

HCAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

On November 3, 2026, there will be a general countywide election to fill the expiring terms of three publicly elected director positions on the Harris Central Board of Directors.

Harris County residents interested in running must complete an **Acknowledgment of Directors Duties** as provided here - [Acknowledgment of Duties of Members of Appraisal District Board of Directors](#) - and file it with the chief appraiser **prior to** filing an application for a place on the ballot with the Harris County Clerk's office. Once the Acknowledgment is completed by the Candidate, the Acknowledgment should be sent to the Chief Appraiser by either:

- **Regular Mail:**

Adam Bogard, Chief Appraiser
P.O. Box 924208
Houston, Texas 77292-4208

Mark the envelope: "Candidate Acknowledgment."

- **Hand:**

Adam Bogard, Chief Appraiser
13013 Northwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77040

Mark the envelope: "Candidate Acknowledgment."

- **By Email**

cguerra@hcad.org

In order to become a candidate for a county appraisal district, you must also file an [application for a place on the ballot \(PDF\) Application For A Place on the Ballot For a General Election For a City, School District or Other Political Subdivision](#) with the Harris County Clerk's Office.

Specifically, the board of directors for the appraisal district must be elected to either at-large by place 1, at-large by place 2, or at-large by place 3 position. Therefore, **candidates must indicate the place number on their candidate application.**

To qualify for a place on the ballot, interested candidates must file with the Harris County Clerk a completed application accompanied by a filing fee of \$400, or a petition with 500 signatures of registered Harris County voters in lieu of the filing fee.

The application must be filed with the Harris County Clerk's office from **July 18, 2026, through August 17, 2026, before 5 p.m.**

The address for filing an application in person is 15600 Morales Road, Houston, TX 77032. The address to mail an application if filing by mail is P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX 77251-1148. The email and fax number to send an application for a place on the ballot is email: Entity@vote.hctx.net; Fax 713.755.4983. If a filing fee is submitted, the application may not be emailed or faxed.

Withdrawal

A candidate may withdraw their application and have their name omitted from the ballot by submitting a notarized [Certificate of Withdrawal \(PDF\)](#) or a notarized letter to the same filing authority. The deadline for a candidate to submit their withdrawal is **5:00 p.m. Monday, August 24, 2026.**

Service on the appraisal district board of directors is an unpaid position, but directors are entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred for travel to board meetings and other official functions.

To serve on the board, a member must be a resident of Harris County, must not owe delinquent property taxes, may not have represented property owners in proceedings before the appraisal district during the prior three years, must not have been employed by HCAD at any time during the prior three years, or be related within the second degree to a person who either appraises property or represents property owners for compensation in proceedings before the district. Additionally, board members may not be employed by any taxing units served by HCAD unless the individual is also an elected taxing unit official.

For a list of other deadlines and information associated with the November 3 board of director countywide general election, including when applications must be filed, please visit the Secretary of State's website at:

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/running-for-county-appraisal-districts-2026.shtml>

The newly elected directors will take office on January 1, 2027. Two of the newly elected directors will serve four (4) year-terms and one director will serve a term of two (2) years. The respective terms for the three (3) elected board members will be decided by a random draw at the January 2027 HCAD board of directors meeting.