

HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Richard A. Garza	Chairman
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COUNTY JUDGE

Honorable County Judge
Mr. Ramon Garcia
PO Box 1356
Edinburg, TX 78540-1356

Re: Selection/Election of Board of Directors 2012 - 2013

Dear Judge Garcia:

The Hidalgo County Appraisal District is governed by a Board of Directors that are appointed by vote of the taxing units that participate in the district. In accordance with Section 6.03 of the Property Tax Code, the Appraisal District will be conducting the 2012-2013 election for the Board of Directors of the Hidalgo County Appraisal District. Below you will find important information and dates for you to keep in mind for the 2012-2013 selection/election process.

The Board of Directors consists of six (6) members, five (5) voting members who are appointed by vote and one (1) nonvoting member, which is the County Tax Assessor/Collector. Therefore, for this election each voting taxing unit may nominate one (1) but no more than five (5) candidates for the election. The candidate(s) name(s) must be submitted to the Chief Appraiser by resolution adopted by the governing body before **October 15th**.

The Chief Appraiser shall prepare and deliver to the presiding officer of the governing body of each voting taxing unit a ballot listing all the candidates whose names were timely submitted and the taxing unit's voting entitlement before **October 30th**. The governing body of each voting taxing unit shall determine its vote by resolution and submit such resolution before **December 15th** to the Chief Appraiser.

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Before December 31st the Chief Appraiser shall declare the five candidates that received the most votes elected and submit the results to the candidates and the governing bodies of the taxing entities.

If I may be of further assistance in providing you additional information regarding the selection/election process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (956) 381-8466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rolando Garza".

Rolando Garza
Chief Appraiser

RG:pma

cc: Board of Directors



Hidalgo County Appraisal District
Timeline
Election of Board of Directors
2012 - 2013

August 2011 But before October 1, 2011	Notify all presiding officers of each taxing unit about upcoming election and their voting entitlement for the 2012-2013 election for the Board of Directors for the Appraisal District.
Before October 15, 2011	The presiding officer of the unit submits the names of the nominees by written resolution to the Chief Appraiser
Before October 31, 2011	The Chief Appraiser prepares the ballot, listing the candidates in order to surname and delivers a copy of the ballot to the presiding officer of each unit.
Before December 15, 2011	Each voting unit casts its vote by written resolution and submits it to the Chief Appraiser.
Before December 31, 2011	The Chief Appraiser shall count the votes and declare the candidates who received the largest cumulative vote total elected and submit the results to the governing bodies and to the candidates.

Sec. 6.03. Board of Directors

(a) The appraisal district is governed by a board of directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that participate in the district as provided by this section. If the county assessor-collector is not appointed to the board, the county assessor-collector serves as a nonvoting director. The county assessor-collector is ineligible to serve if the board enters into a contract under Section 6.05(b) or if the commissioner's court of the county enters into a contract under Section 6.24(b). To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district.

(b) Members of the board of directors other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director serve two-year terms beginning on January 1 of even-numbered years.

(c) Members of the board of directors other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director are appointed by vote of the governing bodies of the incorporated cities and towns, the school districts, and, if entitled to vote, the conservation and reclamation districts that participate in the district and of the county. A governing body may cast all its votes for one candidate or distribute them among candidates for any number of directorships. Conservation and reclamation districts are not entitled to vote unless at least one conservation and reclamation district in the district delivers to the chief appraiser a written request to nominate and vote on the board of directors by June 1 of each odd-numbered year. On receipt of a request, the chief appraiser shall certify a list by June 15 of all eligible conservation and reclamation districts that are imposing taxes and that participate in the district.

(d) The voting entitlement of a taxing unit that is entitled to vote for directors is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of property taxes imposed in the district by the taxing unit for the preceding tax year by the sum of the total dollar amount of property taxes imposed in the district for that year by each taxing unit that is entitled to vote, by multiplying the quotient by 1,000, and by rounding the product to the nearest whole number. That number is multiplied by the number of directorships to be filled. A taxing unit participating in two or more districts is entitled to vote in each district in which it participates, but only the taxes imposed in a district are used to calculate voting entitlement in that district.

