

2021 Heroes for Children



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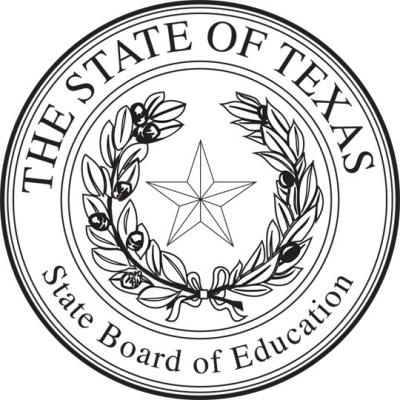
Stephen Hambric

Socorro ISD

El Paso



- 38 years of volunteerism and counting
- Vice President, Socorro ISD Education Foundation
- Served in various steering committees



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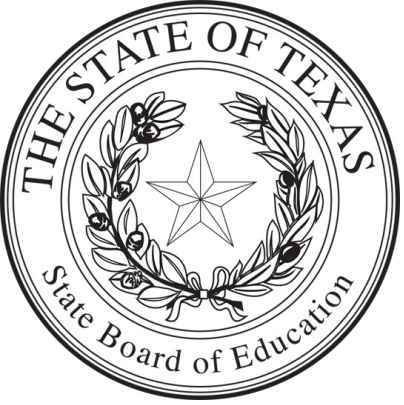


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- Chairman of Scholarship Committee
- Annually awards over 40 students with well-deserved scholarships in the total amount of \$508,000
- One elementary school named after his late wife, Jane Hambric Elementary School



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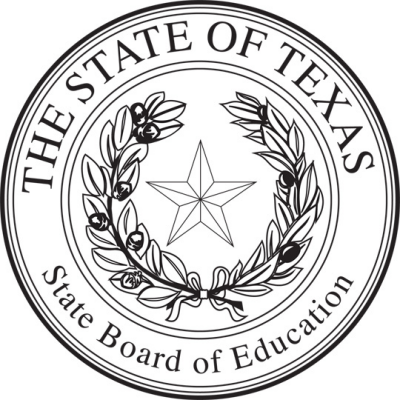
Socorro ISD

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Congratulations, Mr. Hambric!

SBOE Member: Ms. Georgina C. Pérez



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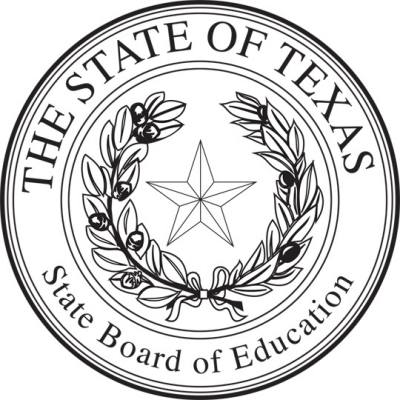
District 2

Mayra Lozano
JD Salinas Middle
School

La Joya ISD
Mission



- Volunteered for the last 5 years
- Created a social media forum for parents to get connected and provided essential resources during the pandemic



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District 2

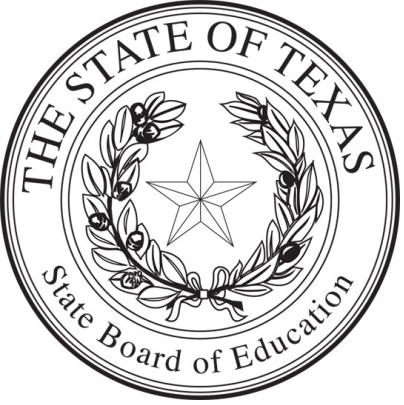
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Mission



- Over 480 volunteer hours as prom decorator; assisted in student registrations; liaison between her school and community; involved in various district advisory committees





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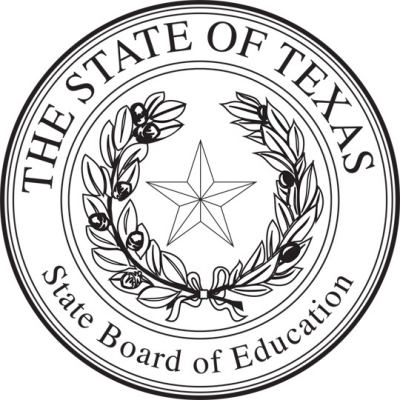
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Congratulations, Ms. Lozano!

SBOE Member: Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr.



