

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 § PORT ARTHUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON §

ELECTION ORDER

On this 26th day of January, 2021 the Board of Trustees of the Port Arthur Independent School District, Port Arthur, Jefferson County, Texas, convened in regular session to adopt this Election Order, with the following members present:

Debra Ambroise Lloyd Marie Johnson

Brandon Bartie Kenneth Lofton

Dianne Brown Robert Reid

Joseph L. Guillory II

and the following members absent:

constituting a quorum, at which meeting the following, among other proceedings, was conducted by said Board:

It was moved by **Trustee Lloyd Marie Johnson** and seconded by **Trustee Dianne Brown**, that an Election Order be adopted calling an election for four (4) trustees for the Port Arthur Independent School District. Three (3) trustees shall serve three-year terms while one (1) trustee shall serve 1 year of an unexpired three (3) year term. The Order being read and brought to a vote the same was adopted by a majority of those board members present and voting.

The Election Order is as follows:

AN ELECTION ORDER CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 1, 2021, IN THE PORT ARTHUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE (3) TRUSTEES EACH FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS AND ONE ELECTION OF (1) CANDIDATE FOR AN UNEXPIRED ONE (1) YEAR TERM. THE THREE (3) CANDIDATES SEEKING THREE-YEAR TERMS WHO RECEIVE THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES, FOLLOWING CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CANDIDATE OATH OR AFFIRMATION, WILL SERVE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS. THE ONE (1) CANDIDATE SEEKING TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED ONE-YEAR TERM WHO RECEIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR THE UNEXPIRED ONE (1) YEAR TERM, FOLLOWING CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CANDIDATE OATH OR AFFIRMATION, WILL SERVE FOR ONE UNEXPIRED ONE-YEAR TERM.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to elect four (4) trustees for said school district, following canvass of election returns and administration of the candidate oath or affirmation, the three (3) candidates seeking three-year terms who receive the greatest numbers of votes will each serve for a three-year term and the one (1) candidate seeking the unexpired one-year term who receives the greatest numbers of votes will serve for a one-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Board of Trustees, Port Arthur Independent School District, Jefferson County, Texas, that an election be held, and notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021, in the Port Arthur Independent School District, Jefferson County, Texas, for the election of four (4) trustees, as aforesaid.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to the residency requirements set out in the Texas Election Code, a trustee candidate must be a qualified voter, in accordance with § 11.061(b), Tex. Educ. Code.

CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS:

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 Secretary of State, State of Texas, and signed by the candidate. Applications are to be presented to Ms. Phyllis Geans or Ms. Margaret Moreno at the office of the Chief Financial Officer, Port Arthur Independent School District Administration Building, 4801 9th Avenue, Port Arthur, TX 77642, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on any weekday, exclusive of holidays, beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2021 and concluding at 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 12, 2021.

Ms. Geans and Ms. Moreno are appointed Assistant Secretaries to the Board for this purpose only.

All trustee candidate applications will promptly be delivered to the Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

An impartial drawing for ballot positions will be conducted by Ms. Geans or her designated representative at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021, at her office at 4801 9th Avenue, Port Arthur, TX 77642; all qualified candidates, or their designated representatives, may be present at such drawing.

A write-in vote may not be counted for a person unless that person has filed a declaration of write-in candidacy with Ms. Geans, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees, in the manner provided in the Texas Election Code for write-in candidates in general elections for state and county offices.

All candidates must be qualified voters and shall file with said application for candidacy the loyalty affidavit required by § 141.031(4)K), Texas Election Code, together with the other applicable information required therein.

POSTING NAMES OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES:

Ms. Geans, in her capacity as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees for this purpose, shall post on the bulletin board in the Administration Building, at 4801 9th Avenue, Port Arthur, TX 77642, the names of all qualified candidates who have timely filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Order, together with the trustee term each is seeking.

ELECTION BY PLURALITY; NO RUN-OFF:

The election of the trustees to serve for the three (3) three-year terms and one (1) one-year term shall be by plurality; that is, there will be no run-off election for any of the four trusteeships.

