

2025 TRS Board Public School District Employee Election Candidates



Dr. Ismael Gonzalez III

Assistant Superintendent for Business-Finance & Operations, Gregory-Portland ISD

Dr. Gonzalez has over a decade of experience in public education, primarily as a Chief Financial Officer. He has managed multimillion-dollar bond projects, optimized strategic budgeting to support student instruction, operational efficiency, and fiscal solvency, and led long-range district improvement planning. A Registered Texas Business Administrator, he has received the Award of Excellence in Financial Management and the RISE Award from the Texas Association of School Business Officials. He has served in small, mid-size, and large Texas districts, overseeing finance, human resources, and operations. In 2021, he earned a Doctorate of Education from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.



Dr. Marty Lenard

Fine Arts Director, New Braunfels ISD

Marty, currently Fine Arts Director for New Braunfels ISD, has been in education for fifteen years, both in public schools and higher education. Born and raised in Kerrville, he was a band director and later served as a professor for Schreiner University serving on various committees such as Chair for Academic Affairs. He served his community in different roles such as Board of Trustee for Kerrville ISD, Board Member for Kerr Central Appraisal District, and Commissioner for City of Kerrville Planning and Zoning Commission. He is married to his wife, Halya, of 15 years with 2 daughters. Email: martinlenard@nbsisd.org



Dr. Pete D. Pape

Chief Financial Officer, Leander ISD

Dr. Pete D. Pape has served 22 years as a Chief Financial Officer in regions 15, 6, 4, 10, 13 in 2A to 6A districts, and 2 years at ESC-12. Pete earned his BBA/MBA in Accounting from Angelo State University and earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of Houston Clear Lake. He and his wife Tina have been married for 29 years and have 3 children. He comes from a family of Texas educators and is a member of TASBO, a former school board member at Goose Creek CISD, and has a strong passion for public education.