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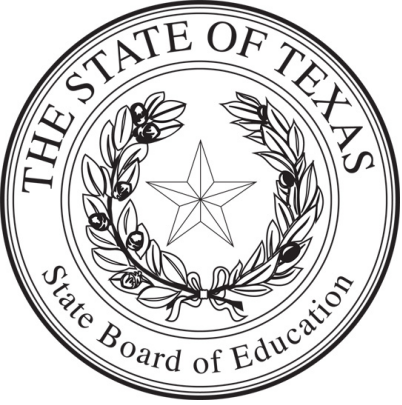
Isaiah Riebeling

**Dewitt-Lavaca Special
Education Cooperative**

**Yoakum ISD
Yoakum**



- Volunteered for the past 3 years
- Firefighter who made special connections with the students at Dewitt-Lavaca Special Education Cooperative serving 9 school districts
- Gave students his time and compassion by personally talking to them, taking photos with them while showing the bells and whistles of a fire truck and other emergency vehicles



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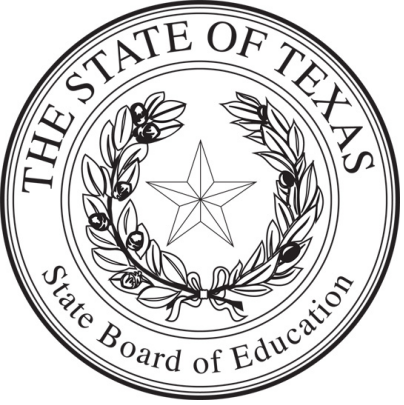
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Education Cooperative**

**Yoakum ISD
Yoakum**



- During pandemic, donated essential cleaning materials
- Helped with landscaping project
- Donated in-kind and cash donations
- Built a picnic table for students though he never built one before



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Isaiah Riebeling

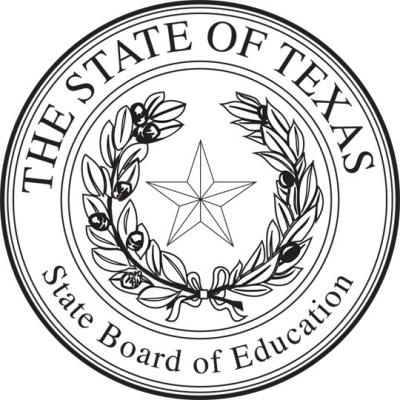
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Education Cooperative**

**Yoakum ISD
Yoakum**



Congratulations, Mr. Riebeling!

SBOE Member: Ms. Marisa Perez-Diaz



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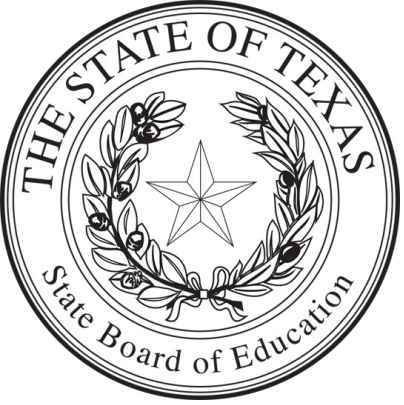
District 4

Terence Narcisse

**Galena Park ISD
Houston**



- Founded the East Harris County Empowerment Council 13 years ago
- His organization has donated over \$8,000 in scholarships
- Has helped families repair their homes from Winter Ice Storm Uri



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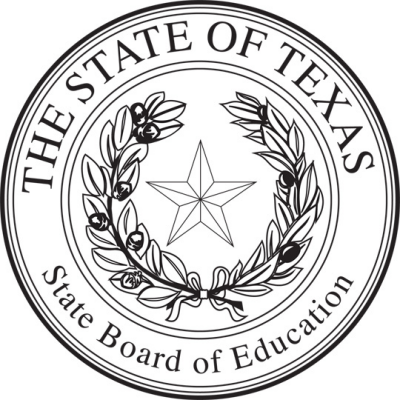
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**Galena Park ISD
Houston**



- During the pandemic, more than \$1.5 million distributed to low-income families
- Fundraising efforts directly benefit thousands of children from Galena Park ISD and East Harris County school districts
- *Buddy Program* takes students to sports games and performances creating lasting memories for them



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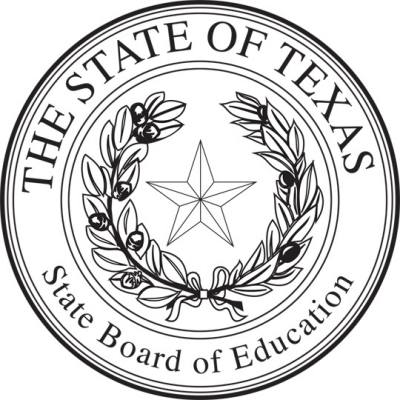
Terence Narcisse

**Galena Park ISD
Houston**



Congratulations, Mr. Narcisse!

SBOE Member: Lawrence L. Allen, Jr.



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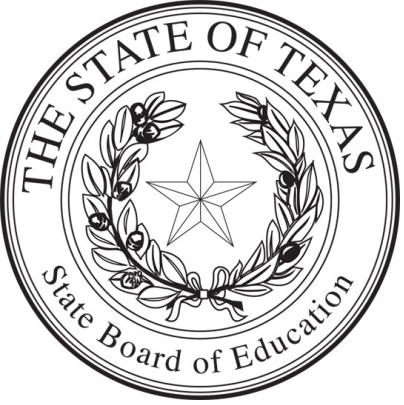
District 5

**Derrick
Townsend**

**Austin ISD
Austin**



- A mentor and role model for over 30 years
- Mentored from elementary to high school students
- Focused the majority of his time in the middle school



