

Rockwall

Central Appraisal District

September 9, 2024

To All Taxing Entities,

Due to changes in the most recent legislative session, an election for entity-appointed appraisal district directors is required. Per Sec. 5.13(d) of S.B. 2 (88th Leg.): **The term of an appraisal district director serving on December 31, 2024 . . . expires on January 1, 2025.** Not later than December 31, 2024, the taxing units participating in the appraisal district that are entitled to appoint directors shall appoint five directors to serve terms that begin on January 1, 2025. Two directors shall be appointed to serve a term of one year, and three directors shall be appointed to serve a term of three years. Thereafter, all appointed directors serve four-year terms.

Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 6.0301(c) & (d): The Appraisal District is governed by a board of nine directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that participate in the district **in the manner prescribed by Section 6.03.**

Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 6.03(d): The voting entitlement of a taxing unit that is entitled to vote for directors is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of property taxes imposed in the district by the taxing unit for the preceding tax year by the sum of the total dollar amount of property taxes imposed in the district for that year by each taxing unit that is entitled to vote, by multiplying the quotient by 1,000, and by rounding the product to the nearest whole number. That number is multiplied by the number of directorships to be filled.

Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 6.03(g): Each taxing unit . . . that is entitled to vote may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body one candidate for each position to be filled on the board of directors. **The presiding officer of the governing body of the unit shall submit the names of the unit's nominees to the chief appraiser before October 15.**

Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 6.03(j): Before October 30, the chief appraiser shall prepare a ballot, listing the candidates whose names were timely submitted under Subsection (g) . . . alphabetically according to the first letter in each candidate's surname, and shall deliver a copy of the ballot to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit that is entitled to vote.

Enclosed is a list reflecting each taxing unit's number of votes. Also included is an overview of the upcoming BOD election cycles, along with BOD member eligibility requirements.

Current Appointed Members are:

Tim Hartley
John Hohenshelt
Lorne Liechty
Russell Summers

**Rockwall Central Appraisal District
Board of Directors Election
2025 Jurisdiction Voting Entitlement**

Entity	Number of Votes
City of Dallas	0
City of Fate	125
City of Garland	0
City of Heath	140
City of McLendon-Chisholm	15
City of Rockwall	415
City of Rowlett	115
City of Royse City	150
City of Wylie	10
Rockwall ISD	2445
Royse City ISD	625
Rockwall County	950

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	LENGTH OF TERM	BEGIN TERM	END TERM	# OF DIRECTORS	SB 2	EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
APPOINTED DIRECTORS						
APPOINTED BY DECEMBER 15, 2023	1 YEAR	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	5	5.13(d)	The term of an appraisal district director serving on December 31, 2024 expires on January 1, 2025.
APPOINTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2024	1 YEAR	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	2	5.13(d)	Not later than December 31, 2024 taxing units shall appoint five directors to serve beginning January 1, 2025. Two shall be appointed to serve a term of one year.
APPOINTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2024	3 YEAR	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	3	5.13(d)	Not later than December 31, 2024 taxing units shall appoint five directors to serve beginning January 1, 2025. Three shall be appointed to serve a term of three years.
APPOINTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2025	4 YEAR	1/1/2026	12/31/2029	2	5.13(d)	Thereafter all appointed directors serve a term of four years.
APPOINTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2027	4 YEAR	1/1/2028	12/31/2031	3	5.13(d)	Thereafter all appointed directors serve a term of four years.
THE COUNTY ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR SERVES AS AN EX OFFICIO DIRECTOR.						
ELECTED DIRECTORS						
MAY 2024 UNIFORM ELECTION	2.5 YEAR	7/1/2024	12/31/2026	3	5.13(a)	Appraisal district directors (three) shall be elected beginning with the election May 2024, with an effective office date of July 1, 2024 that expires on December 31, 2026.
NOVEMBER 2026 GENERAL ELECTION	2 OR 4 YR	1/1/2027	varies	3	5.13(b)	Following the initial election (May 2024) directors shall be elected beginning with the general election in November 2026, with an effective office date of January 1, 2027.
ALL DRAW LOTS TO DETERMINE 2 OR 4 YEARS	2 YEAR	1/1/2027	12/31/2028	1	5.13(c)	At the January 2027 meeting elected directors draw lots to determine which shall serve a two year term and which two will serve a four year term.
THEREAFTER ALL SERVE 4 YEAR TERMS	4 YEAR	1/1/2027	12/31/2030	2	5.13(c)	Thereafter all shall serve four-year terms.
NOVEMBER 2028 GENERAL ELECTION	4 YEAR	1/1/2029	12/31/2032	1	5.13(c)	Thereafter all shall serve four-year terms.
NOVEMBER 2030 GENERAL ELECTION	4 YEAR	1/1/2031	12/31/2034	2	5.13(c)	Thereafter all shall serve four-year terms.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS* FOR ROCKWALL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chief Appraiser has neither the authority nor the duty of investigating or judging the qualifications of nominees.

To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected to, the Rockwall Central Appraisal District board of directors, a person must:

- 1) be a United States citizen;
- 2) be 18 years of age or older on January 1, 2025 (first day of term);
- 3) have not been determined by a final judgement of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
 - a. totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - b. partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- 4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- 5) have been a resident of Rockwall County and must have resided in Rockwall County for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office on January 1, 2025;
- 6) on the date described by Subdivision (5), be registered to vote in Rockwall County; and
- 7) satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.
- 8) An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit. (An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district.)

A person is ineligible to be a candidate for, or elected to, the Rockwall Central Appraisal District board of directors if the person:

- 1) is an employee of a taxing unit that participates in Rockwall County;
- 2) is related within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to an individual who is engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code or of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code within Rockwall County;
- 3) owns property on which delinquent taxes have been owed to a taxing unit for more than 60 days after the date the individual knew or should have known of the delinquency unless:
 - a. the delinquent taxes and any penalties and interest are being paid under an installment payment agreement under section 33.02 of the Texas Property Tax Code; or
 - b. a suit to collect the delinquent taxes is deferred or abated under Section 33.06 or 33.065;
- 4) has engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code at any time during the preceding three years;
- 5) has engaged in the business of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code in Rockwall County at any time during the preceding three years;
- 6) has been an employee of the Rockwall Central Appraisal District at any time during the preceding three years; or
- 7) has a substantial interest in a business entity that is party to a contract or the individual is a party to a contract with the CAD. This prohibition also applies to contracts with a taxing unit that participates in the CAD if the contract relates to the performance of an activity governed by the Tax Code (Tax Code Section 6.036(a)). An individual has a substantial business interest in a business entity if:
 - a. the combined ownership of the director and director's spouse is at least 10 percent of the voting stock or shares of the business entity; or
 - b. the director or director's spouse is a partner, limited partner or officer of the business entity.

*Eligibility requirements taken from Texas Elections Code 141. and Texas Property Tax Code 6.0301.