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**District 4, Ballot Position 1: Taler BK Jefferson**



I am a native of Dallas, Texas and a product of RISD. I am a 2010 graduate of Bennett College and a 2016 graduate of Life University where I received a Masters of Sports Health Science. I worked at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, as a campus administrator while being an assistant to the dean of women. This position taught me a lot about how campus policies are established and how they are enforced. I worked closely with the dean of women and other administrators to ensure the safety of the students and continue to keep our students and campus on the upward ladder of success. Currently, I am a biology and environmental systems teacher at Hillcrest High School in Dallas. Everything surrounding my life, from my professional career to my nonprofit organization, revolves around education and creating a lasting impact on the world. I currently reside in Hamilton Park and I have 4 nieces and nephews that I call my children. They are my world.

**District 4, Ballot Position 2: Patricia Price Hicks**



Patricia Price Hicks, a RISD graduate of Lake Highlands is a second-generation descendant of original Hamilton Park homeowners. The late Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr. and Mrs. Deloris Price. The love for her neighborhood led her to conduct the research for the Texas Historical Marker that has been bestowed upon the Hamilton Park community. She was appointed by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel to the Dallas County Historical Commission. She serves on the Advisory Committee for Healing Hands Ministry that serves thousands of refugee families in the Vickery Meadows and Lake Highlands area in Northeast Dallas. She followed her retired RISD mothers' passion as an educator. Patricia is a retired teacher. She has earned a Master's in Educational Administration, and a Bachelor of Science. She has certifications in political science, sociology, elementary and early childhood. The highlight of her career was to be selected by the Texas Education Agency to conduct test analysis for The Pearson Publishing Company.

**District 4, Ballot Position 3: Regina Harris**



I am an energetic, people-oriented professional and have been a part of the RISD community for more than 30 years. I attended elementary, junior high and high school in RISD and am now a parent of a RISD student. I have served RISD in several volunteer capacities, including district committees, the PTA, Parent Focus Groups, and the District of Innovation Team. I've also served on the Richardson Council of PTAs Executive Board as the Programs Chairperson and the First VP Aide. My professional career spans about 25 years divided between Coca-Cola, Yum Brands Pizza Hut, Inc. and currently employed by a technology company, Webvent. I have more than 15 years of experience as a trainer, facilitator, and consultant working with clients in all levels of government, non-profit, and private sector. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations from Grambling State University. In addition, I have a certification in Basic Mediation, Family Mediation and Parent Education and Parental Coordination.

**District 4, Ballot Position 4: Sakennia Reed**



Sakennia Reed is a life-long educator committed to improving educational disparities. Reed started her journey at Prairie View A&M University and went on to teach at public schools across Texas before settling in the Dallas area. Currently, Reed impacts students' lives as a teacher at "The" Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy. Coming from a military family, Ms. Reed sees it as her responsibility to make sure that students never feel behind in their education like she did at times. Reed's passion and hard work also extends beyond the classroom walls. She has put in countless hours as the Community Outreach Chair for the DFW Urban League of Young Professionals, a Teaching Trust Ed Fellow, a Leadership ISD Campus Voice fellow, and a Teach Plus advocate. Through Teach Plus, Reed helped pass the historic \$11.6 billion school finance legislation earlier this year. Sakennia Reed is passionate and prepared to serve all RISD students.

