

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RICHARDSON, TEXAS**

Date: August 24, 2020

Submitted by: David Pate, CFO, Finance and Support Services

ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: *Cancellation of November 2020 Board of Trustees Election*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 3, 2020, the Board of Trustees called an election for May 2, 2020, to fill the two board places that would become vacant at that time – Single Member District 3 and At-Large Place 6. Neither incumbent candidate, Dr. Kristin Kuhne and Justin Bono, respectively, expressed an intention to seek reelection.

As of the close of the applicable candidate filing period, only one candidate had filed for Single Member District 3 (Debbie Rentería) and two candidates had filed for At-Large Place 6 (Eric Eager and Bridgett Hudson).

On March 18, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Proclamation authorizing political subdivisions holding elections on May 2 to postpone those elections to the November 3, 2020, uniform election date. The Secretary of State issued election advisories to clarify that postponing an election would not result in additional candidates being eligible to file for office. Guidance further explained that terms of office were not changed and that the incumbent officials whose positions were up for election in the postponed election would continue to serve in a holdover capacity.

On March 30, 2020, the Board of Trustees voted to postpone the May trustee election to the November 3, 2020, uniform election date. Single Member District 3 became vacant in May when then incumbent Dr. Kristin Kuhne left office as she did not reside in SMD 3. The Board appointed Debbie Rentería to fill the vacancy until the November election.

Bridgett Hudson notified RISD in early August that she was withdrawing her candidacy for At-Large Place 6. Thus, neither position involved in the November trustee election is contested.

The Texas Election Code allows the Board of Trustees to cancel previously ordered elections when each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot is unopposed. The Board Secretary filed a document with the Board President to certify that the candidates are unopposed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees cancel the Board election originally called for May 2, 2020, and later postponed to November 3, 2020.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2020, the Board of Trustees ordered a School Board election for Single Member District 3 and At-Large Place 6; and

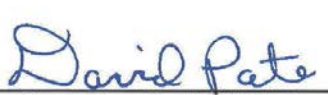
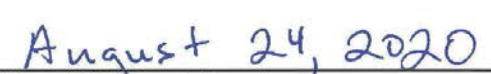
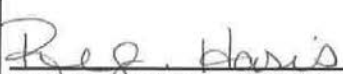
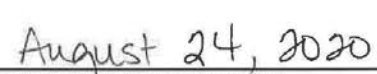
WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Board of Trustees postponed the May election to November 3, 2020, pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation, dated March 18, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the applicable candidate filing periods have closed; and only one individual has legally filed for each of the seats that will be open; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has certified that each candidate is unopposed; thus the election will be uncontested;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Richardson Independent School District hereby approves the attached Order to cancel the School Board election originally scheduled to be held on May 2, 2020, and later postponed to November 3, 2020.

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES	CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS
To: President of the Board of Trustees of the Richardson Independent School District	Al: <i>Presidente de la Junta de Administradores Distrito Independiente de las Escuelas de Richards</i>
As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on November 3, 2020:	<i>Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en la elección que se llevará a cabo el 3 de noviembre, 2020:</i>
<u>Offices</u>	<u>Oficinas</u>
Single Member District 3	Distrito Uninominal 3
At-Large Place 6	Lugar en general 6
<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Candidatos</u>
Debbie Rentería	Debbie Rentería
Eric Eager	Eric Eager
_____	_____
Signature (<i>Firma</i>) – David Pate	Date Signed (<i>Fecha de firma</i>)
_____	_____
Signature (<i>Firma</i>) – Secretary (<i>Secretario</i>)	Date Signed (<i>Fecha de firma</i>) Seal (<i>Sello</i>)

 _____ Signature (<i>Firma</i>) – David Pate	 _____ Date Signed (<i>Fecha de firma</i>)
 _____ Signature (<i>Firma</i>) – Secretary (<i>Secretario</i>)	 _____ Date Signed (<i>Fecha de firma</i>)
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ORDER OF CANCELLATION

EJEMPLO DE ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN

The Board of Trustees of the Richardson Independent School District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on November 3, 2020, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

La Junta de Administradores del Distrito Escolar Independiente De Richardson por la presente cancela la elección que se hubieran celebrado el 3 de noviembre, 2020 de conformidad con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se halla indicado a continuación:

Candidate (Candidato)	Board of Trustees Office Sought (La Junta de Administradores Cargo al que presenta candidatura)
Debbie Rentería	Single Member District 3 (<i>Distrito Uninominal 3</i>)
Eric Eager	At-Large Place 6 (<i>Lugar 6 en general</i>)

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Día de la Elección se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

President (*Presidente*)

Secretary (*Secretario*)

(Seal/Sello)

Date of Adoption (*Fecha de adopción*)

Karen Clardy
President (*Presidente*)

Reg. Davis
Secretary (*Secretario*)

(Seal/Sello)

August 24, 2020
Date of Adoption (*Fecha de adopción*)