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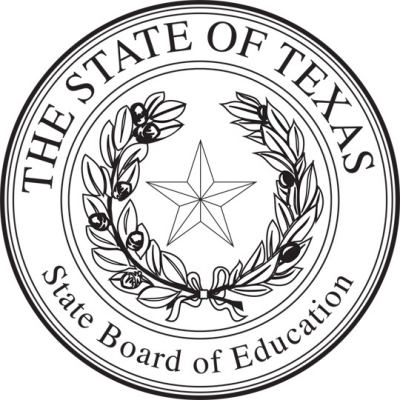
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**Austin ISD
Austin**



- Instills in each of his mentees the love of learning and challenges them to their fullest potential
- Leadership roles in *Dad's Club*, *Men in Education*, and his church community
- Has just earned his college degree and at 59, is very proud to show his mentees that will and perseverance is a must to achieve one's dream



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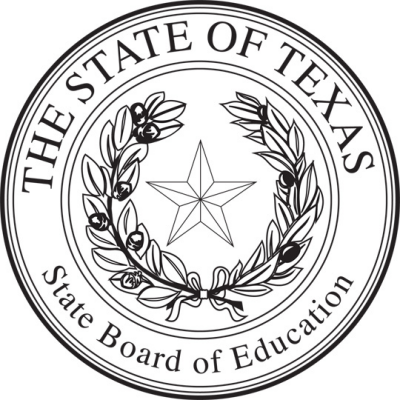
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**Austin ISD
Austin**



Congratulations, Mr. Townsend!

SBOE Member: Dr. Rebecca Bell-Metereau



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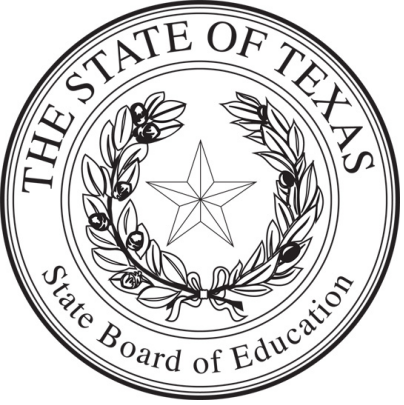
Beki Perkins

Klein ISD

Spring



- Has been volunteering for the past 15 years
- Served as director of Klein Education Foundation; Advisory Council member of the Career and Technical Education; Strategic Planning Committee; School Bond Elections; and her all-time favorite, as judge at DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) competitions



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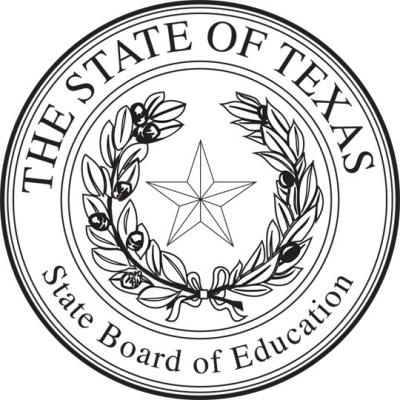
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Klein ISD

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- Served in the Grant Writing Review Committee of Klein Education Foundation which delivers educator grants twice a year, and by 2019, had awarded more than \$1.9 million to Klein ISD campuses



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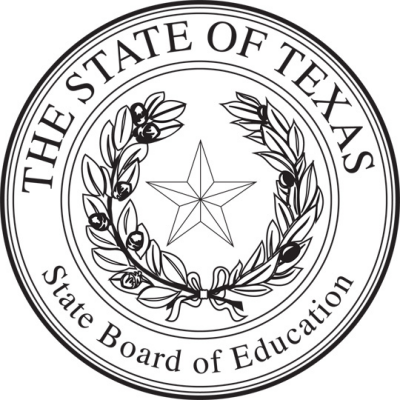
Beki Perkins

**Klein ISD
Spring**



Congratulations, Mrs. Perkins!

SBOE Member: Mr. Will Hickman



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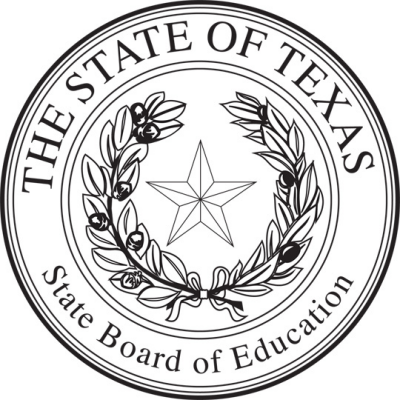
District 7

Eileen Crues

**Friendswood ISD
Friendswood**



- Volunteered for the past 21 years
- Launched the Friendswood ISD Special Education Parent-Teacher Organization in 2013 with a targeted focus on connecting, providing resources for, and supporting parents of children with disabilities



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District 7

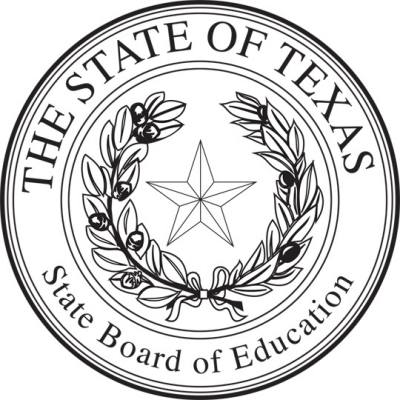
Eileen Crues



Friendswood ISD

Friendswood

- Hosted district-wide Art Show, auctioned student-created art, to date, this event has raised about \$20,000 and benefited special education students and classrooms across the district
- Serves on the School Safety Advisory Committee, Student Health Advisory, and Superintendent's Advisory Committee
- She is the voice for students with disabilities.



