



2021 TASB Nominations Committee Report

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

I. Nominees

A. Nominees for Officers

(Nominated by the TASB Board as recommended by the Nominations Committee)

President-Elect

Debbie Gillespie

*Frisco ISD, large district member**

Second Vice-President

Armando Rodriguez

Canutillo ISD, regional member

First Vice-President

Bob Covey

*Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, large district member**

Secretary-Treasurer

Rolinda Schmidt

Kerrville ISD, regional member

B. Nominees for Directors

(Nominated by the Nominations Committee)

1. REGIONAL POSITIONS

Filling expiring terms, for election to three-year terms, 2021–24:

TASB Region 1, Position A

Jesus Amaya

Los Fresnos CISD, regional member

TASB Region 11, Position D

Corinne French**

Valley View ISD-Cooke County, regional member

TASB Region 3

Tami Keeling

Victoria ISD, regional member

TASB Region 12

Mildred Watkins

La Vega ISD, regional member

TASB Region 4, Position A

Georgan Reitmeier**

Klein ISD, regional member

TASB Region 13, Position C

Kathy Major

Liberty Hill ISD, regional member

TASB Region 4, Position C

Tony Hopkins**

Friendswood ISD, regional member

TASB Region 17

Carlos Bentancourt

Slaton ISD, regional member

TASB Region 5

Nicholas Phillips

Nederland ISD, regional member

TASB Region 18

Steve Brown

Ector County ISD, regional member

TASB Region 10, Position A

Tricia Ikard

Maypearl ISD, regional member

Filling vacancy, for election to a two-year term, 2021–23:

TASB Region 4, Position B
Darlene Breaux**
Alief ISD, regional member

Filling vacancies, for election to a one-year terms, 2021–22:

TASB Region 1, Position B
Sylvia Sánchez Garza**
South Texas ISD, regional member

TASB Region 7
Ben Donald
Carthage ISD, regional member

2. LARGE DISTRICT POSITIONS (Nominated by the district school board)

For election to three-year terms, 2021–24, filling expiring terms:

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

TASB Region 20, Position E
Terri Williams
*North East ISD, large district member**

For election to two-year term, 2021–23:

TASB Region 10, Position E
Debbie Gillespie
*Frisco ISD, large district member**

For election to one-year term, 2021–22:

TASB Region 6, Position B
Scott Moore
*Conroe ISD, large district member**

For election to one-year terms, 2021–22, filling vacancies:

TASB Region 4, Position E
Dawn Champagne
*Katy ISD, large district member**

TASB Region 13, Position A
Yasmin Wagner
*Austin ISD, large district member**

II. Prior Elected Positions

A. President and President-Elect

At the close of the TASA | TASB Convention, **Ted Beard** (Longview ISD) will assume the office of President by virtue of his election as President-Elect by the 2020 Delegate Assembly. **Jim Rice** (Fort Bend ISD) will become Immediate Past President.

B. Director Elected by Region

Filling expiring term, elected to three-year term, 2021–24:

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

III. Additional Endorsed Candidate

(This is a contested position.)

The following candidate received more than 25 percent of endorsements in his region and therefore is on the ballot by action of the region.

TASB Region 13, Position C
Bryan Holubec**
Thrall ISD, regional member

Members of the Nominations Committee are pleased to recommend the individuals presented in Section I of this report. Each nominee has agreed to serve, if elected. The members of the Committee believe that their nominees reflect a representative and competent group of individuals worthy of the support of the membership.



Lee Lentz-Edwards, TASB Immediate Past President and Chair

*The Bylaws state in 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 (but less than a majority) of the Active Members in the region.

***The Bylaws also state in Article VI, Section 2D(5), that a candidate receiving endorsements from a majority of the Active Members within the candidate’s region is deemed elected, effective at the close of Convention.

Biographical Information

OFFICERS

Jim Rice

Immediate Past President, 2021–22

Rice joined the Fort Bend ISD Board in May 2010 and has served as both board president and secretary. He currently serves as board vice-president and chairs the board's Audit Committee.

Elected to the TASB Board of Directors in 2012, he chaired the Legislative Committee during the 84th and 86th legislative sessions. In addition, he has served on the Nominations and Planning and Development committees. He is a 2013 graduate of Leadership TASB.

Rice is the founder and president of Rice and Gardner Consultants, Inc., an engineering and construction management firm. In addition to his professional duties, he currently serves as the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce's Education Division vice-chair and is a 2005 graduate of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Forum Class.

