

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

## Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election

This is the official ballot for the election of Places 6 – 9 of the Board of Trustees for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. Each Member of the Pool is entitled to vote for Board of Trustee members. Please record your organization's choices by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name or writing in the name of an eligible person in the space provided. You can only vote for one candidate for each place.

The officials listed on this ballot have been nominated to serve a six-year term on the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool (Workers' Compensation, Property and Liability) Board of Trustees. The names of the candidates for each Place on the Board of Trustees are listed in alphabetical order on this ballot.

Ballots must reach the office of David Reagan, Secretary of the Board, no later than September 30, 2022. Ballots received after September 30, 2022, cannot be counted. **The ballot must be properly signed and all pages of the ballot must be mailed to: Trustee Election, David Reagan, Secretary of the Board, P.O. Box 149194, Austin, Texas 78714-9194. If the ballot is not signed, it will not be counted.**

**PLACE 6**



**Allison Heyward.** Councilmember for the City of Schertz (Region 7) since 2018. She also serves as the Mayor Pro Tem. Mrs. Heyward was appointed to represent the Texas Municipal League Board of Directors as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Texas Southern University in 1990 and is a 2020 graduate of the Chamber Leadership Core Program. She is a TML Leadership Fellow, a Certified Municipal Officer (CMO), as well as a member of the TMRS Advisory Board on Benefit Design.



**Kimberly Meismer.** Assistant City Manager for the City of Kerrville (Region 7). Ms. Meismer has over 25 years of public service, which includes serving Kerrville and La Porte. She earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management from Columbia Southern University. She is a member of TCMA and serves on the Ethics Committee as the Region 8 Representative. She is also serving a second year as the Chair of the Ethics and Integrity Award subcommittee.

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## PLACE 7

- ☒ **Mary Dennis** (Incumbent). Mayor for the City of Live Oak (Region 7) since 2010. Mayor Dennis has served on the TML Risk Pool Board since 2018. She is currently Vice-Chair of the TML Risk Pool Board, and on October 1, 2022, will begin a two-year term as Chair. Among her numerous civic activities are serving as 2016/2017 President for the Texas Municipal League, 2021-2023 NLC Board Director, Treasurer of the Greater Bexar County Council of Governments, Chair of the Judson ISD Facilities Committee, Chair of the Bexar County Suburban Cities Committee, and President of the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation. She is also a 2019 Inductee of the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame and the 2019 San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce "Comet Award."
- ☐ **James A. Douglas, Ph.D.** City Councilmember for the City of Kenedy (Region 7). Dr. Douglas is a current criminal justice instructor at Kenedy ISD. He is a national Law and Public Safety Education Network (LAPSEN) Honor Teacher who, along with some of his students, recently participated in the Washington, D.C. National Academy of Law and Justice. The LAPSEN Honor Teachers were identified from a national application process to identify educators with a passion for law and justice, excellence in leadership and teaching.
- ☐ **Rebecca (Becky) Haas.** Mayor of Richmond (Region 14). Mayor Haas is a business-owner in the historic downtown district of Richmond. She is a direct descendant of one of Stephen F. Austin's first settlers in Texas who are known as the Old Three Hundred. She is Chaplain for and a charter board member of the Descendants of Austin's Old Three Hundred organization. She is passionate about Texas history, a member of the Fort Bend County Historical Commission, a former member of the Richmond Historical Commission, a member of the Fort Bend County Museum, a board member of the Black Cowboy Museum, member of Historic Richmond Association, and is a Fort Bend Docent.
- ☐ **James Hotopp.** City Manager for Weatherford (Region 8) since 2019. Mr. Hotopp joined the City in 2007 as its Director of Water/Wastewater and Engineering and served the City in several capacities, including Utility Engineer, Director of Planning and Development, and Assistant City Manager. He serves as a voting member of Region C Water Planning Group for Texas, which prepares a regional water plan for a 16-county group in North Texas. Mr. Hotopp is a member of the North Texas City Manager's Association, the North Texas Commission, and a board member of the Texas Public Power Association. Previously, he worked in consulting engineering where he designed water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, water pump stations, wastewater lift stations, and distribution/collection lines.

