



TASB BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

TASB DATE: June 11, 2019

NAME: Philip T. Cowen

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: [REDACTED] ZIP: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: [REDACTED] RESIDENCE PHONE: [REDACTED]

CELL PHONE: [REDACTED] FAX NUMBER (if applicable): _____

We communicate with our Board members primarily via e-mail and the Internet. Please list your preferred active email address.

E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

SCHOOL DISTRICT: Brownsville Independent School System, 1900 Price Rd., Brownsville, Tx 78520

LOCAL TERM EXPIRES: November 3, 2020 YEARS ON BOARD: 9 years
(Month/year)

Upon expiration of current term on your local board, will you seek reelection?

Yes No

BOARD POSITIONS HELD/DATES: Vice Pres. 1987, Sec. 1988, Vice Pres. 1992, Pres. 1993-95 _____

Asst Sec. 2019, Chair of numerous committees from 1986-1989, 92-95, 2016 to present _____

OCCUPATION: Attorney and Lic. United States Customs Broker _____

CURRENT EMPLOYER: Self _____ Dates: Law-1997-Pres. Broker-1981-on

EDUCATION-HIGH SCHOOL: Grad. 1968 _____ COLLEGE: UTAustin, 1971, Bostin 1974

OTHER EDUCATION: Grad. DINFOS _____ DEGREES BA, M.Ed. Sec. Ed., J.D. Tx Southern _

HOBBIES/SPECIAL INTERESTS: Love to write, fish, study history, read, learn.

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC GROUP MEMBERS (Offices held and dates): _____

Twice President Brownsville Customs Broker's Assoc. Proud Veteran U.S. Army 1972-75, was editor of the MedCom Examiner, Work in USAMEDCOMEUR's race relations office 1 year, won two Army Journalism Awards. _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use reverse side if additional space is required.): _____

I come from a family of 11. We had a difficult time as a family as my father died when I was 13, and our home caught on fire 3 days before his death. Nevertheless, as a family, all of us, led by my wonderful mother, picked ourselves up and created lives for each other which should be emulated. The struggle is never too great. _____

Please attach a short bio and include a current picture in jpeg format.

Additional Comments: (Use reverse side if additional space is required.)

Short Resume for Philip T. Cowen

Education:

Elementary

St. Joseph's Academy
Putegnat Elementary
Clearwater Elementary
Sacred Heart School

Middle School

Central Jr. High School

High School

Graduated Brownsville, High School 1968.

College

Texas Southmost College 1968 - 69 (59 hrs. Phi Theta Kappa)

University of Texas at Austin, BA English 3.8 GPA Magna Cum Laude 1971

Boston University, Master's Secondary Education, Graduated High Honors 1974

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law - Doctor Jurisprudence 1997

Defense Information School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison

Employment

1964-1968, Cashier H.E.B. No. 1, Brownsville, Texas

1969-71 Librarian Assistant, Atwood Library University of Texas at Austin

1972-1975 Army Journalist, United States Army Medical Command Europe
Won 2 Army Journalism Awards

1976-77 Worked at Operation SER San Juan teaching English,
Taught Freshman English for Texas A&I at night at the SER San Juan Campus

1977 Grant writer Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

1978-1980 Clerk and Office Manager Teodoro Santos, Jr.
Customhouse Broker

1981-present Started and still running Philip T. Cowen Customhouse Broker

Nov. 2, 1997 to Present, Attorney, solo practitioner, Law Office of Philip Cowen
Civil, Criminal, Appellate specialties

Public Service

1986-1989 BISD Board of Trustees, Vice-President 1987-1988
Chair of Curriculum and Construction Committees

1992-1995 BISD Board of Trustees, Vice-President, 1992-1993,
President 1993-1995

2016 BISD Board of Trustee,
Chair of Facilities Committee
Chair of Curriculum Committee

2018 Chair of Policy Committee
Assist Board Secretary



Spouse: Frances Cooper Cowen, Second Grade Teacher, Hudson Elem.
Former nurse, Director of Nursing, Spanish Meadows Nursing Home