The Delegate Assembly is charged with the responsibility of electing TASB Directors and Officers, subject to TASB Bylaws, Articles VI and VII.

Nominees

Nominees for Officers
(Nominated by TASB Board)

President-Elect
Charles Stafford
Denton ISD, regional member

Second Vice-President
Joe Adams
Katy ISD, large district member

First Vice-President
Teresa Flores
Ingleside ISD, regional member

Secretary-Treasurer
Karen Freeman
Northside ISD-Bexar County, large district member

Nominees for TASB Board of Directors
(Nominated by Nominations Committee)

EXPIRING TERMS (regional members for election to three-year terms, 2015–18):

TASB Region 1, Position A
Gloria Casas
La Feria ISD, regional member***

TASB Region 3
John Green
Nordheim ISD, regional member***

TASB Region 4, Position A
Ron Crier
Spring ISD, regional member

TASB Region 10, Position A
Debbie Gillespie
Frisco ISD, regional member

TASB Region 11, Position D
Ann Calahan
Stephenville ISD, regional member

TASB Region 12
Mildred Watkins
La Vega ISD, regional member

TASB Region 13, Position C
Vernagene Mott
Pflugerville ISD, regional member

TASB Region 17
Kay Alley
Crosbyton CISD, regional member***

TASB Region 18
Lee Lentz-Edwards
Kermit ISD, regional member

FOR ELECTION TO A ONE-YEAR TERM (2015–16), FILLING VACANCY:

TASB Region 6
Jason Dohnalik
Cameron ISD, regional member

TASB Region 16
Cindy Spanel
Highland Park ISD-Potter County, regional member
Directors elected by action of the regions

ELECTED TO THREE-YEAR TERMS (2015–18), FILLING EXPIRED TERMS:

TASB Region 4, Position C  
Benny May  
Barbers Hill ISD, regional member*

TASB Region 4, Position F  
Bob Covey  
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, large district member**

TASB Region 5  
James de Garavilla  
Silsbee ISD, regional member*

TASB Region 11, Position C  
Bowie Hogg  
Arlington ISD, large district member**

TASB Region 19, Position B  
Armando Rodriguez  
Canutillo ISD, regional member*

TASB Region 20, Position E  
Sandy Hughey  
North East ISD, large district member**

ELECTED TO TWO-YEAR TERM (2015–17), FILLING VACANCY:

TASB Region 19, Position A  
Dori Fenenbock  
El Paso ISD, large district member**

ELECTED TO A ONE-YEAR TERM (2015–16), FILLING VACANCY:

TASB Region 13, Position A  
Jayme Mathias  
Austin ISD, large district member**

President and president-elect

At the close of the TASA/TASB Convention, Bret Begert (Fort Elliott CISD) will assume the office of President by virtue of his election as President-Elect by the 2014 Delegate Assembly. Andra Self (Lufkin ISD) will become Immediate Past President.

Members of the Nominations Committee are pleased to place in nomination the names of the above individuals. Each nominee has agreed to serve, if elected. The members of the Committee believe that this is a representative and competent group of individuals worthy of the support of the membership.

Faye Beaulieu, TASB Immediate Past President and Nominations Committee Chair

Notes:

*The following were elected by receiving endorsements from a majority of the Active Members in the Regions, pursuant to the TASB Bylaws: [Article VI, Section 2D(5)] “If a majority of the Active Members in an Association Region endorses the same candidate, that candidate shall be elected to the Director position and shall take office at the completion of the final official session of the annual convention during the year in which the Director was elected.”

**The Bylaws also state: [Article VI, Section 2C] “For the purposes of this section, an Active Member school district with an Average Daily Attendance (ADA) meeting the requirements of Article VI, Section 4C(1), shall be treated as an Association Region and referred to in these Bylaws as a Large District.”

***Received endorsements from 25 percent or more of the Active Members in the region.
Biographical Information

OFFICERS

Andra Self
Immediate Past President, one-year term, 2015–16

Self has served on the Lufkin ISD (LISD) Board since 1996 and is currently the board president. Self is the administrative director of rehabilitation services for Memorial Health Systems of East Texas. A graduate of Lufkin High School, she has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Houston, is a registered medical technologist through St. Joseph’s School of Medical Technology, and holds two master degrees (in education and in business administration) from Stephen F. Austin University.