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## PLACE 8

- ☐ **Chris Coffman.** City Manager of Granbury (Region 8). Mr. Coffman has 24 years in public management. He has served as City Manager for Sealy, Borger, the Village of Timbercreek Canyon, and Panhandle. He has also served as the Director of Local Government Services of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and served as Interim City Manager for the Cities of Fritch and Stratford. During his time at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, he served 26 counties and 62 cities in the Panhandle. He is a past President of the TCMA. Mr. Coffman holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration from West Texas A&M University and has a Certified Public Manager designation through Texas Tech University.
- ☐ **Brett Haney.** City Administrator for the City of Cockrell Hill (Region 13) since 2015. Mr. Haney has been with Cockrell Hill since 2006 and was promoted to Assistant City Administrator in 2011. He is originally from Southern California and moved to North Texas in 2000. Mr. Haney earned Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences and Master of Public Administration degrees from the University of North Texas. He is a member of TCMA and currently serves on the Public Policy Committee and has served on the TCMA Advocacy Committee in recent years. He is very active as Cubmaster and Den Leader for Cub Scout Pack 717 in Keller, Texas.
- ☒ **Mike Land.** City Manager for the City of Coppell (Region 13) since 2017, and Deputy City Manager from 2012-2017. Previously, he was Town Manager for Prosper, City Manager for Gainesville, and Executive Director for the Southwestern Diabetic Foundation. Mr. Land has served on the International City/County Management (ICMA) Board of Directors, ICMA's Advisory Board on Graduate Education, Texas A&M University's Development Industry Advisory Council, School Board Trustee for Gainesville Independent School District, and President of TCMA. Currently, he serves on the Texas Women's Leadership Institute Advisory Board and the UTA MPA Advisory Board.
- ☐ **Marian Mendoza.** City Administrator for the City of Helotes (Region 7) since 2020. Ms. Mendoza has held positions with the City of Alamo Heights, as Assistant to the City Manager (2005-2020), and with the City of San Antonio as a Management Analyst (2003-2005). Previously she served as a Director overseeing homeless transition housing programs for the Salvation Army. She also serves as the Ex-Officio Board Member of the Helotes Economic Development Corporation. Ms. Mendoza earned a Bachelor's Degree from St. Mary's University and is part of the Certified Public Management program at Texas State University. She is a member of the ICMA, TCMA, and the International Hispanic Network.
- ☐ **Louis R. Rigby.** Mayor of the City of La Porte (Region 14) since 2010. Mayor Rigby previously served as the District 5 Councilperson from 2004 until 2010, before being elected Mayor. He is a member and past Director of the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce and has held the offices of Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of the Harris County Mayors and Councils Association. He graduated from San Jacinto College and the University of Houston before earning an MPA from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Mayor Rigby served in the U.S. Airforce from 1968-1972. He has actively advocated for the La Porte region on issues including heavy haul and solutions for hurricane damage and management.

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## PLACE 9

- ☐ **Barry Beard.** Commissioner for the City of Richmond (Region 14) since 2016. Mr. Beard retired from Moody National Bank where he was the Senior Vice President. He has served on many civic and community boards. He was President of the Board for Oak Bend Hospital, past Chair of the Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance, past Chair of Arc of Fort Bend, Congressman Olson's Service Academy Interview Committee and Fort Bend Partnership for Youth. He also served on the original Richmond Charter Commission, Richmond Parks Commission, Richmond Development Corporation, Richmond Historical Commission, Richmond Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee, and the Richmond Rosenberg Local Government Corporation.
- ☐ **Stephanie Fisher.** Councilmember for Johnson City (Region 7). In 2021, she was appointed as the Johnson City representative to the General Assembly of the Capital Area Council of Governments. The Executive Committee of the Capital Area COG appointed her to represent the COG on the Unified Scoring Committee of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Block Grant program. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Hill Country 100 Club and the Johnson City Community Education Foundation. She also is the Commissioner for the Johnson City Youth Football program and sits on an advisory committee for the Johnson City Youth Sports Association. She is active in her church, as well as multiple activities within Johnson City ISD, and is a member of the Blanco County Eclipse Task Force.
- ☐ **Carl Joiner.** Mayor for the City of Kemah (Region 14) since 2015. Prior to that, he served as a Kemah City Councilmember for three years. He has served as President of the Kemah Community Development Corporation, Chairman of the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership, member of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board, Chairman of the Clear Creek Education Foundation, board member of the Chris Reed Foundation, Chairman of the Clear Lake Area Chamber, and Treasurer of the League City Regional Chamber of Commerce. He has received awards such as the Chairman's Award in 2020 for the League City Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Sam Walton Award for Integrity in Business.
- ☒ **Opal Mauldin-Jones (Incumbent).** City Manager for the City of Lancaster (Region 13) since 2011, and in various other roles for Lancaster since 2003. Under her leadership, the City has experienced two consecutive bond rating increases without issuing debt. The City has been designated a 2019 All-America City and received the CiCi Award. It is one of less than 25 communities with all five Transparency Stars awarded by the Texas Comptroller. Ms. Mauldin-Jones earned her Bachelor Business Administration and Master Public Administration degrees from the University of Texas at Arlington. She currently serves on the TCMA Board as Director-at-Large and as Vice President-Elect, and on the Board of the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool.
- ☐ **William Linn.** City Manager of Kenedy (Region 7). Mr. Linn is a member of TCMA and ICMA. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from Indiana University's Southeast campus. Thereafter, he was accepted to several law schools where he intended to specialize in business and intellectual property law. However, Mr. Linn opted to enroll in Southern New Hampshire University where he earned a Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Organizational Leadership concurrently. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Certified Public Manager. He is working to complete the Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and Project Manager Professional Certifications.

**WRITE IN CANDIDATE:**



## **Certificate**

I certify that the vote cast above has been cast in accordance with the will of the majority of the governing body of the public entity named below.

Witness my hand, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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