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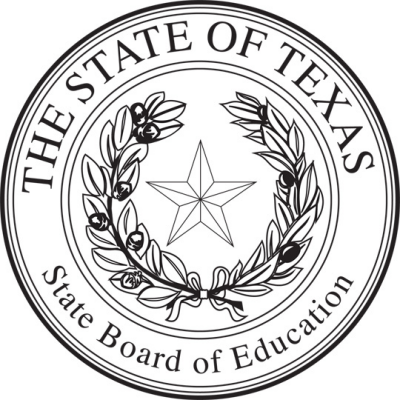
District 7

**Eileen Crues
Friendswood ISD
Friendswood**



Congratulations, Ms. Eileen Crues!

SBOE Member: Dr. Matt Robinson



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Harvey Oyler

Goose Creek CISD
Baytown

8 The Baytown Sun COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP Tuesday, March 23, 2021

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Harvey Oyler

Longtime Kiwanis and Lions club member focused on giving back

BY ALAN BALE
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Harvey Oyler lived by his name as he fashioned a career at an oilfield chemical company and before that in similar ventures. Once he retired in 2016, Oyler began to focus on giving back to the people. So since moving on to his own life without the outside influence of the day-to-day work grind, Oyler picked up and started helping out with local philanthropic organizations like Kiwanis and the Lions Club. He hasn't looked back one time without smiling about the decision he made. "I always planned on giving back to the community when I retired," Oyler said. "I worked in Houston and I never had time to get involved here. My wife was involved in many organizations and she encouraged me to join service clubs when I retired. It was something I wanted to do, but I couldn't do. I worked all over the world and was out of town a lot. I didn't have the time to put in community service. "When I see a smile on their face for something that we've done for them? That's payback. About 65 percent of the students in Goose Creek are under the poverty level, so anything extra you can do for them, they really appreciate it." Among the many activities he is involved in includes raising flags for the Lions Club and with Kiwanis he has coordinated the purchases of bicycles for children at Alamo Elementary. He is also the committee chairman for Partners in Education for the Kiwanis. He also can offer a darn good jug of gumbo. Not had for a late bloomer in giving time to good works. "Both clubs spotlight children and I truly enjoy working with children," he said. "My daughter is a teacher at Alamo, so it was a good fit for me to do a lot of volunteering there. I just love the camaraderie of the members of the clubs. It helps to break up the week with a meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays and

Harvey Oyler, far left, has been a member of the Lions Club in recent years to make up for lost time as a community service member after long years in the workforce.

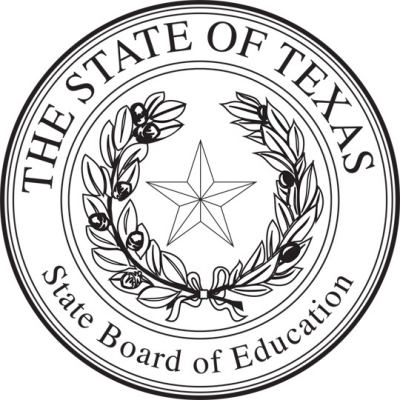
the other activities. "The pandemic has slowed down my involvement with the schools lately." Lions Club installs flags on the national holidays across town as a fundraiser - \$40 per flag per year. "I personally put up about 50 a year," Oyler said. "We go out six or seven times a year. I know it benefits the club and gives me physical activity. I don't like to sit around all day watching TV. I have to be doing something." Kiwanis helps give out a dozen bicycles to kids fortunate enough to have their names drawn. Oyler will sometimes be able to contribute a couple of them with money out of his own pocket. Then there is the gumbo cookoff he gladly indulges in as a judge. "This year, since we can't have person-to-person sit down meals, we are cooking the gumbo at the Optimists Club and then selling tickets so it's a drive by and pick up the gumbo situation," Oyler said. "The gumbo we are serving this year is the champion recipe from last year - Beth Thompson and her husband, Chuck. It was pretty good. It was chicken and sausage and had a great flavor. There were like six or seven teams there." Oyler moved to Baytown in 1968 from Sabine after transferring to Baroud's facility in Channelview and the last 15 years of his career he worked with Prince Energy. He has been married to his wife Ann for 58 years and they have three children (Julie, Tommy and Kenneth), six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. "When I retired, I knew that this was what I was going to do," Oyler said. "I met people in both of those clubs. I was going to join Rotary, but they had mandatory attendance and after 55 years of work, I didn't want to work with deadlines and mandatory times. "I am getting a lot out of it. It's better than I expected," he said.



AK POINTS

Harvey Oyler gives out one of many bikes that he provides to local youths courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of Baytown.

