



Community College Association of Texas Trustees

To: Texas Community College Regents & Trustees

From: Susan Moore Fontenot, Immediate Past Chair of the CCATT Board of Directors

Re: Elections at the CCATT Annual Conference

Dear Regents & Trustees,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As the Chair of the Nominating Committee for the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT), I am writing to provide you with some important details regarding the upcoming elections at our annual conference in September. If you have not yet registered for the [2026 CCATT Annual Conference](#) and would like to attend, tickets are available on Eventbrite through Friday, August 28th.

I am pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the upcoming elections. The nominations received before the July 22nd deadline have been thoroughly reviewed by the Nominating Committee. The following candidates met the qualifications, and the full slate was approved by the CCATT Board of Directors on August 26th, 2026:

- I. Chair-Elect
 - Dr. Clint Kingsbery, Alamo Colleges District
- II. Secretary
 - Dr. Tara Deaver, Odessa College
- III. At-Large Director*
 - Erica Benavides Garcia, Laredo College
- IV. Director from the Central Region
 - Gigi Edwards Bryant, Austin Community College
- V. Director from the North Region
 - Dr. Lisa Bellows, North Central Texas College
- VI. Director from the South Region
 - Edward C. Camarillo, Texas Southmost College
- VII. Director from the Southeast Region
 - 'Bel Sanchez, Alvin College
- VIII. Director from the West Region
 - Bonnie Soria Najera, El Paso Community College



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**With no candidates from the East Region, the Nominating Committee voted to alter the 2026 ballot, shifting the East Region Director seat to be an At-Large Director seat, as permissible by CCATT's bylaws.*

While the official deadline for nominations has passed, I would like to remind all members that nominations can still be made from the floor during the annual business meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted if the nominated individuals meet the eligibility criteria for the respective positions and have provided the necessary letters of interest and support.

The election will take place during the Annual Business Meeting as part of the lunchtime plenary session on Friday, September 18th. Each candidate will be given a strict time limit of 3 minutes to present their speeches. Following the speeches, the voting process will begin. Each college represented at the conference will have one vote per race. Please have your board's voting delegate sign in at the registration table.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Nicole Eversmann. Your input and involvement are crucial to the success of the upcoming elections and the future of our association. If you are not yet involved with CCATT and need more information about our association, I urge you to learn more at <https://tacc.org/ccatt>.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the success of community colleges in Texas! I look forward to seeing you all in Baytown for the annual conference.

Sincerely,

Susan Moore Fontenot

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