

Bio: Dr. Mary Jane Hetrick, Dripping Springs ISD

Dr. Mary Jane Hetrick is in her fifth year and second term on the Dripping Springs ISD Board of Trustees, currently serving as Vice President. She graduated as a Master Trustee in 2017 from the Leadership TASB program and served for two years as a Delegate to the TASB Convention.

After a childhood in the Texas Hill Country and winning a UIL-2A State tennis doubles title, Dr. Hetrick graduated from Comfort High School in 1986 as the highest-ranking student. She then attended The University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA, now UT-Rio Grande Valley), playing on the Division I Lady Bronc tennis team, winning an American South Conference championship and being named the top senior student-athlete. Dr. Hetrick earned an undergraduate degree with honors in Business Administration, and later earned a Master of Public Administration degree as well as a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Auburn University Montgomery. She earned a Ph.D. in Public Administration & Public Policy from Auburn University in 2004, with a focus on nonprofit management and a dissertation on performance measurement. A lifelong learner, Dr. Hetrick has earned two MITx Teaching Systems Lab Certificates in the past two years.

Dr. Hetrick's professional experience includes working as the Women's Sports Information Director for UTPA, Scholarship Coordinator for The University of Texas at Brownsville, Research Assistant for Auburn University Montgomery, and an adjunct professor for AUM and TROY University before founding a nonprofit consulting business in 2014.

Active in the community, Dr. Hetrick has served on the board of the Dripping Springs Education Foundation since 2013 and the board of Foster Village, Inc., since its inception in 2016. She is a founding board member and Vice President of Patriots' Hall of Dripping Springs, with a mission to create a unique space for veterans of all ages and military branches. Dr. Hetrick has served for three years on the It's Time Texas Mayor's Health & Fitness Council for Dripping Springs' participation in the HEB Community Challenge. She has served on building and visioning committees for her church and has done extensive pro bono consulting and grantwriting for several DS-based nonprofits.

Dr. Hetrick has been married for 28 years and has three children—2014 and 2019 graduates of Dripping Springs High School, and one in middle school.