He is cofounder of the charity Fort Bend Cares, which benefits underprivileged youth in the community. Rice is involved in numerous other civic organizations, including the Fort Bend Literacy Council, the Fort Bend P-16 Regional Council, and the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council.

Ted Beard

President, 2021–22

Beard was elected to the Longview ISD Board in 1998 and has served in various capacities, including assistant secretary, secretary, vice-president, and twice as president.

He earned a bachelor's in human services from LeTourneau University. Beard is a retired sergeant major from the United States Army and a combat veteran of Desert Shield/Storm and Iraqi Freedom. He also retired from the Social Security Administration, where he worked as a technical expert and equal employment opportunity counselor.

In 2007, he was appointed to the TASB Risk Management Fund Board and currently serves as chair. He is a 2012 graduate of Leadership TASB and a past president and current member of the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members.

Debbie Gillespie

President-Elect, 2021–22

Region 10, Position E, two-year term, 2021–23

Gillespie was first elected to the Frisco ISD Board in 2011 and was first elected to the TASB Board in 2014. After graduating from Southwest Texas State University, she worked in interior design and fashion merchandising before accepting a job at Dell Corporation, where she worked in customer service, configuration management, and policy and procedures. She moved to Frisco with her family in 1995 and became an active community volunteer.

Gillespie was a longtime volunteer with Frisco Family Services and Starwood Neighborhood Association. She was a volunteer and held various officer level positions in the following organizations: Frisco ISD Council of PTAs, multiple local PTA boards, PTO board, Frisco High School Band Boosters, National Charity League and Young Men's Service League. NCL and YMSL gave her and her children the opportunity to serve wonderful organizations such as Make-A-Wish Foundation, Shoes for Orphan Souls, Operation Kindness, Susan G. Komen, Prison Ministries, Hopes Door, North Texas Food Pantry, and Frisco Miracle League.

She is an active volunteer with Frisco Fastpacs and Frisco Women's League, as well as a vocal advocate in legislative agendas for several local organizations. However, she is most passionate about advocating for public education for all students in Texas.

She is a 2014 graduate of Leadership TASB (LTASB), a member of the LTASB Alumni Association, and an Honorary Life Member of PTA.

Bob Covey

*First Vice-President, one-year term, 2021–22
Region 4, Position F, three-year term, 2021–24*

Covey has served on his local board, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, for more than 16 years and has held the positions of president, vice-president, and secretary. A Leadership TASB graduate and Master Trustee, he is an active member and former director of the Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards.

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 chorale booster clubs, bus buddy program, and Read Across America initiatives. Each semester for the past 15 years, Covey has lectured about school board governance to junior education majors at the Texas State University College of Education. Covey is founder and president of Go Public Gulf Coast. He also is active in Impact with the Harris County Department of Education and Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, where he has been a member for more than 30 years.

Covey earned his bachelor's degree at Texas State University. He has held numerous leadership positions with the university's alumni associations, including serving as past president of the Texas State Alumni Association and a member of the College of Education's Alumni Advisory Committee for 10 years.

He retired from American Alloy Steel, Inc., after 35 years. His retirement was short-lived when the company asked him to reactivate his role; he resumed working in sales eight years ago.

Armando "Mando" Rodriguez

*Second Vice-President, one-year term, 2021–22
Region 19, three-year term, 2021–24*

Rodriguez is serving his fifth term on the Canutillo ISD Board, where his fellow trustees have elected him as president, vice-president, and secretary. He has the distinction of being one of the youngest people ever to be elected to office in El Paso County. Rodriguez is a Leadership TASB graduate and Master Trustee.

A graduate of Canutillo High School and The University of Texas at El Paso, Rodriguez is one

of the founding members of the Canutillo Alumni Foundation for Education — the only organization specifically designed to award scholarships to Canutillo graduates.

Rodriguez's work on behalf of students extends beyond El Paso. He is involved with a variety of education and community boards in Texas and nationally. He currently serves on the boards of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, National Council of American Indian/Alaska Native School Board Members, and National School Board Action Center. He is a past chair of the National Hispanic Council of School Board Members, past president of the Far West Texas School Boards Association, and past president of the Mexican American School Boards Association.

Professionally, he is the business development manager of Hellas Construction, Inc.