Her civic activities include service on the boards for Angelina County Health District, Hospice in the Pines, and Boys and Girls Club of East Texas and involvement in Leadership Lufkin, United Way, Junior Achievement, Junior League of East Texas, the Mayor’s Task Force on Rehabilitation, and the LISD Better School Task Force. She has been very active in Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., Community Service Org, and Top Teen Leadership Development Programs. She received Master Trustee designation through Leadership TASB in 2005 and was LISD president when the board was honored as a TASA Outstanding School Board of the Year in 2002.

Bret Begert
President, one-year term, 2015–16

Begert began his school board service with Allison ISD in 1998 and held the positions of secretary and president. In 2003, the district consolidated with Fort Elliott. He is the current president of the Fort Elliott CISD Board.

A graduate of West Texas A&M University with a bachelor degree, Begert is a past president of the Texas Limousin Association and Panhandle Area Association of School Boards. He remains an active member of these organizations. In addition, he serves as a lay leader of the United Methodist Church in Allison and is involved in many other church and civic organizations.

Begert is a partner in Begert Limousin Ranch, Inc., a family operation raising black, polled Limousin cattle; he is also a managing partner in B & H Disposal Systems, LLC. As the longtime director of Junior Activities for the North American Limousin Foundation, Begert oversees all the junior shows and activities with the Limousin breed.

Charles Stafford
President-Elect, one-year term, 2015–16

Stafford has been on the Denton ISD Board for 15 years and has held the positions of vice-president and secretary four times. He served as president in 1993–94, 2007–09, and 2013–14.

Stafford studied in the Plan II Honors program at The University of Texas at Austin and continued his education with accounting classes at the University of North Texas. He is a self-employed real estate broker and developer with Keller Williams Realty.

Stafford's activities include participation in the Kiwanis Club and Greater Denton-Wise Association of Realtors® and serving as chair of the Advisory Council for the Children’s Advocacy Center of Denton County, chairman of the Denton Central Appraisal District, member of the Advisory Board for the College of Public Affairs and Community Services at University of North Texas, co-chair of the Capital Campaign for College of PACS, board member of the Animal Shelter Foundation, and board member of the Denton Chamber of Commerce.

Teresa Flores
First Vice-President, one-year term, 2015–16

Flores has served on the Ingleside ISD Board for 14 years and has held the positions of board secretary, board president, and Delegate to Delegate Assembly. Flores is a financial advisor and certified financial manager with Merrill Lynch. Previously, she was an area manager for Bealls Department Stores.

After graduating from Ingleside High School, she attended Del Mar College. She currently participates in local school events and has a special interest in legislative activity involving education. Most recently, she has been asked to participate on the District 32 Representative’s Educational Advisory Committee.

Her civic involvement includes five years as president of the high school band booster.
organization, one year on the board of directors for the Corpus Christi Harbor Playhouse, two years on the Corpus Christi Symphony Community Outreach Committee, and four years working with Little League as a treasurer and player agent to more than 450 children and their parents. She is also a regular attendee of city council meetings and city and chamber events.

**Joe Adams**  
*Second Vice-President, one-year term, 2015–16*

Adams has served on the Katy ISD Board since 1989, having held every officer position at least once. Adams also serves as a director on the Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards. A graduate of Leadership TASB and a Master Trustee, he chairs the board of directors of the Southern Federal Credit Union.

Adams has been a KEYS volunteer for six years and a mentor at Taylor High School, where he was named Mentor of the Year in 2013. He has participated as a Promise to Read and Junior Achievement volunteer, member of bond and rezoning committees, and a founding director of Katy ISD Education Foundation. In addition, Adams is a member, deacon, and adult Sunday school director at Kingsland Baptist Church; Katy Christian Ministries volunteer; and a member of the Katy and Houston A&M clubs, 12th Man Association, and IMPACT. Adams spent 30 years in the oil and gas business, working for several service and drilling companies in New Orleans, Dallas, London, and Egypt. Since 2005, he has owned and operated Budget Blinds and Bluebonnet Painting and Renovation in Katy. Adams earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Texas A&M University.

