



Questions for Candidates for State Board of Education from the Conservative Coalition of Harris County

Our questionnaire is for candidates to indicate their reasons and opinions concerning issues surrounding their races. This questionnaire will be posted onto the Conservative Coalition of Harris County website for public voter viewing.

Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
Barbara Denson	State Board of Education ~ District 6

Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise and clear.

1. Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate for the State Board of Education office.

Answer: Education matters. I earned my Engineering degree Magna Cum Laude, and my career in science has shown me how essential strong fundamentals are for every student - and how critical strong STEM preparation is for those who choose that path. The State Board of Education needs someone who can advocate for STEM with real-world experience. As an engineer, I approach every challenge as a problem solver. Texas clearly has a problem: too many students are not mastering the fundamentals. I am the only candidate offering a practical, workable solution to help teachers return to teaching the basics - phonics, numeracy, and foundational skills- because without the fundamentals, students cannot succeed in any other subject - whether they pursue STEM, the trades, the arts, or any other future. My background, training, and hands-on experience uniquely position me to strengthen education standards and help Texas students thrive.

2. Please describe your solutions to the two most pressing problems facing the State Board of Education.

Answer: Texas students continue to rank far too low educationally, across the board. At the root of this problem is weak instruction in literacy and numeracy. Without strong reading and math foundations, students struggle in every other subject. We need to return to the basics.

The Legislature has taken important steps—such as banning three-cueing (whole-language) reading instruction—but we have not followed through with the training teachers need to implement these changes. We must ensure that every teacher is equipped to teach phonics, cursive, and the times tables with confidence and consistency. The SBOE can strengthen teacher certification requirements to include these fundamentals, ensuring new teachers enter the classroom prepared.

I also support expanding the use of teacher-coaches who can mentor educators directly in their classrooms. The data shows that this not only improves instructional quality but also boosts teacher retention, which is currently abysmally low. By rebuilding strong foundations in literacy and numeracy and supporting teachers with real training and coaching, we can begin to reverse Texas’s declining academic performance.

3. Please describe your view of the proper independence and role of the State Board of Education.

Answer: The State Board of Education must remain an independent body accountable directly to the people of Texas, because it is the only part of the state's education system elected by - and answerable to - local communities. Its core responsibility is to set the long-term vision for public education through curriculum standards, instructional materials, and final review of educator-certification rules. That independence ensures that decisions about what students learn are made transparently by representatives chosen by Texans, not by appointed agencies or outside interests.

Some SBOE members serve on the committee that oversees the Permanent School Fund - alongside additional appointees.

The board also has the authority to approve or veto new charter schools, making its independence essential to maintaining public confidence. Its role is to set clear standards, protect the integrity of public education, and ensure that every decision serves students and families rather than bureaucracy. A strong, independent SBOE keeps Texas education grounded in local control and responsive to the communities it serves.

4. Please explain why the publicly elected State Board of Education should have greater or lesser power in setting policy and standards for public education.

Answer: The State Board of Education should hold greater authority in setting policy and standards because it is directly chosen by the voters. SBOE members answer to their communities, and can be held accountable at the ballot box. That democratic connection matters. It ensures that the values, priorities, and concerns of Texans—not those of appointed officials—shape what students learn.

By contrast, shifting power to the Texas Education Agency concentrates decision-making in the hands of individuals who are not elected, not publicly vetted, and not directly accountable to families or taxpayers. While the agency plays an important administrative role, it should not be the primary driver of policy. Public education standards carry enormous influence over the future of the state, and those decisions belong with representatives who must earn and maintain the trust of the electorate.

In short, the SBOE is the voice of the voters. Preserving its authority protects transparency, accountability, and the public's rightful role in guiding Texas education.

5. Do you think that the current Curriculum Standards Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are well defined? What subjects are lacking in content or need to be revised?

Answer: The Social Studies TEKS are scheduled for review in 2026, and that will be an important opportunity to strengthen how we teach our nation's history. In recent years, too many students have been taught narratives suggesting that the United States is fundamentally inferior, that our land was obtained only through illegitimacy, and even that our national story is defined solely by slavery. These topics must be taught within a fuller, more accurate context—one that highlights America's achievements, leadership, and the extraordinary progress our country has made. We have to stop judging people of the past by the moral standards of today, because doing so distorts rather than clarifies history. And while this review is scheduled for 2026, the process will likely take time to fully resolve, which makes it all the more important that we approach it with clarity and purpose. The Technology and CTE TEKS are scheduled for review in 2027, and that process will be critical for aligning our schools with the realities of today's workforce. Texas has created an extremely business-friendly environment, which is why so many industries are relocating or expanding here. Yet many of these companies are discovering that we simply do not have a workforce educated or trained to meet their needs. To fix that, we must be in active communication with these industries so that our CTE and technology programs are teaching the specific skills employers are looking for. At the same time, we need strong coordination with Texas colleges and universities to ensure students have clear, streamlined pathways—from high school to postsecondary programs to meaningful, fulfilling careers. When K–12, higher education, and industry work together, students benefit, employers benefit, and Texas continues to thrive. This is especially important as we look ahead to the 2027 review of the Technology and CTE TEKS. Texas has created a very business-friendly environment, and industries continue moving here, only to find that our workforce is not fully trained to meet their needs. CTE standards must be updated far more frequently so our programs keep pace with rapidly evolving technologies and industry expectations. Although the science TEKS are not currently scheduled for review, I would strongly advocate for revisiting them. Some of the existing language is weak and leaves room for incorrect or misleading climate science to be taught in our classrooms. Science as a field is advancing at lightning speed, yet our standards are only updated every eight years. That timeline is far too slow for a subject where new discoveries, technologies, and data emerge constantly. To ensure students receive accurate, up-to-date instruction, the science TEKS need more frequent and more rigorous revision.