Rolinda Schmidt

Secretary-Treasurer, one-year term, 2021–22

Schmidt has served on the Kerrville ISD Board since 1996 and has held the positions of board president, vice-president, and secretary. She is currently the board president.

A graduate of San Jose State University with a bachelor's in social services, Schmidt is a managing partner in her family-owned-and-operated commercial real estate development and management company.

Before serving as a trustee, she was involved in campus PTOs and was a board member and volunteer for the Kerrville Public School Foundation. Schmidt has been actively involved in local youth education programs, including the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, Rotary Club Foreign Exchange Student Program, Head Start, and the Kerrville ISD sixth-grade outdoor education program. She was named Families and Literacy's 2014 Champion of Education.

DIRECTORS

Jesus Amaya

Region 1, Position A, three-year term, 2021–24

Amaya was elected to the Los Fresnos CISD Board in 2004. During his 16 years on the board, he has served as president and assistant secretary.

He is a native of Los Fresnos and a first generation American. Amaya has a master's degree in education administration from The University of Texas–Pan American.

He has been an educator for more than 40 years, teaching and coaching. As a head football coach, he was honored twice as Coach of the Year. He is currently assistant principal at Raymondville Early College High School in Raymondville ISD. Previously, he served as executive director at a residential juvenile facility.

In his personal time, Amaya enjoys cooking and yard work. He is a member of the Cameron County Master Gardeners.

Sylvia Sánchez Garza

Region 1, Position B, one-year term, 2021–22

Sánchez Garza has served on the South Texas ISD Board for 14 years. She is currently the board secretary. She also is on the Education Foundation of South Texas ISD, where she has served for 17 years.

She has a doctorate in leadership studies from Our Lady of the Lake University's School of Business and Leadership, a master's in educational administration from Lamar University, and a bachelor of arts in English with a minor in sociology from The University of Texas–Pan American. This year, she is on track to complete a master of fine arts in creative writing from National University.

Sánchez Garza is a 2012 graduate of Leadership TASB and a Master Trustee. She is active in her community, currently serving as chair-elect of the Museum of South Texas History Board. She also has served on the American Cancer Society's steering committee and helped organize local Relay for Life events. She is a member of Texas Authors, the Writer's League of Texas, and the South Texas Literacy Coalition.

Professionally, she and her husband own B.I.C. Development and Garco Ranch Communities. Sánchez Garza is an author and her book "Cascarones" has won several literary awards, including three gold star recognitions.

Tami Keeling

Region 3, three-year term, 2021–24

Keeling joined the Victoria ISD (VISD) Board of Trustees in 2005. She has served several terms as board president and vice-president. Keeling is a 2007 Leadership TASB graduate and a Master Trustee. She has served on the TASB Legislative Advisory Committee and is a member of the School Board Advocacy Network.

Keeling is active in education-related efforts, serving on the Victoria Alliance's Education Committee, Raise Your Hand Texas, Victoria Business and Education Coalition, and VISD Education Foundation. In her community, she has been involved in variety of organizations, including the Victoria Economic Development Corporation, Victoria Fine Arts Association, Victoria Preservation Association, Victoria Youth Soccer Organization, Museum of the Coastal Bend, Victoria Symphony, Victoria Chamber of Commerce, and Junior League.

She has a bachelor's degree in English from The University of Texas at Austin. She is founder and owner of TTK Consulting, LLC.

Georgan Reitmeier

Region 4, Position A, three-year term, 2021–24

In 2005, Reitmeier was elected to the Klein ISD Board of Trustees. She has been involved with the district for more than 30 years, serving more than 15 years as a parent volunteer and 15 years as an employee with the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Keep Pace program. She retired as the director of the ECI Keep Pace program for the Harris County Department of Education.

She serves on the Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards and is a past president of the board. Reitmeier also is a member of the steering committee for Go Public Gulf Coast. Reitmeier is a graduate of Leadership TASB and a Master Trustee.

As a volunteer, she served as the district coordinator of volunteers and president of two booster clubs at Klein Forest High School. Reitmeier currently volunteers as a mentor at McDougale Elementary and on the Bridging for Tomorrow Literacy Squad at Klenk Elementary.

Reitmeier earned both a master of science and bachelor of science in education from Oklahoma State University.

Darlene Breaux

Region 4, Position B, two-year term, 2021–23

Breaux was elected to the Alief ISD Board of Trustees in 2017. Currently, she serves as board vice-president and chair of the Policy Committee.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Southern University, a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Houston–Clear Lake, and a doctorate in organizational leadership from Abilene Christian University.

