

ORDER AND NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 § **SILSBEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**
COUNTY OF HARDIN §

On this the 16th day of January 2024, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Silsbee Independent School District (the “District”), located in Hardin County, Texas, convened in regular session with the following members present: Janis Holt, Derrell Ferguson, Kenneth Rulon, Cynthia Smith, Dana Hancock, and Kenny Fisher and the following members absent: Jonta Miller, constituting a quorum, at which meeting the following, among other proceedings, was conducted by said Board:

It was moved by Trustee Derrell Ferguson, and seconded by Trustee Kenneth Rulon that an order be adopted calling an election for Five (5) Trustees for the District: one (1) each for Places Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5), with these Trustees to be elected for three (3)-year term, and places six (6), and seven (7) to be elected for one (1) year of remaining three (3)-year term. Such election is to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 (the “Election”). The order being read and being put to a vote, the same was unanimously adopted by those present. The order as adopted is as follows:

ORDER CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION IN THE SILSBEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SILSBEE, HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE ELECTION OF FIVE (5) TRUSTEES, ONE (1) EACH FOR PLACES THREE (3), FOUR (4), AND FIVE (5), WITH ALL THESE TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED FOR THREE (3)-YEAR TERM; AND ONE (1) EACH FOR PLACES SIX (6), AND SEVEN (7), TO BE ELECTED FOR FINAL ONE (1) YEAR OF REMAINING THREE (3)-YEAR TERM.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to elect three (3) Trustees for the District for Places Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5), with all Trustees to be elected for three (3)-year term; and for the election of Two (2) Trustees for Places Six (6) and Seven (7) for the remaining one (1) year of the remaining (3)-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED by the Board of Trustees of the Silsbee Independent School District that an Election be held, and notice of the Election is hereby given, , on Saturday, May 4, 2024, in the Silsbee Independent School District, Hardin County, Texas, for the election of Three (3) Trustees for Places Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5), with these Trustees to be elected for three (3)-year term; and for the election of Two (2) Trustees for Places Six (6), and Seven (7) for the remaining one (1) year of the (3)-year term.

CANDIDATES:

All applications by Trustee candidates seeking to have their names placed on the ballot for this Election shall be in writing on the form prescribed by the Texas Secretary of State, signed by the candidate, and presented to Dr. Gregg Weiss, Superintendent of Schools, or Ms. Missy Sundgren, Secretary to the Superintendent, at his office in the Silsbee I.S.D. Administration Building, 415 Highway 327 West, Silsbee, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday during weekdays, exclusive of holidays. Such applications must be presented to Missy Sundgren no earlier than Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024, not fewer than seventy-eight (78) days prior to the day of the Election, in accordance with Section 11.055, Texas Education Code, as amended.

An impartial drawing for ballot positions for the five (5) Trustees places will be conducted at the Silsbee I.S.D. Administration Building by the Superintendent at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 26, 2024; all qualified candidates, or their designated representatives, may be present at such drawing. Candidates may seek election to only one of the five (5) positions on the ballot, and each candidate shall designate the position he or she seeks when filing an application of candidacy.

In accordance with Section 11.056, Texas Education Code, as amended, a write-in vote may not be counted for a person unless that person has filed a declaration of write-in candidacy with Missy Sundgren, in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code, for write-in candidates in general elections for State and county offices. A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed

not later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

All candidates must be qualified voters and residents of Silsbee Independent School District and shall file with the said candidacy application the loyalty affidavit required by Section 141.031(a)(K), Texas Election Code, together with the other applicable information required therein.

Ms. Sundgren, in her capacity as Early Voting Clerk, shall post on the bulletin board in the Administration Building, located at 415 Highway 327 West, Silsbee, Texas, where meetings of the Board of Trustees are held, the names of all candidates who have timely filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of this order, together with the position each is seeking.

ELECTION BY PLURALITY:

In the election of Trustees for Positions Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), and Seven (7) election shall be by plurality; that is, there will be no run-off election for any Trustee position. In balloting for each of the five (5) Trustee positions, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each position shall be elected.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

Those five (5) candidates elected on May 4, 2024, to Positions Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), and Seven (7), following the canvass of returns and the taking of the oath or affirmation of office, will serve terms of three (3) years in Positions 3, 4, and 5; and one (1) year in Positions 6, and 7, respectively.

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Early voting by personal appearance ballots shall be provided at the **office of the Superintendent of Schools**, located in the **Silsbee I.S.D. Administration Building, 415 Highway 327 West, Silsbee, Texas, 77656.**

Missy Sundgren is hereby appointed as the **Early Voting Clerk for Silsbee Independent School District** (the “*Early Voting Clerk*”) for the Election. **Tricia Brooks, shall serve as Deputy Early Voting Clerk.** More information regarding the Election can be found at: <https://www.silsbeeisd.org>. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerk, as necessary for the Election.