**Karen Freeman**  
*Secretary-Treasurer, one-year term, 2015–16*

Freeman has served on the TASB Board since 2011 and on the Northside ISD Board of Trustees since 2005. She is the immediate past president of her board and has held the positions of vice-president and secretary. Freeman graduated with a bachelor’s degree in medical technology from the University of Central Florida. She currently works in her husband’s medical office practice.

A longtime volunteer in Northside ISD, Freeman has held numerous elected positions in PTA and booster clubs. She is a member of the Bexar County School Board Coalition and serves as secretary for the Helotes Area Chamber of Commerce. Freeman was awarded the designation of Master Trustee as a graduate of Leadership TASB in 2009.

**DIRECTORS**

**Gloria Casas**  
*Region 1, Position A, three-year term, 2015–18*

Elected to the La Feria ISD Board in 1994, Casas has served as president and vice-president and currently serves as secretary. A graduate of Leadership TASB and a Master Trustee, Casas was a Region 1 representative on the TASB Legislative Advisory Council prior to joining the TASB Board in 2004.

Casas is a regional housing value chain facilitator with the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, where she facilitates the implementation of a multipronged approach to increase affordable housing in the rural and underserved areas in Cameron County.

Casas graduated from Howard Payne University. She also is a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Leadership Program and was the recipient of the Dale Carnegie Course Highest Award for Achievement for the class of 2002.

She is a 2007 graduate of the National Healthy Start Leadership Training Institute, a training program in designing and implementing health and social services for the vulnerable women and children of our communities. The Cameron County Commissioners Court presented a resolution in 2006, recognizing Casas for her dedication to public service and contributions to the community.

**John Green**  
*Region 3, three-year term, 2015–18*

Green is a board member for Nordheim ISD. He has been on the board for nine years and previously served as board vice-president. Green is a 2015 graduate of Leadership TASB, School Board Advocacy Network member, and active participant in Region 3 grassroots meetings.

Since 2000, Green has own and operated Texas Rope Rescue, a company that provides on-site rescue training for emergency rescue teams and
fire departments. He recently retired from the Austin Fire Department with 27 years of service. He has been awarded numerous awards for actions, including the Medal of Valor, Medal Merit, and several Phoenix awards (CPR saves). His most distinguished award was presented by the Texas Department of Public Safety—the Director’s Award for his actions at a head-on collision. For those actions, he also was named an American Red Cross Hero and a finalist for 2007 Firefighter of the Year.

Green is a volunteer paramedic with Yorktown EMS (serving De Witt County) and an active member of St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Runge.

Ron Crier  
Region 4, Position A, three-year term, 2015–18

Crier has served for 12 years on the Spring ISD Board. He was vice-president, 2007–08; secretary, 2006 and 2014–15; and assistant secretary, 2004.

He holds a bachelor of arts in business administration from Dillard University. Crier is an IT systems engineer and software developer who consults for HouData, Walmart, Oxy, The Permian Corp., GE, and Miles Lab and is a business developer.

He was president of the North Harris County YMCA Board, 2004–05; chair of the Republican Precinct; member of the Region 4 Legislative Advisory Council, 2006–07; president of the BJ Lewis Friendship Center; and vice-president of the DASSAL men’s softball league, 1995–96.

Debbie Gillespie  
Region 10, Position A, three-year term, 2015–18

Gillespie has been on the Frisco ISD board since 2011 and is serving her second year as board secretary. With a degree from Southwest Texas State University, Gillespie has worked in interior design, fashion merchandising, and customer service and configuration management at Dell Corporation. Upon moving to Frisco with her family in 1995, she became a stay-at-home mom and an active community volunteer.