Breaux has held a variety of roles in education: teacher, reading specialist, dyslexia and intervention coordinator, campus principal, and director of special populations. Since 2016, she has served as director of the Research and Evaluation Institute at the Harris County Department of Education.

She is a current board member of Houston reVision and a life member of the Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators. She is an active member of the American Education Research Association, International Dyslexia Association, Texas Council of Women School Executives, and Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members. She also served for more than eight years on Alief YMCA Board.

Tony Hopkins

Region 4, Position C, three-year term, 2021–24

Hopkins has served on the Friendswood ISD Board since 2008 and was elected to his fourth four-year term in 2020. Hopkins currently serves as board president. He is a Leadership TASB graduate and a Master Trustee. Hopkins has served on the TASB Board since March 2018.

Hopkins was the president of the Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards for 2019–20 and 2020–21 and is active in the TASB grassroots process.

He is president of Four Creek Investments LLC, an independent energy consulting and investment firm, and also vice-president of Modular Plant Solutions, LLC. Hopkins earned a bachelor's degree at Lamar University and a master's degree at Rice University.

Dawn Champagne

Region 4, Position E, one-year term, 2021–22

Champagne joined the Katy ISD Board of Trustees in 2018. She has been an active volunteer in the district and community since moving to Katy in 2001.

She has held many leadership positions at her children's schools. Most recently, she was president of the PTO and vice-president of Project Grad 2018 at Taylor High School. She has served on campus and bond advisory teams and the Katy Council of PTAs. In 2017, she served on the district's bond committee. She is a KEYS mentor, a position she has held since 2015. She was named Volunteer of the Year at McMeans Jr. High for 2015–16 and at Taylor High School for 2017–18.

Champagne has been a Boy Scout leader and is currently a Girl Scout leader. She serves on the Azalea Chapter Board of the National Charity League and has held many leadership positions at her church, St. Peter's United Methodist Church.

She holds two degrees from the University of Houston: a bachelor of science in consumer science and marketing and a master's in administration. Prior to moving to Katy, she worked for 13 years as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. Recently, she worked as a GT test proctor for Katy ISD.

Nicholas Phillips

Region 5, three-year term, 2021–24

Phillips is the president of the Nederland ISD Board of Trustees. He has served on the board for more than 11 years and held several leadership positions. In addition, he is a Leadership TASB graduate (Class of 2015) and a Master Trustee.

Phillips is the principal at West Brook High School in Beaumont ISD. He previously served the district as principal and associate principal at Marshall Middle School. Before moving into administrative roles, he spent seven years

teaching World Geography and US History in Beaumont ISD and Port Arthur ISD. He is the 2021–22 Region 5 Outstanding High School Principal of the Year and was the Region 5 Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year in 2020–21.

He earned bachelor and master degrees from Lamar University. He is a member of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, Association of Texas Professional Educators, and Nederland Masonic Lodge.

Scott Moore

Region 6, Position B, one-year term, 2021–22

Moore is the first vice-president of the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees. He was first elected to the board in 2016 and reelected in 2020. He is a graduate of Conroe ISD, graduating from (then) McCullough High School in The Woodlands in 1992.

His first career was in law enforcement, serving more than 12 years with city, county, and federal agencies. He held a variety of positions, including patrol, criminal investigations, SWAT, traffic enforcement, field training, and marine patrol. He also has a background in commercial construction.

Moore is an ordained pastor and currently serves as a consultant, working with churches, schools, and nonprofits on construction, security, and leadership development.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and criminal justice from Lamar University and a master of divinity from Southern Methodist University. Moore is currently a doctoral candidate at Our Lady of the Lake University. His dissertation topic is the relationship between school board transformational leadership and classroom educator organizational commitment.

Ben Donald

Region 7, one-year term, 2021–22

Donald has served for 15 years on the Carthage ISD Board. He is the board president and has held this position for the past four years. He grew up in Carthage and graduated from Carthage High School in 1982.

Donald is a private practice optometrist. He and his wife opened Donald Eye Care in 1995. He has active memberships in the Texas Optometric Association and the American Optometric

Association. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

He is a certified flight instructor and operates East Texas Aviation out of the Panola County airport, providing discovery flights and instruction for student pilots. Donald also is a long-time member of the Carthage Noon Lions Club and has held officer positions in the club.

