



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Martindale, Superintendent *mm*
From: Cari Horn, Clerk to the Board of Trustees *Cari Horn*
Date: August 12, 2020
Subject: AMENDED Order of General Election
Agenda Item: E-2

AMENDMENT

On Monday, July 27, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation suspending Section 85.001(a) of the Texas Election Code to expand the early voting period for the November 3, 2020 elections. Pursuant to the Governor's proclamation, the early voting period for any election authorized to occur on November 3, 2020 will begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and last through Friday, October 30, 2020. As the proclamation recognizes, this expansion will allow for increased in-person voting opportunities for the November 3, 2020 elections while maintaining appropriate social distancing standards in response to the COVID-19 disaster. Additionally, the proclamation suspends a portion of Section 86.006(a-1) to allow a voter to hand deliver their marked mail ballot to the early voting clerk's office on or before election day.

BACKGROUND

Texas law mandates that school districts be governed by a specific number of public officers elected by voters from the school district. The College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees serve staggered, three year terms. Each of these positions on the Board are At-Large, meaning that any voter residing within the boundaries of the school district, who is otherwise eligible to vote, may vote for any candidate running for school board trustee. Similarly, any candidate residing within the boundaries of the school district who otherwise meets the qualifications to run for office and serve as a public official, may run for a place on the board.

This amended order calls for the general election for At Large Place 6 and At Large Place 7 on the College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees on November 3, 2020 with one additional week of early voting by public appearance. The attached Order of General



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Election provides the statutory notice that is required to be published for any election held in the State of Texas.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the College Station Independent School District approve the Amended Order of General Election resulting from the Governor's suspension of Section 85.001(a) of the Texas Election Code to expand the early voting period for the November 3, 2020 general election.