Among various community activities, Gillespie has held the following positions: PTA Board officer, 2001–09; PTO Board member and officer, 2005–07; PTO Board president, 2007–10; National Charity League, 2005–12; National Charity League Board officer, 2008–12; Young Men’s Service League, 2010–14; Young Men’s Service League Board officer, 2011–13; Frisco Family Services Center volunteer and two-year board member; Frisco High School band booster officer, 2007–13; neighborhood association village representative for 14 years; Frisco ISD Council of PTAs board member, 2012–present; and now an active volunteer with Frisco FastPacs.

She is a Leadership TASB graduate, Class of 2014, and a member of the LTASB Alumni Association.

Ann Calahan, Ph.D.  
Region 11, Position D, three-year term, 2015–18

Calahan is serving her fourth three-year term as a board member for Stephenville ISD, including 10 years as board president. Calahan is currently professor and head for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (teacher preparation) at Tarleton State University. She is active in the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and has held leadership positions in Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Texas Teacher Educators. She also has been a member of the Consortium for State Organizations of Texas Teacher Educators, Association of Teacher Educators, and Texas Staff Development Council.

Calahan earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and master’s in educational administration at Tarleton State University and her doctorate in curriculum and instruction at Texas A&M University.

Mildred Watkins  
Region 12, three-year term, 2015–18

Watkins has served on the La Vega ISD Board for 19 years; she is currently the board president. She also has served as the board’s assistant secretary, secretary, and vice-president.

Watkins is a teacher at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, where she also served as a principal. She has held the positions of teacher and principal for Waco ISD and was a teacher for Teague ISD.

She has bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees from Paul Quinn College, a master’s in education from Prairie View A&M, and a special education certification from Baylor University. She is a member of the Texas Elementary School Principals Association, AKA Sorority, and the Union Baptist District Association Usher Board.
Vernagene Mott  
*Region 13, Position C, three-year term, 2015–18*

Mott was elected to the Pflugerville Board of Trustees in 2004 and is currently in her fourth term as president.

Born and raised in Pflugerville, Mott is a proud graduate of Pflugerville High School, where she earned the distinction of class valedictorian. She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree with honors in math from The University of Texas and was a math and science teacher for 35 years. Mott was a member of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association from 1964 through 2003.

Mott is a charter member and founder of the Pflugerville Education Foundation. She also is a charter member of Pflugerville’s Heritage House Museum and founder and publicity officer for the Heritage House Partners. In other civic involvement, Mott has worked with the LCRA (Lower Colorado River Authority) Watershed Watch Education Committee, as well as serving on the Manville Water Supply Company Board of Directors. She is an active member of her church. The Greater Pflugerville Chamber of Commerce recognized Mott with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Kay Alley  
*Region 17, three-year term, 2015–18*

Alley has been on the Crosbyton CISD Board since 1997, having served as president and secretary and currently as vice-president. She is a Master Trustee and has served as an officer on the board of directors for the South Plains Association of School Boards for many years. Alley holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Dallas Baptist College. She has worked in numerous clinics and hospitals in Texas and taught vocational nursing at McLennan Community College in Waco for many years.

For 15 years, she was on the Crosby County Appraisal District Board, with roles as secretary and treasurer for the first five years. She is a member of the Lubbock, Garza, and Crosby County Medical Auxiliary.

Lee Lentz-Edwards  
*Region 18, three-year term, 2015–18*

A graduate of Leadership TASB, Lentz-Edwards is the president of the Kermit ISD Board of Trustees. She has served on the board since May 2006. Lentz-Edwards, a graduate of Fort Stockton High School, is a special education coordinator for Region 18 Education Service Center. She attended Sul Ross State University, where she earned a bachelor of business administration degree and master degrees in education and business administration. She has worked in the field of education for more than 30 years.

She has served in her community as a member of the Kermit Rotary Club, holding the positions of president in 2004 and secretary in 2002. She has had the honor of being selected previously as Kermit’s Woman of the Year. Active in the community, she has worked with the 4-H program, Girl Scouts, and her church.

Jason Dohnalik  
*Region 6, one-year term, 2015–16*

Dohnalik has resided in Cameron for the past 39 years and was elected to the Cameron ISD Board of Trustees in 2007. After graduating from CH Yoe High School in 1990, Dohnalik attended postsecondary school at Texas State Technical College in Waco and Texas A&M University in College Station. He is a current partner and general manager of EBCO Development, Inc., a general contracting company based in Cameron.