- Chairman of the Partners in Education program with the Kiwanis Club of Baytown
- Partnered with Alamo Elem. with weekly/monthly planning and developing budget to support school activities
- Solicited funds from Kiwanis members to purchase bicycles awarded to 2 students per grade level who earned perfect attendance



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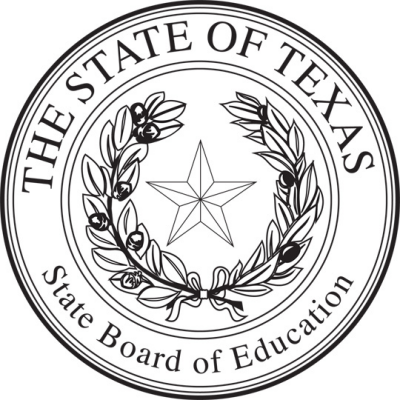
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Goose Creek CISD
Baytown

- Secured funds for staff breakfast and lunch appreciations
- Through his leadership, Kiwanis Club supported Alamo with invaluable school supplies such as earphones, basket of treats monthly for staff, gift cards for Turkey Hunt, and many others.
- A set budget is given to the principal to use at her discretion for Teacher Appreciation Week.



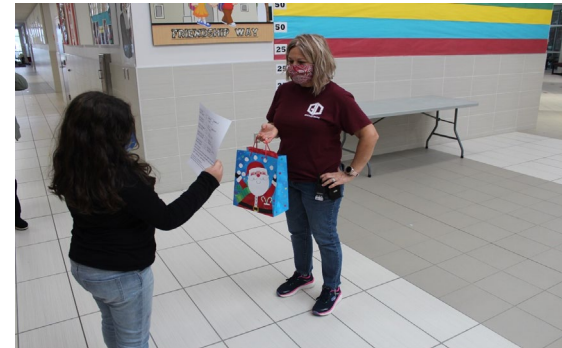
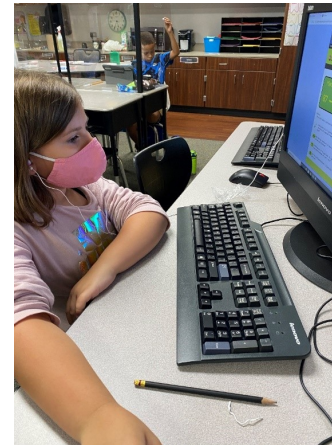
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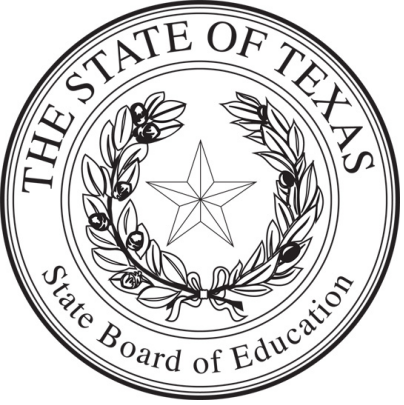
Harvey Oyler

**Goose Creek CISD
Baytown**



Congratulations, Mr. Oyler!

SBOE Member: Dr. Audrey Young



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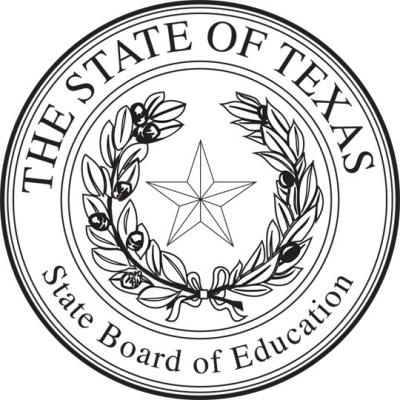
District 9

**Anna Marie
Hornsby**

**Pleasant Grove ISD
Texarkana**



- A volunteer for the past 16 years
- Founding member of the Pleasant Grove ISD Education Foundation
- Athletic and drill team booster club officer, Health Advisory Committee member
- Helped the booster club raise over \$100,000 to support student athletes, celebrate student successes, and contribute to uniforms and athletic equipment



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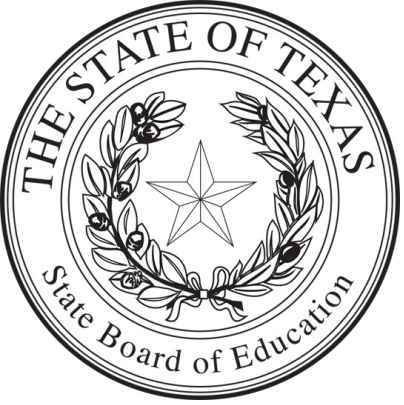
District 9

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**Pleasant Grove ISD
Texarkana**



- With her leadership, the Education Foundation saw its highest grossing year netting \$58,000.
- Since 2007, the foundation has raised over \$500,000 and awarded 150 grants.
- Her openness to new ideas and implementation of new technology to support annual staff campaigns contributed to the foundation's sustainable success.