Applications for ballots-by-mail should be sent to: **Alysa Freeman, Hardin County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 159, 300 Monroe Ste B-110, Kountze, TX 77625, Telephone: (409) 209-5445,** The Hardin County Election Administrator has designated the following email address for receipt of such applications: elections@co.hardin.tx.us. Applications for ballots-by-mail may also be accessed via Hardin County’s website at: <https://www.co.hardin.tx.us/page/hardin.Elections>. Applications for ballots-by-mail via post or electronic submission must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Early voting by mail shall be conducted during the same period as early voting by personal appearance, except that envelopes containing mailed ballots must arrive at the address shown on the carrier envelope before 5:00 p.m. on Election Day, unless otherwise determined to be timely pursuant to Section 86.007, Texas Election Code.

All those legally qualified to vote at said election residing within the Silsbee Independent School District and registered to vote in Precinct Nos. 2, 9, 10, and 11 shall be entitled to cast their **early voting by personal appearance ballots** in person at the **Office of the Superintendent of Schools, located in the Silsbee I.S.D., Administration Office.** Said place of early voting by personal appearance **shall be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** on each day for early voting by personal appearance which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday. **Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, April 22, 2024, and continue through Tuesday April 30, 2024,** pursuant to Section 85.001(a), Texas Election Code.

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATION, DATE & TIME:

In accordance with Section 4.004(d), Texas Election Code, the following voting location has been designated for purposes of this Election:

City of Silsbee, City Hall, Council Chamber, 1220 Hwy 327 East, Silsbee, Texas 77656

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY:

The polls at the above-designated polling place shall be open on **Election Day, May 4, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

CONDUCT OF ELECTION:

The manner in which said Election shall be conducted shall be governed by the Texas Election Code, and the Board will furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said Election. Alice Berry, a duly qualified person, is hereby appointed to serve as Election Judge, and Alysa Freeman, a duly qualified person, is hereby appointed to serve as ballot board judge and central counting station.

QUALIFIED VOTERS:

Each qualified voter in said District shall have the right to vote at said Election for FIVE (5) Trustees; one (1) vote for a candidate for Place Three (3), one (1) vote for a candidate for Place Four (4), one (1) vote for a candidate for Place Five (5), one (1) vote for a candidate for Place Six (6), and one (1) vote for a candidate for Place Seven (7). Any qualified voter residing within the Silsbee Independent School District not assigned to any voting box may vote, on Election Day, at the Silsbee City Hall, Council Chamber, 1220 Hwy 327 East, Silsbee, Texas 77656.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:

The candidates for each of the five (5) places receiving the largest number of votes at said Election shall be entitled to serve as Trustees, following canvassing of returns, the issuance of certificates of election by election officials, and the taking of the official oath.

After said Election has been held, the officials holding the same shall return to the President of the Board, in a sealed envelope, a copy of the return, poll list and tally sheet for said election, and its set of election returns shall be used by the Board in canvassing said election. Another copy of the return, poll list, and tally sheet of said Election shall be delivered to the President of the Board in an unsealed envelope, and this envelope shall be available in the office of the Superintendent and open to inspection on request by the public during regular business hours for sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the Election.

NOTICE OF ELECTION:

The Board shall give notice of said Election, stating in substance the contents of this Election Order and the time and place of said Election and of absentee balloting, and other information required by Sections 4.003, and 4.004, Texas Election Code, as amended, and the President of the Board is hereby authorized and instructed to post or cause to have posted said Election Order and notice at three (3) public places where notices are customarily posted in the District, including the Silsbee I.S.D. Administration Building, and said posting shall be made at least twenty (21) days before the date of said Election.

The President of the Board shall also cause to have published a notice of said Election in a newspaper of general circulation in Hardin County, Texas, where the District is located. Said publication shall occur not more than thirty (30) days nor fewer than ten (10) days before the date of said Election.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

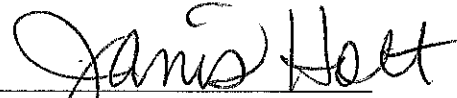
It is further found and determined that in accordance with the order of the Board, written notice of the date, hour, place and subjects of this meeting has been posted on the bulletin board, located in the permanent Central Administration Office of Silsbee Independent School District at 415 Highway 327 West, Silsbee, Texas, a place convenient to the public, said notice having been so posted and having remained posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding

the date of this meeting.

It is further found and determined that the District is located in Hardin County, Texas, the county in which most, if not all, of the District's pupils reside, and that written notice of the date, hour, place and subjects of this meeting was furnished to the Hardin County Clerk at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the date of this meeting. The original of such notice shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting and shall be a part thereof for all intents and purposes.

(signature page to follow)

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16th day of January 2024.



Janis Holt, President
Board of Trustees
Silsbee Independent School District

ATTEST:



Kenneth Rulon, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Silsbee Independent School District