(e) The chief appraiser shall calculate the number of votes to which each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation district is entitled and shall deliver written notice to each of those units of its voting entitlement before October 1 of each odd-numbered year. The chief appraiser shall deliver the notice:

(1) to the county judge and each commissioner of the county served by the appraisal district the county judge and each commissioner of the county served by the appraisal district;

(2) to the presiding officer of the governing body of each city or town participating in the appraisal district, to the city manager of each city or town having a city manager, and to the city secretary or clerk, if there is one, of each city or town that does not have a city manager; and

(3) to the presiding officer of the governing body of each school district participating in the district and to the superintendent of those school districts.

(f) The chief appraiser shall calculate the number of votes to which each conservation and reclamation district entitled to vote for district directors is entitled and shall deliver written notice to the presiding officer of each conservation and reclamation district of its voting entitlement and right to nominate a person to serve as a director of the district before July 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(g) Each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation district that is entitled to vote may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body one candidate for each position to be filled on the board of directors. The presiding officer of the governing body of the unit shall submit the names of the unit's nominees to the chief appraiser before October 15.

(h) Each conservation and reclamation district entitled to vote may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body one candidate for the district's board of directors. The presiding officer of the conservation and reclamation district's governing body shall submit the name of the district's nominee to the chief appraiser before July 15 of each odd-numbered year. Before August 1, the chief appraiser shall prepare a nominating ballot, listing all the nominees of conservation and reclamation districts alphabetically by surname, and shall deliver a copy of the nominating ballot to the presiding officer of the board of directors of each district. The board of directors of each district shall determine its vote by resolution and submit it to the chief appraiser before August 15. The nominee on the ballot with the most votes is the nominee of the conservation and reclamation districts in the appraisal district if the nominee received more than 10 percent of the votes entitled to be cast by all of the conservation and reclamation districts in the appraisal district, and shall be named on the ballot with the candidates nominated by the other taxing units. The chief appraiser shall resolve a tie vote by any method of chance.

(i) If no nominee of the conservation and reclamation districts receives more than 10 percent of the votes entitled to be cast under Subsection (h), the chief appraiser, before September 1, shall notify the presiding officer of the board of directors of each conservation and reclamation district of the failure to select a nominee. Each conservation and reclamation district may submit a nominee by September 15 to the chief appraiser as provided by Subsection (h). The chief appraiser shall submit a second nominating ballot by October 1 to the conservation and reclamation districts as provided by Subsection (h). The conservation and reclamation districts shall submit their votes for nomination before October 15 as provided by Subsection (h). The nominee on the second nominating ballot with the most votes is the nominee of the conservation and reclamation districts in the appraisal district and shall be named on the ballot with the candidates nominated by the other taxing units. The chief appraiser shall resolve a tie vote by any method of chance.

(j) Before October 30, the chief appraiser shall prepare a ballot, listing the candidates whose names were timely submitted under Subsections (g) and, if applicable, (h) or (i) alphabetically according to the first letter in each candidate's surname, and shall deliver a copy of the ballot to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit that is entitled to vote.

(k) The governing body of each taxing unit entitled to vote shall determine its vote by resolution and submit it to the chief appraiser before December 15. The chief appraiser shall count the votes, declare the five candidates who receive the largest cumulative vote totals elected, and submit the results before December 31 to the governing body of each taxing unit in the district and to the candidates. For purposes of determining the number of votes received by the candidates, the candidate receiving the most votes of the conservation and reclamation districts is considered to have received all of the votes cast by conservation and reclamation districts and the other candidates are considered not to have received any votes of the conservation and reclamation districts. The chief appraiser shall resolve a tie vote by any method of chance.

(l) If a vacancy occurs on the board of directors other than a vacancy in the position held by a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director, each taxing unit that is entitled to vote by this section may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body a candidate to fill the vacancy. The unit shall submit the name of its nominee to the chief appraiser within 45 days after notification from the board of directors of the existence of the vacancy, and the chief appraiser shall prepare and deliver to the board of directors within the next five days a list of the nominees. The board of directors shall elect by majority vote of its members one of the nominees to fill the vacancy.

