



## Questions for Candidates for Lone Star College (LSC) Trustee from the Conservative Coalition of Harris County

*This questionnaire has two parts; a short answer section to go onto the Voter's guide and long answer section that will be posted onto the conservative coalition of Harris County website for public viewing.*

Candidate Name	Position that Candidate is Running For
George Edwards, Jr	Lone Star Board of Trustees, Position #1

*Short Answer Question Form: Please indicate your position with the following abbreviations. (SF-Strongly favor, F-Favor, U-Undecided, O-Oppose, SO-Strongly oppose, NR-No Response, or Yes/No)*

Question	Answer
Are the Chancellor's salary and benefits adequate?	Yes
Should the LSC administrative overhead be reduced, and more funds directed toward teachers?	U
Should the LSC board trustees have term limits?	No
Should the LSC system expand their online college teaching programs?	U

*Long Answer Question Form. Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise & clear.*

1. 

Why have you entered this election?	<b>Answer:</b> To promote student access and success by providing quality academic and support services, to provide workforce training, to enhance partnerships with emphasis on STEM programs between LSC and the local school districts and promote opportunities for life-long learning and cultural enrichment for Cy-Fair residents.
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2. 

What are the two main issues facing the LSC system? What is your solution to these problems?	<b>Answer:</b> Reduced state funding and academic success for all students. LSC needs to do a better job of lobbying the governor and state legislators. LSC needs to work with the ISDs to increase the number of students who can read for comprehension before entering college.
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What good things are happening at LSC and should be enhanced or continued?	<b>Answer:</b> Dual credit program and the workforce program.
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4. What things can the Chancellor, Executive Council and administration do to improve the LSC quality of education and communication with the college Presidents, teachers and general student population?  
**Answer:** Maintain a rigorous curriculum in the classroom and hire and retain top quality faculty.
5. What things in the LSC administration should be changed?  
**Answer:** I do not know enough about the interworking's of the administration to answer this question.
6. Is the Chancellor's compensation in line with job performance? Why or Why not?  
**Answer:** Yes. The Board and the Chancellor appear to have a cordial working relationship.
7. Is the administrative staffing leveling in the LSC system reasonable? Does it need to be reduced or expanded?  
**Answer:** I do not have enough information to make this determination.
8. What strategic changes do you think should be made in the overall academic programs at Lone Star College system? Are there areas where programs should be reduced or expanded?  
**Answer:** I believe the partnerships between LSC and the ISDs should be enhanced.
9. What can be done to save money and/or eliminate waste within the LSC system? Can any services / positions / etc. be transferred from LSC system to the private sector to save funds?  
**Answer:** I do not have enough information to answer this question at this time.
10. Is the current funding allocation within LSC system spending categories (between administration, facilities, teachers, colleges, etc.) reasonable? Why or Why not? If not, what spending categories can be reallocated to balance efficiencies at LSC?  
**Answer:** I do not have enough information to answer this question at this time.
11. What are your thoughts toward long-term strategic objectives that the Board of Trustees should have for the LSC system?  
**Answer:** I believe that every student that enrolls at LSC should graduate. The LSC System should be one of the top community college systems in the country in terms of student achievement.
12. What is your strategy to handle the growth and changing demographics in the student population in the LSC system?  
**Answer:** Solicit more state and federal funding to handle the growth. Work more closely with the ISDs to ensure that the students are college ready upon graduation from high school.

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| 13. | What role should the federal government play in funding local colleges? What should the Lone Star system do in order to get more state funding?                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|     | <b>Answer:</b> The federal government should play a larger role in funding local community colleges. Voters should be encouraged to contact their congress people and senators and demand that they support local community colleges. LSC should lobby the government and state legislators and encourage voters to do the same. |
| 14. | Is student performance adequate within LSC? What can be done to improve overall student performance?                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|     | <b>Answer:</b> Student performance is not adequate. Enhance the partnership with LSC and the ISDs with a focus on ensuring that students are college ready.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 15. | Is teacher performance adequate? If not, what can be done to improve overall teacher performance? Are teacher's salaries adequate given the expansion of the LSC system?                                                                                                                                                         |
|     | <b>Answer:</b> I do not have enough information to answer this question at this time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 16. | If in the future, the LSC system needed to make cutbacks to balance the budget, what two areas would you cut first?                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|     | <b>Answer:</b> While I do not have enough information to answer this question, if cutbacks are necessary I would suggest that they be in areas that do not impact the classroom.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 17. | There is an increasing trend of online classes for colleges. Should LSC system expand its online classes program? What should be the long-term strategy for the LSC system in terms of internet learning?                                                                                                                        |
|     | <b>Answer:</b> While online classes are trendy, I believe there is a benefit in attending classes and having face-to-face interactions with teachers and other students.                                                                                                                                                         |

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Once this questionnaire has been completed, please email it to: [alex@cchc-pac.org](mailto:alex@cchc-pac.org).

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# VOTE FOR GEORGE EDWARDS, JR.

LONE STAR COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, POSITION 1



## EARLY VOTING

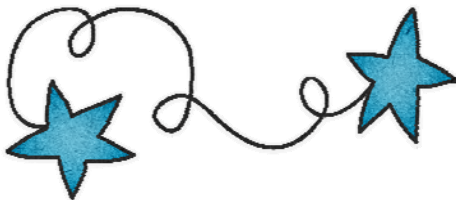
October 22, 2018 - November 2, 2018

## ELECTION DAY

November 6, 2018

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for Lone Star College Board of  
Trustees #1

## WHY I'M RUNNING

- **Promote** student access and success by providing quality academic and support services, including community involvement.
- **Provide** quality workforce training.
- **Enhance** partnerships with emphasis on STEM programs between Lone Star College and the local school districts, including Cy-Fair ISD.
- **Promote** opportunities for life-long learning and cultural enrichments for Cy-Fair residents.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

- U.S. Army Veteran
- President's Advisory Board, Lone Star College-CyFair – 2001-2015
- Board of Trustees, Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, Vice President – 1995-98
- Cy-Fair ISD's Community Leadership Committee – 2017 – Present
- Neuhaus Education Center, Board of Trustees – 2017 – Present
- Texas Bar Foundation, Board of Trustees – 2003-2006
- Leadership Houston Class XXI, Chairman – 2002-2003
- State Bar of Texas, Board of Directors – 1999-2002 (*appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas*)
- United Way, Organizational Review Volunteer – 2001 – Present
- Second Baptist Church, Deacon, Houston, TX – 2003 – Present

## EDUCATION

- University of Southern Mississippi, B.S., Accounting
- Certified Public Accountant, State of Texas

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ExxonMobil Corporation, Certified Public Accountant, 1981 – Present

## AWARDS

- Patron Award, Texas Bar Foundation – 2006
- Mineral Management Service Corporate Leadership Award – 2003
- Patrice Johnson Distinguished Alumnus Award – 2003

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

As a long-time Cy-Fair resident, I went door-to-door asking fellow Cy-Fair residents to vote for the building of Cyfair College, now Lone Star Cyfair. As a certified public accountant, I am uniquely qualified to analyze and provide informed assessments on the financial activities of the Lone Star College System and help to ensure that the system operates in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner.