

2023 Katy ISD Board Election Voters Guide

2023 KATY ISD BOARD ELECTION

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 6

EARLY VOTING: APRIL 24 - MAY 2

ELECTION DAY: MAY 6

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Voting Information

Am I registered to vote?

Early Voting
April 24 - May 2

Election Day
May 6

Polling locations and hours

About the Katy ISD Board Election

The Katy ISD Board of Trustees has called for an election of Trustees to be held May 6, 2023. The Board is comprised of seven members who are elected at-large to fill available positions. In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Education Code, a person may not be elected as a Trustee unless the person is a qualified voter.

An individual seeking election as a member of the Board of Trustees must have been a resident of the state for 12 months and a resident of the District six months prior to the last date on which the candidate could file to be listed on the ballot. The following persons have filed as candidates for the upcoming election and the information below has been provided by each.

Position 3 Candidates (listed alphabetically)



Name: Bruce Bradford

Spouse: Carol Bradford

Children: Benjamin (Passed at age 24 in 2012); Robert (30); Austin (26)

Occupation: Residential Mortgage Lender/Network Funding, LP

Subdivision/Area: Falcon Ranch

Years lived within Katy ISD: Over 20 years

Community Involvement: Remembrin' Benjamin, Inc. (501c3 remben.org); Living Stones Church

Katy ISD Involvement: Served on Katy ISD bond committees; Cinco Ranch Booster Club; volunteered for his children's school events; helped set up his wife's classroom for many years

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Name: Shawn Miller

Spouse: Maria Miller

Children: Mckensie (20); Makayla (18); Noah (16)

Occupation: College Professor/Lone Star College

Subdivision/Area: Lakes of Bridgewater

Years lived within Katy ISD: 18 years

Community Involvement: Houston Society of Certified Public Accountants; Texas Community Colleges Teachers Association; Katy Wolf Pack (special needs organization); Texas Baptist Men (disaster relief organization)

Katy ISD Involvement: Served on the Katy ISD Bond Committee; volunteered for the Watch DOGS Program; served as a KEYS Mentor; volunteered with Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

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Name: Amy Thieme

Spouse: Jay Thieme

Children: Cameron (23); Reagan (20)

Occupation: Realtor; Jay & Amy Thieme/Remax Cinco Ranch

Subdivision/Area: Grand Lakes

Years lived within Katy ISD: 42 years

Community Involvement: National Charity League – Azalea Chapter; Cinco Ranch Library; Meals on Wheels; Krause Center; Grace Fellowship – student leadership director, junior and senior high breakout leader, PPRC board member, church plant subcommittee, adult small group leader, group leader with bible study fellowship

Katy ISD Involvement: Katy ISD graduate; former Katy ISD math junior high and high school teacher; former Katy ISD long-term substitute; former Katy ISD substitute; Katy ISD FFA Chili Cookoff; Katy ISD FFA Parade; financial donations to numerous Katy ISD high schools' athletic booster clubs, band booster clubs, choir booster clubs, and FFA

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Position 4 Candidates (listed alphabetically)



Name: Erica Brettell

Spouse: Joe Brettell

Children: Parker (12); Jackson (10); Everly (8); Caleb (5)

Occupation: Stay-at-home mom/volunteer

Subdivision/Area: Williamsburg Parish

Years lived within Katy ISD: 29 years

Community Involvement: Katy Rotary; Lindsay's Light; Shield Bearer Advisory Council; Kingsland Baptist Church

Katy ISD Involvement: Winborn Elementary and Haskett Junior High PTA member and board member; grade level parent at Winborn Elementary; Katy Parents of Gifted and Talented liaison; Gifted and Talented Parent Advisory Council; 2021 Bond Committee; Haskett Junior High Naming Committee; Leadership Katy Class of 2021; various district-led forums, such as strategic goals and curriculum review

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Name: Morgan Honee Calhoun

Spouse: Taylor Calhoun

Children: 3 children ages (10), (7) and (6)

Occupation: Stay-at-home mom/advocate

Subdivision/Area:

Years lived within Katy ISD: 25 years

Community Involvement: Served at her home church, The Waters, for the last 10 years in different roles; organized and led an anti sex trafficking ministry where she worked alongside Rescue Houston and Elijah Rising in different capacities for several years; worked as director of outreach for a few years coordinating with Katy Christian Ministries, Hope Impacts, Feed The Hunger, as well as other community outreach organizations in and around the Katy area

Katy ISD Involvement: Serving at her children's school on the PTO Board as an assistant volunteer coordinator, as well as being able to work alongside her children's teachers as their room mom for the past couple of years; serving teachers in any way to help create and foster the best learning environment that they can provide

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Name: Cicely Taylor

Spouse: Steven Taylor

Children: Steven Jr. (25); Summer Free (20)

Occupation: Chief of Staff for KIPP Texas Public Schools

Subdivision/Area: Grand Lakes

Years lived within Katy ISD: 18 years

Community Involvement: PTA; National Charity League - Star Chapter; Big Brother Big Sister (mentor); Katy Lions Club; Connect Community board member

Katy ISD Involvement: PTA; KEYS Mentor

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Position 5 Candidates (listed alphabetically)



Name: Mary Ellen Cuzela

Spouse: Bernard

Children: Two Sons (ages 20 and 18); One Daughter (age 14)

Occupation: Substitute teacher for Katy ISD; Prior occupations include software technology consultant at Accenture, small business owner with Premier Designs Jewelry

Subdivision/Area: Nottingham Country

Years lived within Katy ISD: 23 years

Community Involvement: Republican Women's Club of Katy; Katy Area Conservatives; Katy Family YMCA; religious education teacher for elementary, junior high and high school youth; founded and facilitated women's bible study at her church; led a variety of mothers' ministries in various board positions and as president; served as a board member of the Divine Mercy Retreat Center and Family Camp

Katy ISD Involvement: Katy ISD parent volunteer for over 14 years; guest reader in kindergarten classes; helped teachers run kindergarten stations; facilitated Junior Achievement economics lessons; helped with field days and 5th grade sock hops; campus beautification chair; hosted tables at multiple junior high international festivals; supported Katy ISD soccer, cross country, basketball, football, band, choir, and theater; Katy ISD FFA Chili Cook-Off and Katy ISD FFA Rodeo Parade; participated in Katy ISD Board Listening Circles in preparation for the 88th Texas Legislative Session

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Name: Shana Peterson

Spouse: Chad Peterson

Children: Grant (36); Austin (29); Tabor (29); MaKensie (26); and 4 grandchildren

Occupation: Retired Katy ISD teacher and educational diagnostician

Subdivision/Area: Cinco Ranch

Years lived within Katy ISD: 17.5 years

Community Involvement: Involved in her kids' activities throughout their childhood years; Junior League; donating time to events for the Fort Bend Education Foundation; attends Saint Faustina Catholic Church

Katy ISD Involvement: Recently retired from the Texas public school system after 31 years of service, 17 of those years in Katy ISD; teaching experience in both general and special education; the majority of her career was working as an educational diagnostician; lead diagnostician in the special education department; participated in helping develop the special education operating guidelines; served on campus advisory boards

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Role of the Board

Section 11.051 of the State Education Code dictates that a school district be governed by a board of trustees who, as a body corporate, oversee the management of the district, as well as ensure that the superintendent implements and monitors plans, procedures, programs and systems to achieve appropriate, clearly defined desired results in the major areas of district operations. [Click here for more...](#)

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