Cindy Spanel  
*Region 16, one-year term, 2015–16*

Spanel has been on the Highland Park ISD-Potter County Board since 2004, serving as secretary for four years and currently as vice-president. A graduate of Leadership TASB in 2010, she also is a member and secretary of the Potter/Randall Country Appraisal Board and Panhandle Area Association of School Boards. In addition, she served as a board member and secretary of the Amarillo Highland Park Education Foundation.

Currently semiretired, Spanel is a veteran of the US Navy. She served 1974–77, with an honorable discharge, disabled veteran. Spanel graduated from Amarillo College with an associate’s degree in applied science-business administration.

Benny May  
*Region 4, Position C, three-year term, 2015–18*

May has served on Barbers Hill ISD School Board since 1996. He has held the positions of president, vice-president, and secretary.

May is a graduate of Ross S. Sterling High School in Baytown. He earned a bachelor of
science degree in agriculture from McNeese State University. He is employed at ExxonMobile Mont Belvieu Plastics Plant as a first-line supervisor. May is very active in his community, school, and church. He is a Life Skills class mentor at the elementary school two days a week, assists children with 4-H and FFA projects, and attends as many school activities as possible. He has served as a member of the Houston Livestock Show Committee and volunteer coordinator for the BH Gulf Coast Classic girls and boys basketball tournament.

**Bob Covey**  
*Region 4, Position F, three-year term, 2015–18*

Covey has served on his local board, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, for 10 years and held the positions of president, vice-president, and secretary. A Leadership TASB graduate and Master Trustee, he is a director of the Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards, has presented at the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference, and has attended the NSBA Federal Relations Network Conference. He also has presented at the TASA/TASB Convention and TASB Winter Governance and Legal Seminar.

Active at the local level, he is a member of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce and has participated in the district’s athletic and choral booster clubs, bus buddy program, and Read Across America initiatives. Each semester for the past eight years, he has lectured about school board governance to junior education majors at the Texas State University (TxSU) College of Education.

He also is active in Impact with the Harris County Department of Education. Covey earned his bachelor’s degree at TxSU and has held numerous leadership positions with the university’s alumni association. He is retired from American Alloy Steel, Inc., after serving 35 years with the company.

**James “Jim” de Garavilla**  
*Region 5, three-year term, 2015–18*

De Garavilla currently serves as president on the Silsbee ISD Board of Trustees. Since becoming a trustee in 2006, he has served in various leadership roles, including board secretary, chair of the Budget & Finance Committee, chair of an ad hoc committee of board operating procedures, and on the Scholarship Committee.

As an alumnus of Leadership TASB (LTASB), de Garavilla has served on the Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee, as well as on the LTASB Class Selection Committee. He is also an alumnus of Leadership Southeast Texas and has served on its class selection committee, as well as its advisory council.

Since 1984, he has worked for the DuPont Company in various technical, managerial, and business/marketing roles. He currently serves as a polymer research engineer at DuPont’s Sabine Research Labs in Orange and was recently awarded the DuPont Engineering Excellence Award for the Nike RZN golf ball resin development.

**Bowie Hogg**  
*Region 11, Position C, three-year term, 2015–18*

Hogg was elected to the Arlington ISD Board of Trustees in May 2008 and is a product of the Arlington schools from kindergarten through high school graduation. Hogg graduated from the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University with a bachelor’s of business administration. Hogg also represented Arlington and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex by being chosen out of 216,000 applicants to appear on the original edition of the Emmy-nominated television show *The Apprentice*.

Hogg is a healthcare executive with Aon Corp., while also serving his community as a board member for the United Way of Tarrant County, Leadership Arlington, and the advisory boards for the Arlington Life Shelter and Junior League of Arlington. Hogg’s passions are education, healthcare, and community service.

