



TASB BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

TODAY'S DATE: 6/28/2021

NAME: Tony Raymond

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: [REDACTED] ZIP: [REDACTED] STATE: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: _____ 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: Sabine ISD

LOCAL TERM EXPIRES: 11/2024 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: Trustee 2004 – 2006 // Vice Pres. 2006-2016 // Pres. 2016 - Current

OCCUPATION: Business Technology Specialist

CURRENT EMPLOYER: Ubeo Business Services _____ Dates: 4/2021 - current

EDUCATION-HIGH SCHOOL: Sabine ISD _____ COLLEGE: Kilgore College & DeVry University

OTHER EDUCATION: Various Industry related certifications DEGREES: _____

HOBBIES/SPECIAL INTERESTS: Boy Scouts, outdoors, history, coin collecting, technology _____

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

Rotary International: 2012- Current Served as President Elect/President/Immediate Past Pres. For South Tyler Club 2015-2017 **Sabine Education Foundation:** Founding Board Member 2016 – current Tyler Chamber Tech Committee Member 2014-2017 **BSA** Boy Scout Leader and Adult Leader Trainer 2005 – Current **Liberty City United Fund** Served multiple 3 year terms as a board member and in various roles **Grace Baptist** Served as Trustee and on various committees for several years **Liberty City Christmas Parade Committee** 2016 - current

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use reverse side if additional space is required.): I have also served in various leadership roles in several organizations that are work related but nothing that is known out of the industry.

Tony was born and raised in East Texas. He attended all of his years at and graduated from Sabine ISD. After marrying his wife [REDACTED] and starting a family, they decided that they wanted their kids to grow up and go to school in Sabine as well. After a few years of coaching various youth sports and serving in other roles, Tony made the decision to file as a candidate for a position on the school board. Since then Tony has served as an officer since 2006 and as president since 2016. Several years back Tony attended a class at a TASB conference regarding Education Foundations. In 2016, with the help of Sabine's Superintendent and others the Sabine Education Foundation was established and by 2017 had its first big fund raiser. Since inception, the foundation has raised over \$350,000 and has distributed these funds in teacher grants and scholarships for dual credit students. As a board member Tony has been part of various building projects including a much-needed new elementary school in 2013. The district also secured over 50 acres of land to accommodate future growth. Some of the other goals that have been obtained during his tenure include new science labs, new softball complex, and a new field house. One of the biggest accomplishments of Sabine in recent years was earning the top spot in UIL Academics. Sabine ISD earned the title of the 3A UIL Academic State Champions.

In addition to school related activities Tony has served as a scout leader since 2005 for the local Boy Scout Troop 259. As their Scoutmaster Tony has accompanied the troop to several great adventures including a trip to Philmont, NM to do a 75-mile trek and in 2017 was one of the leaders that took 90 youth and 10 adults to the National Jamboree in West Virginia. As part of that trip the group spent several days in New York City and D.C. taking in the sites and sounds of the Big Apple and our nations capital. As a tenured leader Tony has also served in many leadership positions and staffed at a considerable number of camps. One of his regulars is staffing Wood Badge. This is a two weekend/six-day event meant to train new leaders how to become successful in their efforts. This training is the equivalent to top level leadership training offered in the corporate world.

Another interest of Tony's is Rotary International. Tony joined the South Rotary club and not long after was nominated to serve as the club's president. A few years later and after a job change Tony transferred to the Kilgore club and is currently serving through them. One of Tony's favorite parts of Rotary is RYLA. This is Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Through this program each Rotary club selects a few juniors in high school from all of their individual schools and sends them on a weekend adventure at a Boy Scout camp to take part in a weekend that is filled with fun, leadership training, team building, confidence growing, and a COPE Course. A lot of the students that attend this camp each year will tell you it was a life changing event. Most of the camp staff is made up of folks that came as a junior many years ago and take time from their schedule each year to pour back into the next group. Tony has helped staff this camp ever since he joined Rotary. Rotary's motto is Service Above Self. This motto sums up what Rotary is all about.

Tony has worked in a sales role for over 25 years. Most of time was spent in the office technology world, with a few years related to oilfield.

When not at work or volunteering, Tony and [REDACTED] have a daughter, [REDACTED], and three sons, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], & [REDACTED]. From the two oldest there are a total of six grandkids. Family time is always fun and usually loud. When not camping with scouts most weekends are spent at some event involving at least one of the kids and their activities.