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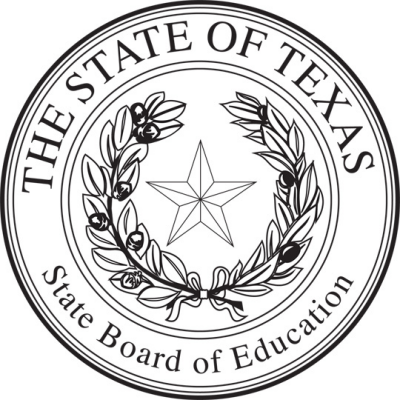
Pleasant Grove ISD

Texarkana



Congratulations, Mrs. Hornsby!

SBOE Member: Dr. Keven Ellis



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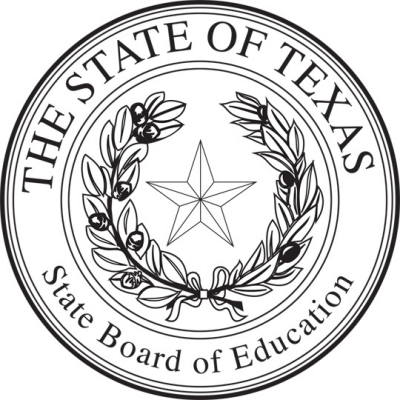
Terri Romere

**Travis/Williamson
Counties**

Central Texas



- Volunteered for more than 10 years
- Mentor to disadvantaged elementary school children and incarcerated girls
- Created *Raise 'Em Up Foundation* with her husband to provide grants for agricultural programs and livestock projects



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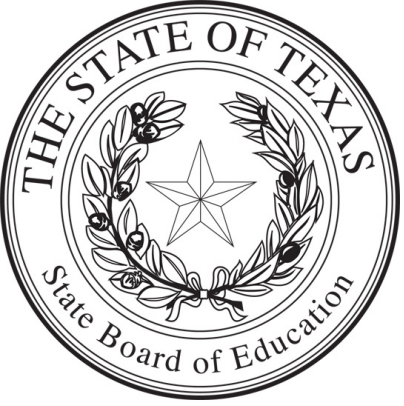
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Terri Romere

**Travis/Williamson
Counties
Central Texas**



- Hopes to widen support and reach all school districts in Central Texas
- Believes in the mission, “to raise up each succeeding generation of Texans to be active participants in the free-market economy and fully engaged as citizens.”



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Terri Romere

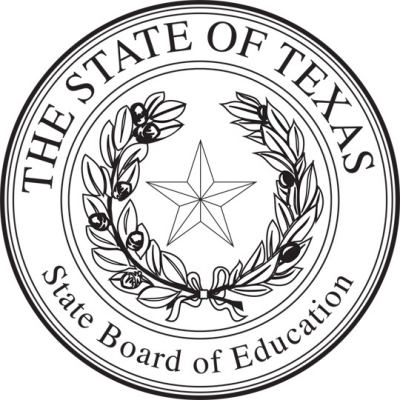
**Travis/Williamson
Counties**

Central Texas



Congratulations, Mrs. Romere!

SBOE Member: Mr. Tom Maynard



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District 11

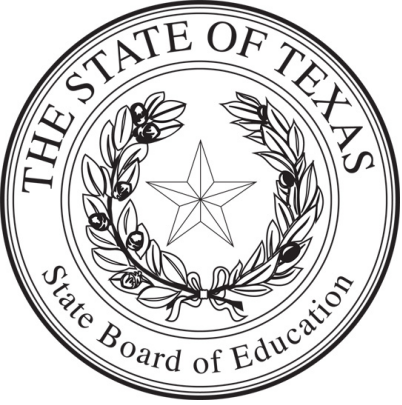
Randy Cutshall

Weatherford ISD

Weatherford



- Volunteered for the past 5 years
- Shares his time and talent in photography in almost all district events



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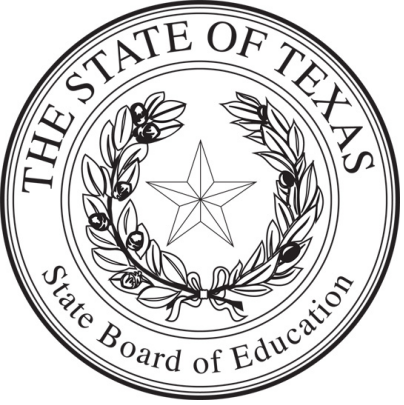
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Weatherford ISD

Weatherford



- Captures plays on the field, photos of band members, drill team, cheerleaders, trainers, coaches, and all extracurricular events where parents are unable to capture from the stands
- Most importantly, all photos are downloaded for free
- Used drone photos to capture the stadium filled with graduating seniors and their families during the 2020 graduation ceremony



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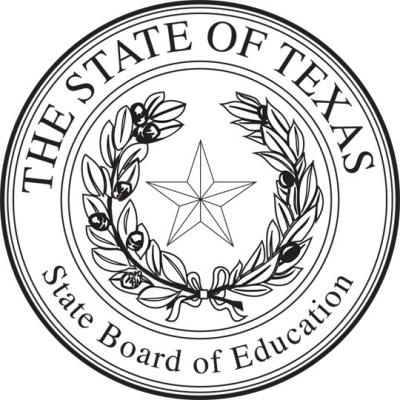
Randy Cutshall

**Weatherford ISD
Weatherford**



Congratulations, Mr. Cutshall!

