversion so people get treatment instead of incarceration; and independent jail oversight with investigative authority, transparent reporting on every in-custody death, and updated use-of-force policies.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: Cardenas opposes allocating county funds to expand the county's partnership with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. She has pledged to hold community conversations across the precinct rather than expecting residents to attend 10 a.m. meetings downtown, and says building multiracial coalitions across Black and Hispanic neighborhoods is central to her campaign.



MANNY RAMIREZ

Republican, incumbent

Background: Tarrant County Precinct 4 commissioner since 2023; Fort Worth police officer for 15 years and former president of the Fort Worth police officers' union.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No detailed campaign platform was located for this guide.

Public statements and actions

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

Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors, At-Large Place 1

The appraisal district sets property values for tax purposes. Its board hires the chief appraiser, approves the district's budget, and adopts the reappraisal plan. Directors do not appraise property or set tax rates. Voters countywide elect three of the nine directors in nonpartisan races. Open seat.



PHYLLIS DURBIN GRISSOM

Nonpartisan

Background: Client communications director at Huckabee, an architecture firm; more than 20 years of board experience.

Website: votephyllis.com

Stated priorities: Grissom's stated priorities are annual appraisals, recruiting and retaining a capable workforce, and technology that improves accuracy, security, and service to property owners.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In Community Impact's candidate Q&A, Grissom said the district's data shows about 190,000 homeowners are taxed on values above market value, which she attributed to the board's policy of freezing values.



REBECCA HARDY

Nonpartisan

Background: Nonprofit chief executive; former speech pathologist with a career of more than 20 years.

Website: hardyfortad.com

Stated priorities: Hardy's stated priorities are putting taxpayers first, improving transparency, and making the appraisal and protest process easier for property owners to understand.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In Community Impact's candidate Q&A, Hardy said she supports less frequent residential appraisals and believes significant increases in value should be backed by evidence.



BYRON HAYNES

Nonpartisan

Background: Real estate advisor and investor in Southlake; home builder and remodeler; served on the Fort Worth ISD facilities task force.

Website: electbyronhaynes.com

Stated priorities: Haynes's stated priorities are annual appraisals so values reflect the market, and relief and resources for middle-class residents.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In Community Impact's candidate Q&A, Haynes said the two-year appraisal cycle leaves homeowners with values that do not match the market, and that he would push for the district to rejoin the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts.



SAYEDA BILQUEES SYED

Nonpartisan

Background: Mechanical engineer; served two years on the Tarrant Appraisal Review Board and on the Colleyville Planning and Zoning Commission; candidate for this board in 2024.

Website: syedfortad.com

Stated priorities: Syed's stated priorities are uniform and equal annual appraisals, including all taxable properties on the tax roll, an independent audit of the tax roll every three years, and an independent, fully funded Appraisal Review Board.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In Community Impact's candidate Q&A, Syed said the district's most critical issue is the overvaluation and undervaluation of properties, and that it needs to invest in cybersecurity and equipment.

Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors, At-Large Place 2

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Open seat.



CARY CHESHIRE

Nonpartisan

Background: Self-employed consultant; candidate for the Tarrant County College board of trustees in 2025.

Website: carycheshire.com

Stated priorities: Cheshire's stated priorities are fair appraisals, informed taxpayers, and accountability.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In Community Impact's candidate Q&A, Cheshire said the board has gone in a good direction with the appraisal freeze and that he wants taxpayers to understand how their valuation is set and who is responsible for their tax bill.



MARSHALL HOBBS

Nonpartisan

Background: Professional security officer and business owner; former government professor, public administrator, and auditor.

Website: hobbs4us.com

Stated priorities: Hobbs's stated priorities are fairness, transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility at the district.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In Community Impact's candidate Q&A, Hobbs said he would use the board's oversight authority to require measurable performance standards, transparent reporting, and strong internal controls.



AMBIKA SHARMA

Nonpartisan

Background: Entrepreneur with experience in technology and finance.

Website: voteambika.com

Stated priorities: Sharma's stated priorities are annual appraisals, equal and uniform treatment, transparency, and taxpayer access, including simpler exemptions and protests and bilingual support.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In Community Impact's candidate Q&A, Sharma said she would vote to bring back the annual appraisal cycle and would publish how the district's appraisals compare with actual sale prices.



PAUL STOCKARD

Nonpartisan

Background: No biographical information was located.

Website: None located

Stated priorities: No campaign platform was located.

Public statements and actions	
Public statements and actions: Stockard did not respond to Community Impact's candidate questionnaire.	

Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors, At-Large Place 3

The appraisal district sets property values for tax purposes. Its board hires the chief appraiser, approves the district's budget, and adopts the reappraisal plan. Directors do not appraise property or set tax rates. Voters countywide elect three of the nine directors in nonpartisan races. Open seat.



JOHN ADAMS

Nonpartisan

Background: Mortgage banker with more than 20 years in mortgage origination; has held a Texas real estate license since 2006.

Website: johnadamsfortarrant.com

Stated priorities: Adams's stated priorities are accurate, equal, and uniform appraisals across the county, annual reappraisal, and efficient use of the district's resources.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In Community Impact's candidate Q&A, Adams said he would seek to amend the district's 2027–2028 plan so that properties are reappraised every year.



MATT BRYANT

Nonpartisan, incumbent

Background: Director for Place 3 since July 2024; real estate investor; chair of the board's Appraisal Review Board subcommittee.

Website: electmattbryant.com

Stated priorities: Bryant's stated priorities are modernizing the district's systems, expanding online options for resolving protests, and making the process faster and more transparent.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In Community Impact's candidate Q&A, Bryant said he voted to require the district to show clear and convincing evidence before raising a market value more than 5%.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 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.



MARY TOM CRAVENS CURNUTT

Republican, incumbent

Background: Justice of the peace for Precinct 2 since 2013; former sales director at a software company. Business degree from Texas Christian University.

Website: marytomforjp.com

Stated priorities: Curnutt's campaign cites a diversion program for eligible juveniles, technology to improve court efficiency, and work with agencies to arrange rental assistance for landlords and tenants.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: Curnutt has said justices of the peace should resolve disputes fairly, respectfully, and objectively.



CELINA VASQUEZ

Democratic

Background: Former justice of the peace; educator who taught government at Blinn College

Website: https://celinafortexas.com/

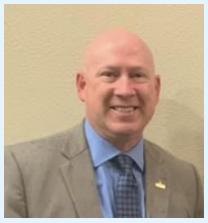
Stated priorities: Vasquez's stated priorities are night court options for residents who cannot miss work, fairness in eviction court for tenants and property owners, and language access through interpreters, multilingual forms, and staff training.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: Vasquez says the justice of the peace court "should work for real life" and be accessible, understandable, and steady for the people who rely on it.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4

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.



CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" GREGORY

Republican, incumbent

Background: Justice of the peace for Precinct 4 since October 2018, when he was appointed to an unexpired term; elected in 2018 and 2022. Served more than 14 years with the Lake Worth Police Department as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and detective sergeant.

Website: https://www.chrisgregory4jp.com/

Stated priorities: Gregory's campaign lists fiscal responsibility and accountability in managing the court.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: On the court's website, Gregory says his decisions are guided solely by the Constitution, the laws of Texas, and the rules of evidence and procedure.



RODNEY LEE

Democratic

Background: Attendance officer for Arlington ISD and adjunct instructor at Tarrant County College; former Tarrant County juvenile probation officer for 20 years; served 22 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Candidate for this office in 2022.

Website: rodneyleeforjop.com

Stated priorities: Lee's stated priorities are night court, so residents do not have to take leave or lose pay to attend, and addressing the root causes of student absences.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: In his Ballotpedia candidate survey, Lee said the justice of the peace "should be an accessible resource, not just a room in a building."

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7

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.



PAIGE PAYNE-NEAL

Republican

Background: Chief operating officer of Welch Law Firm, citing 20 years of experience in family law and commercial real estate; board member of Alliance for Children. Bachelor's and master's degrees in business from Northwood University.

Website: paigepayneneal.com

Stated priorities: Payne-Neal's stated priorities are streamlining court workflows to reduce wait times, addressing truancy through prevention and family resources, and fair eviction processes through mediation and housing-assistance referrals.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: Payne-Neal's campaign says justice should begin with "compassion and common sense" while ensuring every voice is heard.



KENNETH D. SANDERS

Democratic, incumbent

Background: Justice of the peace for Precinct 7; previously worked in supply chain and manufacturing management at Lockheed Martin and General Motors. Bachelor's degree from Southern University.

Website: votekensanders.com

Stated priorities: Sanders's campaign says he works to ensure the court serves people consistently, efficiently, and with compassion.

Public statements and actions

Public statements and actions: As justice of the peace, Sanders requires hearings to be held in person and does not approve requests for remote hearings.

Other local items on some Tarrant County ballots include city council races in Benbrook (Places 2, 4, and 6), Forest Hill, River Oaks, and White Settlement, and an Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD tax rate election (proposed at 4 cents for maintenance and operations) and school bus bond. These items appear only for voters who live in those jurisdictions, so check your sample ballot here - https://gisit.tarrantcounty.com/findmyballot.