

**ORDER CALLING REGULAR ELECTION
(2020)**

WHEREAS by virtue of the order of the Court in Theasel Henderson, et al v. Galveston Independent School District, et al, being CA No. G-94-144 on the docket of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Galveston Division), Galveston Independent School District (hereinafter “District”) is required to hold General Elections from time to time to elect trustees from the Single-Member Trustee Districts as the terms of Trustees expire; and

WHEREAS a General Election (hereinafter “Election”) will be held within the District to elect school trustees from Single-Member Trustee Districts **5E** and **6F**; and

WHEREAS the territory comprising Single-Member Trustee Districts **5E and 6F** is set forth on the maps attached as **Exhibits A and B** to this Order Calling Regular Election (the “Order”); and

WHEREAS the District Board of Trustees is authorized to call the Election and establish procedures for its conduct.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GALVESTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Date of Election in Single-Member Trustee Districts 5E and 6F.** An election shall be held in the District on **November 7, 2023**, for the purpose of electing persons to serve on the Board from Single-Member Trustee Districts **5E and 6F**, and trustees to serve until the first Tuesday in November **2026**, or until their successors are elected and qualify for office.

Said Election date is seventy-one (71) or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order. The Election shall be solely in the territory of Single-Member Trustee Districts **5E and 6F** of the District at which all resident, qualified electors of Single-Member Trustee Districts **5E and 6F** shall be entitled to vote for candidates for the position of school board trustee to serve on the Board of the District. The hours during which the polling places are to be open on Election Day at the Election shall be 7 o’clock a.m. to 7 o’clock p.m.

2. **Election by Single-Member Trustee District.** The candidates for election shall be voted upon and elected separately from the respective territories of Single-Member Trustee Districts **5E and 6F**. The names of such qualified and eligible candidates shall be placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the respective Single-Member Trustee District in which applications are received.

3. **Conduct of Election and Appointment of Officials.** The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the contract for election services between the District and Galveston County for the **November 7, 2023** election and shall comply with the Texas Education Code, the Texas Election Code, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

4. **Voting Precincts.** Except as otherwise provided herein, the presently existing boundaries and territory of the respective and currently effective Galveston County Election Precincts that are wholly or partially within the territorial boundaries of Single-Member Trustee Districts **5E and 6F** are hereby designated as the voting precincts of the District for the Election. The precinct numbers for the District’s election precincts shall be the corresponding Galveston County Election number for each precinct.

5. **Election Day Polling Places.** The Election Day polling places for each respective voting precinct or combined precinct that is wholly or partially within the territory of Single-Member Trustee Districts **5E and 6F** will be determined by the County.

6. **Election Information in Spanish.** The Superintendent and other election officers appointed by the Board are responsible for the preparation, publication, and posting of all required notices, instructions, and orders pertaining to the Election and shall cause each such document to be translated into and furnished to voters in both the English language and the Spanish language in order to aid and assist voters speaking Spanish as a primary or an alternative language to properly participate in the election process. All requirements for providing voter assistance to Spanish speaking voters shall be the responsibility of the election officials of Galveston County pursuant to the election services contract between the District and Galveston County.

7. **Approval of Appointment Agent.** The Secretary to the Board has appointed **Amedia Bly**, an employee of the District, as the Secretary’s Agent (“Agent”) to perform the duties of secretary related to the conduct and maintenance of records of the Election as required under the Texas Election Code as specified in the letter of appointment. In particular, the Agent shall provide applications for candidates, accept applications from candidates for a place on the ballot, and determine the order in which names will appear on the ballot for the trustee positions, and accept and maintain records regarding campaign expenditures that may be filed with the District. The Agent is authorized to designate staff in the District to perform any or all of the various responsibilities of the Board’s Agent. The Agent shall maintain an office for election duties for at least three (3) hours each day, during regular business hours, on regular business days during the candidate filing period.

8. **Maintain Documents and Post Notices.** To the extent set out in the contract for services between the District and Galveston County for the **November 7, 2023** election,¹ the Agent shall maintain the documents, records and other items relating to the Election and shall be the Agent designated to receive documents on behalf of the District relating to the Election that are required by the Texas Education Code. The Agent shall post notice of the location and hours of her office as required by the Texas Election Code.

9. **Application to be Placed on Ballot.** Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed with the Agent no earlier than **July 22, 2023**, the thirtieth (30th) day prior to the deadline for filing, and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventy-first (71st) day before the election, to-wit: **August 21, 2023**. No candidate shall be eligible to have his or her name placed on the official ballot for election from more than one Single-Member Trustee District.

¹ GISD approved a Joint Election Services Agreement with Galveston County at an earlier date.

10. **Candidates.** Each applicant for a place on the Ballot shall specify the Single-Member Trustee District for which said applicant is a candidate. Candidates must be a resident of the Single-Member Trustee District in order to become a candidate for election from such district.

11. **Early Voting By Mail.** Ballot applications and ballots by mail shall be addressed to the District's Early Voting Clerk at the address indicated immediately below.

Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk
P.O. Box 17253
Galveston, Texas 77552-7253

if mailing by common contract carrier:

Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk
600 59th Street, Suite 2001
Galveston, Texas 77551-4180

Tuesday, **November 7, 2023**, is the last day to receive ballots from voters casting ballots from outside of the United States.

12. **Early Voting Clerk.** The Early Voting Clerk for all purposes shall be Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk. As the District is holding a joint election with Galveston County, the County Commissioners Court shall appoint such deputy early voting clerks as may be necessary to staff the Main Early Voting Polling Places and each Temporary Branch Polling Place established under this Order.

13. **Early Voting Places.** Early Voting will be conducted during the following dates and times:

Monday, October 23, 2023 through Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, November 2, 2023 through Friday, November 3, 2023 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The main early voting polling place will be the Galveston County Justice Center located at 600 59th Street, Galveston, Texas. Additional Early Voting will be conducted at locations determined by the County.

14. **Requesting Early Voting Ballots.** The first day for accepting regular applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail was **January 1, 2023**, and the last day for receiving applications for early ballots to be voted by mail shall be **October 27, 2023**, at the close of the regular business day.

15. **Notice of Election.** Notice of Election shall be published one time in the English and Spanish languages, in a newspaper published within the District's territory at least 10 days and no more than 30 days before the Election and as otherwise may be required by the Texas

de la Mesa Directiva; y el presidente de la Mesa Directiva está autorizado a hacer todas otras cosas legales y necesarias en relación a la posesión y la consumación de la Elección.

18. **Fecha Efectiva.** Esta Orden es efectiva inmediatamente después de su paso y aprobación.

PASADO Y APROBADO el día 23 de agosto _____, 2023.



Mr. Anthony Brown, Presidente
Galveston ISD Mesa Directiva

DÉ TESTIMONIO:



_____, Secretaria
Galveston ISD Mesa Directiva