SBOE Member: Ms. Pat Hardy



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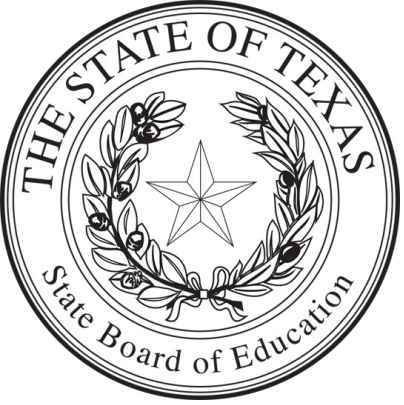
District 12

Jon Boyd

**Allen ISD
Allen**



- Community partner with students and staff promoting civil service and community education
- Regularly hosted emergency-planning conference calls during the pandemic and his insight was invaluable for district leaders as they planned the schoolyear



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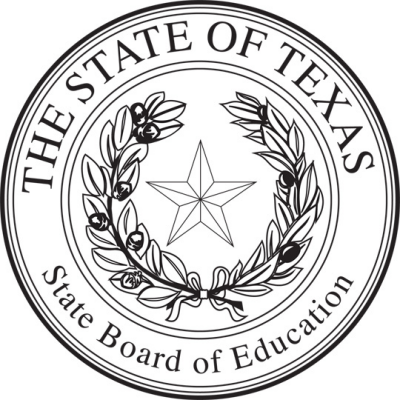
Jon Boyd

Allen ISD

Allen



- Partnership with the district to utilize the Allen Eagle Stadium as vaccination site brought calm to the community as the distribution of 94,000 vaccines efficiently took place in just a few months.



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District 12

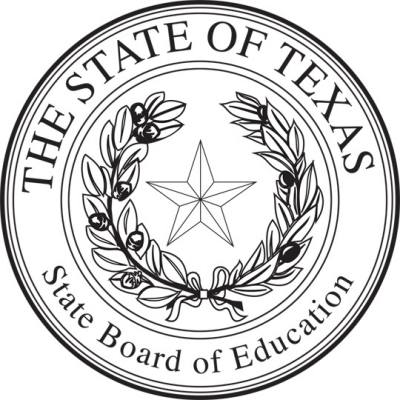
Jon Boyd

**Allen ISD
Allen**



Congratulations, Mr. Boyd!

SBOE Member: Mrs. Pam Little



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District 13

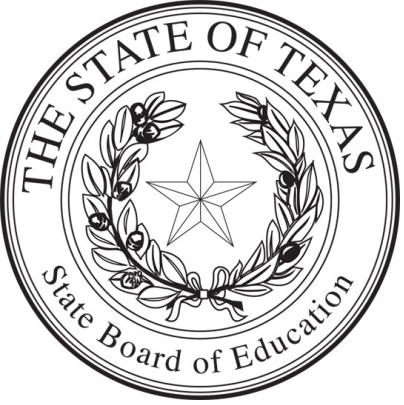
Opal Lee

Fort Worth ISD

Fort Worth



- A true pioneer for social justice and education.
- A retire teacher, counselor, and activist in the movement to make Juneteenth a national holiday.



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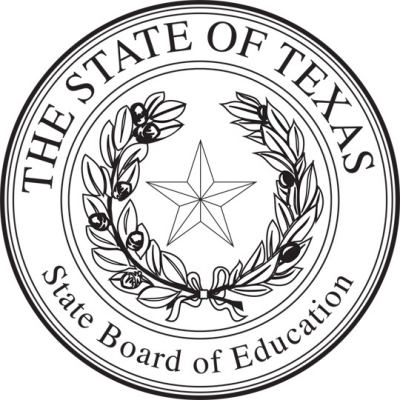
District 13

Opal Lee



Fort Worth ISD
Fort Worth

- Each year, walked 2.5 miles to commemorate the event on June 19, 1865 and to raise awareness to the significance of the freedom she sought for six decades
- She is in the Fort Worth ISD Hall of Fame and has a mural in downtown
- Fort Worth dedicated to her works in education.



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Opal Lee

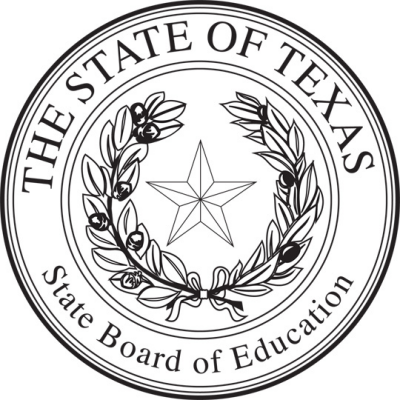


Fort Worth ISD

Fort Worth

Congratulations, Ms. Lee!