ELECTION JUDGES AND POLLING PLACES:

Said election shall be held at the following county wide polling locations attached as Exhibits 'A' and 'B' or as further designated by the County; persons qualified so to serve under the provisions of the Texas Election Code as officers of said election, with the assistance of such duly qualified clerks or assistants will be designated hereafter by the County:

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY:

All polling places shall be open on Election Day, Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

Voting units for casting early voting ballots in person for candidates for each of the four (4) trusteeships will be provided in the following places as described in Exhibits 'A' and 'B'.

Early Voting Ballot Board shall consist of a presiding judge, and alternate clerks to be appointed by the County, and who shall be named subsequently, in accordance with § 87.001 et seq., Texas Election Code.

The Office of the County Clerk of Jefferson County, 1085 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77704, shall be the voting place for all early voting by mail, and the name and mailing address of the Early Voting Clerk is: Ms. Carolyn Guidry, County Clerk, 1085 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77704, which is the address to which all Port Arthur I.S.D. early voting ballot applications shall be sent. Early voting ballot application may also be requested from email address: countyclerk@co.jefferson.tx.us. 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 on the carrier envelope before the polls are required to close on Election Day, unless otherwise determined to be timely pursuant to Article 86.007, Texas Election Code. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business (4:30pm) on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Applications can be faxed to (409) 839-2394 or scanned and emailed with an original signature to countyclerk@co.jefferson.tx.us.

PRESIDING JUDGE; ELECTION CODE; SUPPLIES:

Jefferson County shall appoint a qualified person to serve as Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station, and he/she shall perform the duties and assume the responsibilities inherent in that office.

The manner in which said election shall be conducted shall be governed by the Texas Election Code, and the Jefferson County will furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

QUALIFIED VOTERS:

Each qualified voter who resides within Port Arthur Independent School District shall have the right to vote at said election.

SPANISH-SPEAKING VOTERS:

The conduct of such election shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1975, and rules of the Department of Justice, including provision for bilingual assistance, notices, instructions, ballots, and other written materials and information relating to the electoral process, for which presentation and assistance in the Spanish language is required.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:

After said election has been held, the officials holding the same shall return to the President of the Board of Trustees of Port Arthur Independent School District, in a sealed envelope, a copy of the return, poll list, and tally sheet for said election, and this set of election returns shall be used by the Board of Trustees in canvassing said election.

Another copy of the return, poll list, and tally sheet of the said election shall be delivered to the President of the Board of Trustees in an unsealed envelope and this envelope shall be available in the office of the Superintendent of Schools 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 of Trustees 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 § 4.003 and 4.004, Texas Election Code, and the President of the Board

of Trustees is hereby authorized and instructed to post or cause to be posted said Election Order and Notice at the place(s) where notices are customarily posted in this school district, and said posting shall be made at least twenty (20) days before the date of said election.

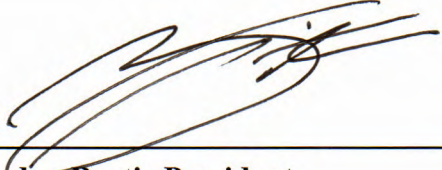
The President of the Board of Trustees shall also cause to have published a notice of said election in a newspaper of general circulation in Jefferson County, Texas, where this school district is located. Said publication shall occur not earlier than the thirtieth day or later than the tenth day before the date of said election.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

It is further found and determined that in accordance with the order of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary has posted written notice of the date, hour, place, and subjects of this meeting on the bulletin board, located in the central administration office of the Port Arthur Independent School District at 4801 9th Avenue, Port Arthur, TX 77642, a place convenient to the public, said notice having been so posted and having remained posted continuously for at least the seventy-two (72) hours preceding the date of this meeting.

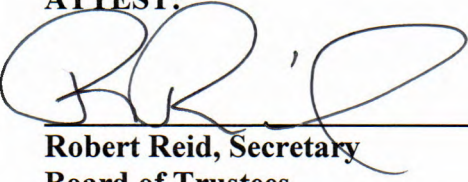
It is further found and determined that Port Arthur Independent School District is located in Jefferson County, Texas, the county in which most, if not all, of this school district's pupils reside, and that written notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of this meeting was furnished to the County Clerk of such county 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 purposes.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 26th day of **January, 2021.**



**Brandon Bartie President
Board of Trustees
Port Arthur Independent School District**

ATTEST:



**Robert Reid, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Port Arthur Independent School District**