(m) If a school district participates in an appraisal district in which the only property of the school district located in the appraisal district is property annexed to the school district under Subchapter C or G, Chapter 41, Education Code, an individual who does not meet the residency requirements of Subsection (a) is eligible to be appointed to the board of directors of the appraisal district if:

(1) the individual is a resident of the school district; and

(2) the individual is nominated as a candidate for the board of directors by the school district or, if the taxing units have adopted a change in the method of appointing board members that does not require a nomination, the school district appoints or participates in the appointment of the individual.

Unit	Tax Levy	Percentage	Votes
County A	\$1,500,000	20.0	1,000
City B	500,000	6.7	335
Town C	200,000	2.7	135
ISD AA	4,000,000	53.3	2,665
ISD BB	1,000,000	13.3	665
ISD CC	300,000	4.0	200



**AUTHORIZED VOTES FOR
HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2012 - 2013**

ENTITY	2010 LEVIED	TOTAL TAX LEVY	2010 PERCENT	NUMBER Of VOTES	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	TOTAL VOTES
Hidalgo County	\$ 160,318,223.74	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.240489296	240	5	1200
Drainage Dist #1	\$ 18,833,155.09	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.028251138	28	5	140
CITIES						
Alamo	\$ 2,680,792.00	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.004021388	4	5	20
Alton	\$1,325,396.38	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.001988193	2	5	10
Donna	\$ 3,785,142.72	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.005677996	6	5	30
Edcouch	\$ 400,006.65	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.00060004	1	5	5
Edinburg	\$ 20,460,190.30	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.030691812	31	5	155
Elsa	\$ 1,016,168.65	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.001524329	2	5	10
Granjeno	\$ 17,583.87	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.000026377	1	5	5
Hidalgo	\$ 1,493,553.50	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.002240442	2	5	10
La Joya	\$ 629,223.26	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.000943882	1	5	5
La Villa	\$ 213,248.11	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.000319888	1	5	5
McAllen	\$ 31,313,662.85	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.04697283	47	5	235
Mercedes	\$ 3,585,361.58	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.00537831	5	5	25
Mission	\$ 17,852,446.52	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.026780002	27	5	135
Palmview	\$ 864,158.98	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.001296303	1	5	5
Penitas	\$ 473,686.66	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.000710565	1	5	5
Pharr	\$ 14,673,858.94	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.022011883	22	5	110
Progreso	\$ 293,455.40	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.000440205	1	5	5
San Juan	\$ 5,689,359.60	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.008534464	9	5	45
Sullivan	231,119.19	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.000346696	1	5	5
Weslaco	\$ 9,310,540.10	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.013966505	14	5	70
SCHOOLS						
Donna	\$ 11,758,169.65	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.017638132	18	5	90
Edcouch-Elsa	\$ 3,084,445.12	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.004626898	5	5	25
Edinburg	\$ 66,259,935.79	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.099394847	99	5	495
Hidalgo	\$ 6,132,907.00	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.009199818	9	5	45
La Joya	\$ 28,557,440.75	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.042838292	43	5	215
La Villa	\$ 1,118,816.72	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.001678309	2	5	10
Lyford	\$ 119,927.45	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.0001799	1	5	5
McAllen	\$ 68,893,742.99	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.103345754	103	5	515
Mercedes	\$ 5,671,958.96	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.008508362	9	5	45
Mission	\$ 20,708,600.21	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.031064445	31	5	155
Monte Alto	\$ 955,341.37	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.001433083	1	5	5
PSJA	\$ 45,893,878.42	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.068844241	69	5	345
Progreso	\$ 1,777,500.34	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.002666383	3	5	15
Sharyland	\$ 29,163,223.59	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.043747011	44	5	220
So Tx College	\$ 41,499,214.55	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.062251918	62	5	310
South Texas ISD	\$ 13,891,654.26	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.020838518	21	5	105
Valley View	\$ 5,529,964.18	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.008295359	8	5	40
Weslaco	\$ 20,156,456.27	\$ 666,633,511.71	0.030236188	30	5	150
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 666,633,511.71	\$ 666,633,511.71	100%			5025