Tricia Ikard

Region 10, Position A, three-year term, 2021–24

Ikard is secretary of the Maypearl ISD Board of Trustees and has been a trustee for 13 years. She has served on the TASB Legislative Advisory Council for Region 10 and as her board's delegate at the TASB Delegate Assembly.

She earned an associate's in business administration from Southwestern Assemblies of God University. After graduating, she began her business career at a family-owned oil and gas corporation in Dallas. She retired in December 2017 after 33 years in corporate financial management. She and her husband own a business, where she handles the day-to-day operations.

Ikard is a member of the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas and Southwestern Women's Auxiliary in Waxahachie. She is actively involved in special education activities as her son is intellectually disabled.

Corinne French

Region 11, Position D, three-year term, 2021–24

French was appointed to the Valley View ISD-Cooke County Board in 2012, elected in 2013, and ran unopposed in 2016 and 2019. She currently is serving her second term as the board president.

French received a bachelor of science in family sciences from Texas Woman's University and a master's degree in higher education from the University of North Texas (UNT). She is working on her doctoral in educational leadership at Southern Methodist University.

She works at UNT, coordinating district involvement with the Eagle Advantage program. She plans on-campus transition programs for high school juniors and seniors and facilitates college transition workshops in local high schools. She serves as the advisor for the HerCampus UNT student organization.

French also serves as vice-president of the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB). She is a 2015 Leadership TASB graduate and has served as a member of the TASB Legislative Advisory Council. She is committed to advocacy efforts that support public education and women in leadership. She enjoys thrift shopping, scrapbooking, and gardening.

Mildred Watkins

Region 12, three-year term, 2021–24

Watkins has served on the La Vega ISD Board for 25 years. She is currently the board's president and has previously served as secretary, assistant secretary, vice-president, and president.

In May 2020, Watkins retired from her career as an educator. Her last posting was as principal of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, where she worked from 2006–20. During her career, she was a teacher and principal for Waco ISD and a teacher for Teague ISD.

She has bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees from Paul Quinn College, a master of education from Prairie View A&M University, and a special education certification from Baylor University. She is a member of the Association of Texas Professional Educators, AKA Sorority, and Union Baptist District Association Usher Board.

Yasmin Wagner

Region 13, Position A, one-year term, 2021–22

A native Texan and a resident of Austin for 27 years, Wagner is a child of immigrants and is the first Arab-American elected official in Austin. She has served as an Austin ISD (AISD) trustee since 2015. She is currently the board's vice-president.

As a longtime community volunteer, her advocacy has centered on women, families, and children, which led her to volunteer in campus and district roles when her children were AISD elementary school students. She has served on the Travis County Community Justice Council, Capital Area Democratic Women Board, Community Action Network Board, Austin Partners in Education Board, YWCA of Greater Austin Board, and Girls Rock Austin Board. She also has served as an advocate for SafePlace and a docent at the Harry Ransom Center. She is an alumna of Leadership Austin and a board member of Austin Partners in Education. On the

national level, she is a member of the Council of Urban Boards of Education Steering Committee.

Wagner has a bachelor of arts in art history from The University of Texas at Austin. She works for the City of Austin, serving as corporate manager of public information and marketing.

Kathy Major

Region 13, Position C, three-year term, 2021–24

A retired educator, Major was elected to the Liberty Hill ISD Board in 2018. She is vice-president of the board. She has served on the district's Strategic Planning Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee. She also is active with the Liberty Hill Educational Foundation, having served on the steering committee and currently serving as board liaison.

Major's education career spanned 37 years, with 34 years spent in Region 13. She retired in 2017, after serving 17 years as principal at Liberty Hill Intermediate School. She earned a bachelor's degree in child development and teaching from Michigan State University and a master's in educational leadership and administration from The University of Texas at Austin.

Even in her retirement, she continues to serve students as a reading mentor. She also volunteers at the Liberty Hill Library, Operation Liberty Hill Foodbank, and Liberty Hill United Methodist Church.

Carlos Bentancourt

Region 17, three-year term, 2021–24

Bentancourt is a life-long resident of Slaton and a graduate of Slaton ISD (SISD). He has served on the SISD Board of Trustees for 27 years and is board president. He also has been an active member of the South Plains Association of School Boards, where he served as president in 2001–03.

He is a graduate of Leadership TASB and a Master Trustee. He attended South Plains College and is currently employed at Associated Supply Company.

