

RICE ISD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION

About the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees acts as the school district's policy-making body and is the official representative of the people for public education in Rice ISD. The Board of Trustees consists of 7 members elected to serve, without compensation, for overlapping terms of 3 years each. Following the election, the board elects a President, Vice-President, and Secretary to serve for 1 year terms.

**The next Board of Trustee election is scheduled for Saturday May 4, 2024
Terms and Election Schedule**

| Elected Officers of Political Subdivision | Year Elected Officer's Term Expires |
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| Shanna Lopez – President | 2022 |
| Jason Blake – Vice President | 2023 |
| Jason Fisher – Secretary | 2024 |
| Holly Ellington | 2025 |
| Kim Hrnjak | 2024 |
| April Grant | 2022 |
| Scott Black | 2023 |

Application Process

- Candidate filing period to file application for place on the ballot is Wednesday, January 17, 2024 to Friday February 16, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.
- All applications filed are public records and open to inspection upon request.
- An application for a place on the ballot can be obtained at Rice ISD Administration Office, 1302 SW McKinney St, Rice, TX or www.rice-isd.org and must be submitted in writing: signed, sworn to by the candidate before a person authorized to administer an oath, and dated and timely filed with the district filing authority.

Candidate Eligibility Requirements

- Is a US Citizen
- Is 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- Has not been determined to be a final judgement of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;

- Has not been finally convicted of a felony from which the individual has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- Has resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for 6 months immediately preceding the following date:
 - For an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
 - For a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in; or
 - For an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made;
- Is registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected on the date described above; and
- Satisfies any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.

Additionally, to be elected to a school board, an individual must be a qualified voter; 18 years of age or older, a US citizen, a Texas resident, a registered voter, not determined to be totally or partially mentally incapacitated by an appropriate court, and not finally convicted of a felony. **Tex. Educ. Code 11.061; Tex. Elec. Code 11.002**

Election Highlights

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail: **January 1, 2024**

First Day to file for place on the ballot: **January 17, 2024**

Last Day to file for place on the ballot: **February 16, 2024**

Last Day to register to vote is: **April 4, 2024**

Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail (Received): **April 23, 2024**

Early voting begins: **April 22, 2024**

Last day of early voting: **April 30, 2024**

Election day: **May 4, 2024**

If you have any questions please contact

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