SBOE Member: Ms. Aicha Davis



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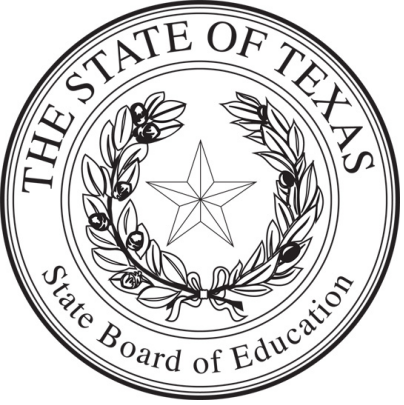
District 14

Mary Ann Jack

**Copperas Cove ISD
Copperas Cove**



- Founding member of the Five Hills Scholarship Program which awarded \$110,000 in scholarships and prizes in 2021
- The program has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships and prizes since 2014.



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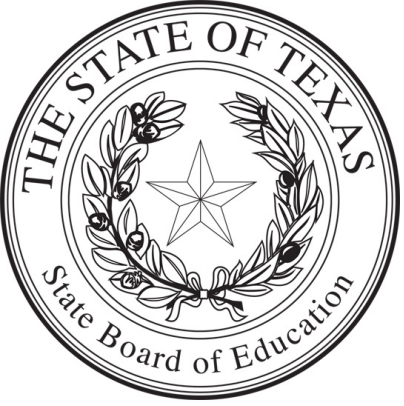
Mary Ann Jack

Copperas Cove ISD

Copperas Cove



- Her volunteer service extends to helping create graphics for different activities, prepares music beds for student fundraisers
- Often found facilitating the front table at all fundraisers selling tickets and taking admission fees
- Helps with set-up and tear down and never leaves before clean-up is complete



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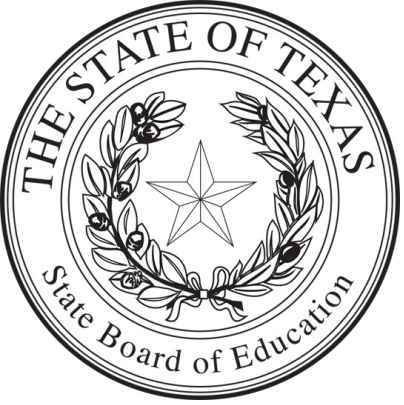
Mary Ann Jack

**Copperas Cove ISD
Copperas Cove**



Congratulations, Ms. Jack!

SBOE Member: Mrs. Sue Melton-Malone



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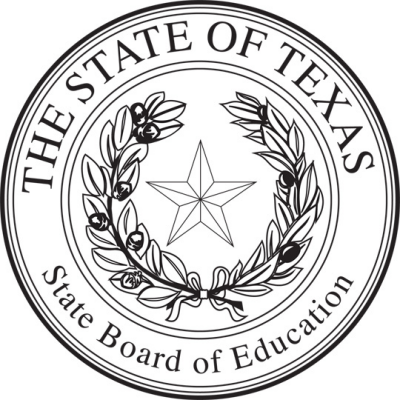
District 15

Amy PUNCHARD

**Lubbock-Cooper ISD
Lubbock**



- Believes in the mission that every child deserves every opportunity
- President of the Lubbock-Cooper Education Foundation and led the most successful fundraising concert



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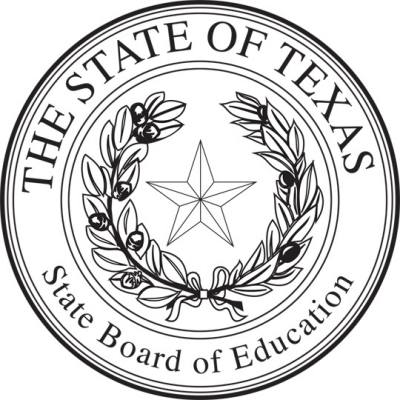
District 15

Amy Punched

**Lubbock-Cooper ISD
Lubbock**



- Since its founding, the Education Foundation has contributed over \$900,000 in grants and scholarships and more than half of the funds were raised under her leadership.
- Responsible for securing media endorsements, distributing yard signs, handing out fliers, and making presentations at community meetings
- Co-chaired the committee to build new middle school, high schools, and a football stadium, as well as various renovation projects



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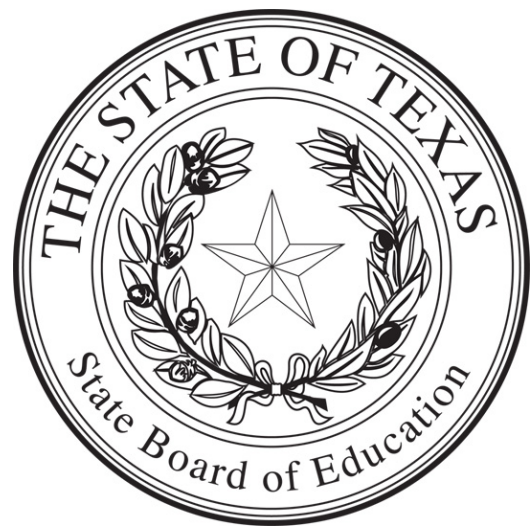
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Congratulations, Ms. PUNCHARD!

SBOE Member: Dr. Jay Johnson



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