In 2019, Bentancourt was named Man of the Year for the city of Slaton. A former Boy Scout, he has served as a scout leader for the Tiger Cubs Scouts, WEBELOS, and Boy Scouts. He is an active member of his church, Our Lady of the Guadalupe Catholic Church, and has held

leadership roles on the local level and at the Diocese of Lubbock. Bentancourt has been involved in music ministry for 40 years; he started playing guitar at church when he was 13 years old.

Steve Brown

Region 18, three-year term, 2021–24

A native of Odessa, Brown dedicated 35 years to Ector County ISD (ECISD) as a teacher and administrator. After retiring from the district in 2011, he continued to serve the district by running for the ECISD Board of Trustees. He is currently in his third term as a trustee.

He has completed the Leadership TASB program and is a Master Trustee. Brown has been actively involved in education and community organizations, including the United Way of Odessa, West Texas Educators Credit Union, Texas Association of Secondary Principals, Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin Head Start, and Medical Center Hospital Advisory Board. Currently, Brown is a director on the TASB Board for Region 18 and a trustee on the TASB Risk Management Fund Board.

He received his doctorate in education administration, master of education in guidance and counseling, and bachelor's in political science from Texas Tech University. He also earned a master of education in education administration from Sul Ross State University.

ADDITIONAL ENDORSED CANDIDATE

Bryan Holubec

Region 13, Position C, three-year term, 2021–24

Holubec was elected to the Thrall ISD Board of Trustees in 2011. During his tenure, he has held a variety of leadership positions and is currently board president. In running for his school board, Holubec was following the example of his mother, who served on the Diboll ISD Board when he was in grade school.

He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1988 with a bachelor's in construction science. Following graduation, he accepted a commission into the US Marine Corps. He

Terri Williams

Region 20, Position E, three-year term, 2021–24

Williams, a life-long San Antonio resident, was elected to the North East ISD (NEISD) Board of Trustees in 2018. She has served on the district's Bond Steering Committee and as a member of the NEISD Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee. She is a graduate of Leadership North East.

A 30-year economic development professional, she holds a degree in political science from The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and a designation as a Certified Economic Developer from the International Economic Development Council. Williams is the associate regional director of the UTSA Institute for Economic Development SBDC Center for Government Contracting.

She has been actively involved in her community, which has earned her a variety of recognitions, including 2017 San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Innovation Award, 2015 Women in Leadership Award by the San Antonio Business Journal, and 1999 Small Business Advocate of the Year for Minority Enterprise Development Week. She is a graduate of Leadership San Antonio.

served on active duty from 1988 to 1992. He is currently a residential real estate development manager for Tiemann Land and Cattle Development, Inc.

Holubec has been active in his community, serving on the Thrall Volunteer Fire Department, Taylor Noon Kiwanis Club, Taylor Brethren Youth Fellowship, and Taylor Brethren Church Board of Elders. He helped organize the Thrall Community Education Foundation and is a charter member. He is a graduate of both Leadership Taylor and Leadership TASB. Holubec is a member of the Central Texas School Board Association.

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee met September 10–11, 2021, 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 nine alternates to serve in a designated order. The members of the Nominations Committee, elected at the September 2020 meeting of the TASB Board, are as follows:

Lee Lentz-Edwards, chair
*TASB Immediate Past
President, Kermit ISD*

Jim Rice, vice-chair
*TASB President
Fort Bend ISD*

Moises Alfaro
Mathis ISD

Rose Avalos
Aldine ISD

Jason Dohnalik
Cameron ISD

Karen Freeman
*Northside ISD-Bexar
County*

Raymond P. Meza
San Felipe Del Rio CISD

Cindy Spanel
*Highland Park ISD-Potter
County*

Anne Sung
Houston ISD

Greg Welch
Clyde CISD

Robert Westbrook
*Schertz-Cibolo-Universal
City ISD*

Kevin Carbó
Alternate, Mesquite ISD

Mary Jane Hetrick
*Alternate, Dripping Springs
ISD*

Thomas Darden
Alternate, Cooper ISD

Linda Gooch
Alternate, Sunnyvale ISD

Jacinto Ramos Jr.
Alternate, Fort Worth ISD

Rolinda Schmidt
Alternate, Kerrville ISD

Dan Micciche
Alternate, Dallas ISD

**Ted Beard, nonvoting ex
officio,**
*TASB President-Elect,
Longview ISD*