## Why is the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Election in November?

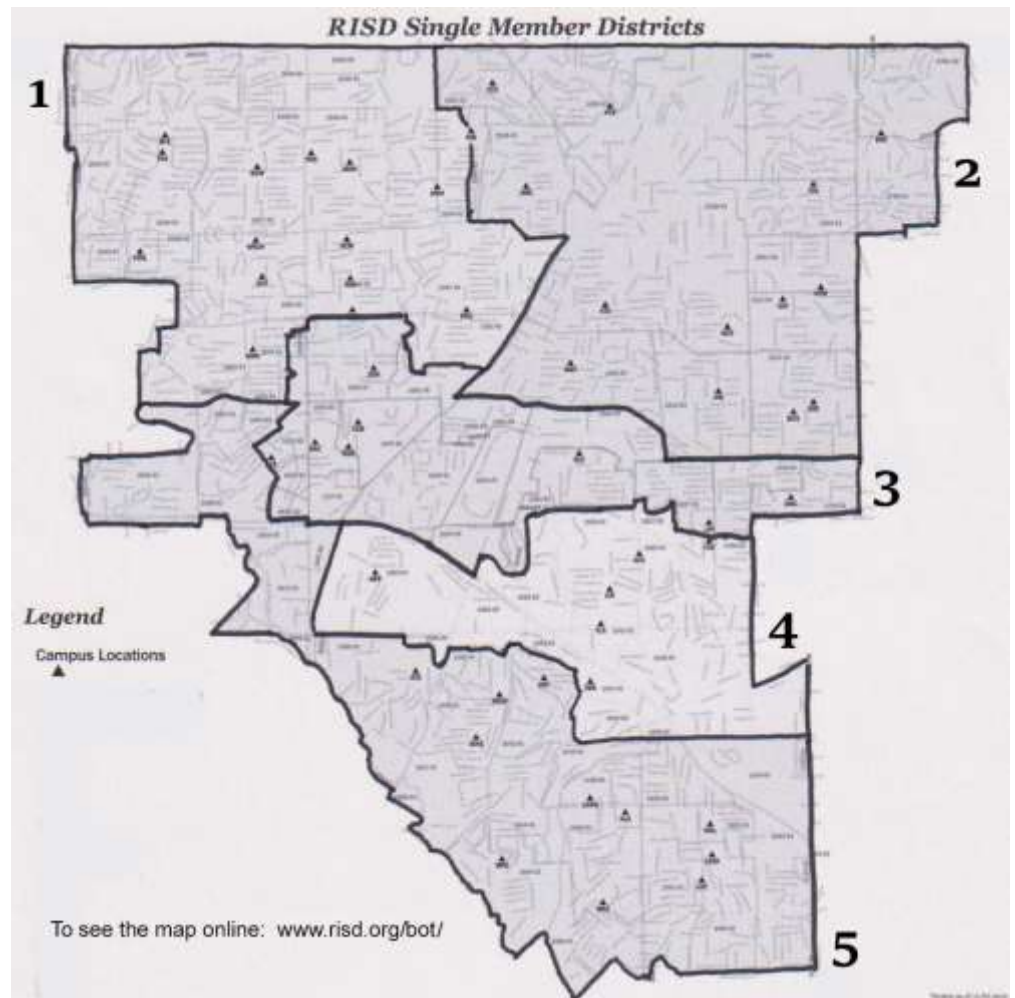
On February 11, 2019, a U.S. District Court granted the Richardson ISD permission to postpone its 2019 Board of Trustees Election, scheduled for May 4, 2019, until the November 5, 2019, General Election. This gave the board time to complete a transition from the former system of electing all seven trustees at large to a 5-2 system: 5 single-member districts and 2 at-large districts.

Newly-created single-member Districts 2, 4, and 5 will be on the ballot on November 5<sup>th</sup>. This means that only voters who live in each district may vote for the trustee who will represent them. Tonight's forum is for newly-created District 4. Tomorrow night will be a forum for newly-created District 2. Karen Clardy, incumbent, is running unopposed in newly-created District 5.

### Duties of a Richardson ISD Trustee

The Board of Trustees members serve 3-year staggered terms without compensation. The Board has the executive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of RISD. Some of the Board's general responsibilities include:

- Setting district policies and supporting administrators and teachers in the execution of those policies
- Employing and evaluating the superintendent
- Adopting the annual budget
- Levying/collecting taxes and issuing bonds
- Performing specific duties imposed by the state



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### Elisabeth MacNamara, Moderator



Elisabeth MacNamara served as the 18th president of the League of Women Voters of the United States from 2010 to 2016. MacNamara has been a member of the LWV since 1983, serving as president of the League of Women Voters of Georgia and the League of Women Voters of DeKalb County (Georgia). MacNamara recently moved to Texas and is currently a member of the League of Women Voters of Collin County. She lives in Richardson, in the Plano ISD. Professionally, MacNamara is a lawyer, licensed in Georgia. She served as a prosecutor in DeKalb County, Georgia, from 1986 to 2010. Her oldest son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live in Richardson.