

Texas Municipal League Region 8 Director Election

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

2024 BOARD ELECTIONS

TML Region Director Elections

Region Director elections were previously done at TML Regional meeting

Constitutional changes approved last year changed the process to be done centrally by TML

Even-numbered Region Directors are elected in even-numbered years and serve 2 years

Terms begin at the adjournment of the TML Annual Conference

City of Burleson is in Region 8

The official ballot is due to TML by October 3, 2024



Candidates

- ☐ Troy Dunn, Councilmember, Haltom City
- Kim Graves, Mayor, Westlake
- ☐ Jon McKenzie, Councilmember, Hurst (incumbent)
- ☐ Mary Sarver, Mayor Pro Tem, Grandview



Troy Dunn, Councilmember City of Haltom City

Troy Dunn and his wife own Troy Dunn Insurance Agency, which is very active in the community. Dunn is a member of the Birdville Education Foundation Board of Directors, served on the 2022 Birdville ISO Bond Committee, and has been offering a Troy Dunn Insurance Scholarship for Haltom High seniors for six years. He is very active in his community and is the Northeast Tarrant Chamber incoming chair and a Haltom City Council councilmember. He previously served on the Haltom City Economic Development Corporation for three years, the Zoning Board of Adjustments for three years, and the Parks Board for five years. Dunn is a community partner with Haltom Senior Center Bingo each month and has been a luncheon sponsor at the Center for the past four years. He is also on the North Richland Lions Club Board of Directors. Dunn is a community partner first and foremost in his personal and business life.

Kim Graves, Mayor Town of Westlake

Kim Greaves was a financial services executive with a breadth of success across numerous organizations from start-ups to enhancing mature organizations. As a collaborative leader, he has demonstrated successes by directing cross-functional teams to plan effectively, develop strategically, and execute tactically to exceed business, delivery, and financial expectations. Over the course of his career, Kim managed over 7,000 employees and managed billions in mortgage servicing portfolios. Kim developed a reputation for improving every organization he managed while successfully driving unprecedented growth for companies such as JPMorgan Chase, Citibank, Nationstar Mortgage, and Citizens Bank. Kim retired in 2021 and has dedicated his time to serving his community. After getting involved with Westlake Academy athletics, Kim started attending town council/school board meetings and was frustrated with issues and unanswered questions. He decided to run for the Westlake Town Council/School Board and was elected in 2022. After serving his first term as a councilmember, Kim decided to run for mayor and bring respect and ethics back to the mayor's office. He was elected with 82% of the vote. (Note: The Town of Westlake runs a municipality and a charter school, nationally ranked Westlake Academy. Town councilmembers are also school board members.) Kim attended high school at New Mexico Military Institute, holds a BBA in Finance from the University of North Texas and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame. In addition to town responsibilities, Kim currently serves as the vice chairman of the New Mexico Military Institute Foundation and is active in the Metroport Chamber of Commerce.

Jon McKenzie, Councilmember City of Hurst (incumbent)

Jon McKenzie is an engaged community leader and dedicated family man. He and his wife, Brianne, have been childhood sweethearts, and together they raise their two daughters, Avery (16) and Claire (12), in his hometown of Hurst. Jon has a strong record of public service. He has been an elected member of the Hurst City Council since 2018. He also serves on several local boards and committees, including the United Way Northeast Steering Committee (as chair), the United Way of Tarrant County Board of Directors, the NCTCOG Regional Transportation Committee (as alternate), the 6 Stones Advisory Board, and the HEBISD Education Foundation. Professionally, Jon has worked as a minister at Bridgewood Church of Christ since 2003. In this role, his responsibilities include preparing and delivering sermons, teaching classes, creating online content, congregational communication, and community outreach. Before entering ministry, he worked as a Radio Frequency Technician at Atlantic Western Communication from 2000-2003. He holds a Master of Business Administration with a focus on Strategic Leadership from the University of Dallas. He received a bachelor's degree in communications and business administration from Texas Wesleyan University. Jon currently serves as the TML Region 8 board director. His involvement with the Texas Municipal League has been a great way for him to learn and connect within the region and state, and he would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving as the Region 8 board director. His main priorities would continue to be making beneficial connections and sharing information and resources with cities throughout Region 8.

Mary Sarver, Mayor Pro Tem City of Grandview

Mayor Pro Tern Mary Sarver has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service through her tenure on various boards and as a member of the Grandview City Council. She has served on the Grandview City Council since June 2022. She is a member of the Economic Development Type A Board, vice chair of the National League of Cities' Small Cities Board, a member of the National League of Cities Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee, and a member of the North Central Texas Council of Government Economic Development District Board. Along with her responsibilities with the NLC, Mayor Pro Tern Sarver consistently engages in Texas Municipal League (TML) training and conferences. Her dedication to public service is evident in her efforts to collaborate with neighboring cities and county officials to advance the interests of TML Region 8. She actively participates in meetings with local, state, and national municipal leaders to further these goals. Since her election, Mayor Pro Tern Sarver has actively engaged in a wide array of trainings and conferences hosted by the Texas Municipal League (TML), demonstrating a strong commitment to her professional development and the advancement of municipal governance. Her participation in these events underscores her dedication to staying informed about best practices, emerging trends, and legislative changes affecting local governments. In addition to her personal involvement, Mayor Pro Tern Sarver takes a proactive approach in promoting the benefits of TML to her colleagues and elected officials in neighboring cities. She encourages her peers to leverage the extensive resources and networking opportunities provided by TML, recognizing the value these resources bring to effective municipal management and collaboration. Her efforts not only enhance her own capabilities but also foster a broader culture of informed and collaborative leadership across the region.



Cast Vote