



TASB BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

TODAY'S DATE: 6/19/2020

NAME: Thomas A. Darden

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: [REDACTED] ZIP: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: [REDACTED] RESIDENCE PHONE: _____

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] [REDACTED]

SCHOOL DISTRICT: Cooper ISD

LOCAL TERM EXPIRES: 11/2020 YEARS ON BOARD: 18+
(Month/year)

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

Yes X No _____

BOARD POSITIONS HELD/DATES: Board President, 2002-Present

OCCUPATION: Electrical Engineer

CURRENT EMPLOYER: L3Harris Dates: 1988- Present

EDUCATION-HIGH SCHOOL: Cooper ISD (attended: Woodbridge Senior High, Woodbridge Virginia)

COLLEGE: Texas A&M-College Station, University of Texas -Arlington

DEGREES: BS Electrical Eng, MS Electrical Eng

HOBBIES/SPECIAL INTERESTS: Ranching, Skiing, Outdoor Activities, Traveling, School Finance

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

Northeast Texas School Board Association – President(2007-08)/Vice-President(2005-06), Delta County Appraisal District – Board member(2011-Pres), Friends of Doctors Creek State Park – Director(2007-2011), Leadership TASB (2007), TASB LAC Representative (2011-2012, 2014-2016), Delta County Kid Baseball – Director/Commissioner(1998-2006), TASB Region 8 Director (2016-present)

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

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

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Thomas A. Darden

Region 8,

Darden has served on the Cooper ISD Board of Trustees since 2002 and currently serves as the Board President. He is a 2007 graduate of Leadership TASB. He has been active in the grassroots advocacy process since joining the CISD board and has served as the TASB Legislative Advisory Council Representative (or alternate) from 2010-2016.

Additionally, he has served as President/Vice-President of the Northeast Texas School Board Association and currently serves as a Vice-President of the Delta County Appraisal District board. Darden has been active in his community previously serving as a director on Friends of Doctor's Creek State Park and Delta County Kid's Baseballs Association.

Darden grew up in the suburbs of Washington DC before moving to Cooper, Texas to finish High School. He has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University in College Station and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is currently a Systems Engineering Manager for L3Harris, a defense contractor in Greenville, Texas where he has worked 35+ years.

During his free time Darden enjoys taking care of his cattle, working out, traveling, and enjoying the great outdoors.