**Armando “Mando” Rodriguez**  
*Region 19, Position B, three-year term, 2015–18*

Rodriguez is serving his third term on the Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees, where he has served as secretary, vice-president, and president. A Canutillo High School graduate, Rodriguez has attended board meetings since the eighth grade. He was elected to the board in 2005 at the age of 20—the youngest person to win elective office in El Paso County. He is recognized among school trustees in the region as an advocate for education and educators. A graduate of The University of Texas at El Paso, Rodriguez is the director of communications and governmental affairs for the Greater El Paso Association of Realtors®.
Sandy Hughey  
*Region 20, Position E, three-year term, 2015–18*

A trustee since May 2000, Hughey is the secretary of the North East ISD Board. During her tenure on the board, she has served as president and vice-president. Hughey attended Lee High School in Houston and Sam Houston State University. She serves her community as a director on the North East Educational Foundation, secretary/treasurer of the Bexar County Coalition of School Boards, and member of the steering committee for Go Public. She is a Life Member of the Texas PTA and received the Extended Service Award. Hughey also is a proud 2002 graduate of Leadership TASB and a Master Trustee.

Dori Fenenbock  
*Region 19, Position A, two-year term, 2015–17*

Fenenbock is the current president of the El Paso ISD Board. She is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and University of Tulsa Law School. Fenenbock previously served as a legal intern for the 10th Circuit United States Court of Appeals and the Oklahoma Court of Appeals. In 1994, she established her own business serving the packaging needs of clients across the country.

Fenenbock is the current president of the Jewish Federation of El Paso. She also serves on the Coronado High School PTSA Board and as assistant secretary and governance chair of the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority. She was the co-chair of the district’s Facility Planning Steering Committee.

Jayme Mathias  
*Region 13, Position A, one-year term, 2015–16*

Mathias was elected to the Austin ISD Board of Trustees in November 2012 and was elected secretary in November 2012 and January 2015. A product of and firm believer in public education, he earned two undergraduate degrees, four graduate degrees, and a doctorate in philosophy. Mathias is a certified instructor of secondary foreign languages and has taught all levels of high school Spanish and graduate and doctoral levels. Mathias presently serves as pastor of Holy Family American Catholic Church in South Austin.

Mathias’ passion for education spurred him to co-found three learning centers in East Austin, including La FUENTE Learning Center, which has hosted the district’s DELTA program since 2003. Previously active in various neighborhood associations and on numerous boards, he presently serves on such boards as the Blackland Community Development Corporation, New Journalism Project, Child-Friendly Faith Project, the St. John XXIII Theological Institute, and TEXTESOL.

A member of the Leadership TASB Class of 2015, Mathias has participated in the Texas Institute for School Boards and has twice represented Austin ISD at the annual Delegate Assembly.
Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee met September 11–12, 2015, to interview candidates and review nominations for Director positions under consideration at this year’s Delegate Assembly. The Committee is made up of 11 members, including the President, and eight alternates to serve in a designated order. The members of the Nominations Committee, elected at the September 2014 meeting of the TASB Board, are as follows:

- **Faye Beaulieu, chair**  
  TASB Immediate Past President, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD
- **Andra Self, vice-chair**  
  TASB President, Lufkin ISD
- **Ted Beard**  
  Longview ISD
- **Gilbert Flores**  
  Judson ISD
- **Christene Moss**  
  Fort Worth ISD
- **Bob Payton**  
  Wichita Falls ISD
- **Jim Rice**  
  Fort Bend ISD
- **Deborah Seabron**  
  Fort Sam Houston ISD
- **Robert Sheppard**  
  Pleasant Grove ISD
- **Greg Welch**  
  Clyde CISD
- **Maria Leal**  
  Alternate, South Texas ISD
- **Teresa Flores**  
  Alternate, Ingleside ISD
- **Don Gant**  
  Alternate, DeSoto ISD
- **Linda Gooch**  
  Alternate, Sunnyvale ISD
- **Karen Freeman**  
  Alternate, Northside ISD-Bexar County
- **Mike Morath**  
  Alternate, Dallas ISD
- **Rhonda Skillern-Jones**  
  Alternate, Houston ISD
- **Pamela Remmers**  
  Alternate, Nordheim ISD
- **Bret Begert, nonvoting ex officio**  
  TASB President-Elect, Fort Elliott CISD