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Barbara Denson has been involved in local politics as a Precinct Chair (she recruited 22 block captains to work her precinct), Presiding Judge, Senate District Secretary, member of the Local Government Committee and as an election worker. She speaks at City Council and Commissioners Court meetings on a regular basis. She has put on several Meet and Greets for candidates. She was the campaign manager for Maria Dunn, a Republican who ran for Congress last year for the last two months of Sheila Jackson Lee's term. She has done a lot of electioneering.



Barbara is an accomplished engineer, entrepreneur, and environmental consultant with a diverse career spanning petroleum engineering, technical sales, and marketing. She began her career as a Petroleum Engineer with Amoco Production Company before transitioning into roles in technical sales and marketing, eventually working with oil and gas companies on their environmental challenges. With over a decade of experience as an entrepreneur, she successfully founded and grew two companies. Most recently, she held a corporate position at Weston Solutions, an environmental consulting firm. She is now retired.

Barbara has been actively engaged with industry and professional organizations, including The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Houston Pipeliners Association, the Environmental Institute of Houston, the Gulf Coast Environmental Affairs Group and The Women's Energy Network. She served as Chair of the Water and Waste Study Group for SPE and Chair of the Produced Water Group for STEER (South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable), contributing her expertise in water management and sustainability efforts within the energy sector.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Barbara has demonstrated a deep commitment to volunteerism, particularly through her long-standing involvement with the Girl Scouts of America. Recognized as "Volunteer of the Year" by Girl Scouts International in 1998, she played a leadership role in expanding scouting initiatives abroad. During the 1990s, she served as Chairwoman of Girl Scouting while living in Egypt and Bolivia, guiding programs that empowered young girls in both regions. She now resides in Houston with her husband, a retired executive in the oil and gas industry.

Education

- Studied Engineering at **Grove City College**
- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, *Magna Cum Laude*, University of Pittsburgh
- Recognized by faculty as the **Outstanding Civil Engineering Student**
- Certified in PADI Reef Restoration

Select Publications and Presentations:

- Co-Chair, Waste and Water Track – AWMA 2016 Conference
- “Effective Strategies for Crystalline Silica Exposure Monitoring and Control in Hydraulic Fracturing” – SPE Environmental Conference, March 2013
- “Strategic Baseline Groundwater Sampling for Shale Exploration” – SPE ATCE Conference, October 2012
- “Constructed Wetland Treatment Systems (CWTS) for Flowback and Produced Water Treatment” – World Shale Conference, September 2012
- Featured in The EnergyMakers Show, Episodes 205, 215, 221, 232, 242, and 280

Environmental and Green Infrastructure Publications:

- *iPlants Magazine*:
 - “How Does Your Rooftop Grow” (January 2012)
 - “Green Roofs: Brainy Can Be Beautiful (Or Hug Your Curves)” (January 2011)
- *The Center for Environmental Innovation and Leadership*:
 - “Tips for Selecting the Right Green Roof Design” (August 2010)
- *EHS Journal*:
 - “Introduction to Green Roofs” (August 2010)
- *The Center for Houston’s Future 2010 Report*:
 - “Counting on Quality of Place: Water Quality, Water Supply, and Green Buildings”
- *Low Impact Development Division, Oklahoma State University*:
 - “Tips for Selecting the Right Green Roof Design”
- *Environmental Leader Magazine*:
 - “Tips for Selecting the Right Green Roof Design” (August 2010)

Books:

- Beneficial Accomplishments of Joe Biden – *Conservative Political Satire*, Winner of the International Impact Book Award for Humor and the Literary Titan Award (2021)
- Gary the Go-Cart Children’s Book Series:
 - *Carbon Comes Out of the Closet* (2017) – Explores carbon sequestration
 - *Wind Blows* (2016) – Compares oil, gas, and wind energy



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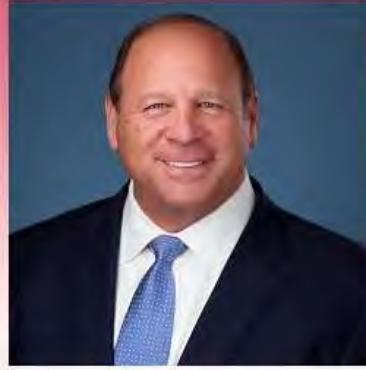
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