



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
Tiffany Nelson	State Board of Education Member, 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: Outside of being a mom of 6, I am a nonprofit consultant. I understand the needs of our community. As a child growing up with a single mom, I attended 21 schools, had free lunches and lived in government housing, I understand first-hand how important education is, and that it can be a way out, a way to achieve the American dream. I have a bachelor's in business, and a master's in Christian ministry from Liberty University. I give talks, and am an author/contributor, and have served many large boards, including the seventh largest school district in Texas, Conroe ISD. I understand policy, curriculum, school finance and legislation. I do the work, I get it done, and I have a track record to prove it. As a trustee, I passed a policy against Radical Gender Ideology, aligning with President Trump's executive order not to fund, sponsor, or support any efforts related to the gender transition of minors. I removed sexually explicit materials from libraries and classrooms to ensure all materials are age appropriate. I led the charge to protect female students with the intended interpretation of Title IX. I adopted and implemented a curriculum focused on the basics, utilizing phonics-based learning and classical literature. I rejected liberal taxpayer-funded lobbying group TASB. I secured funding for the Ten Commandments to be posted in every classroom. I helped get Intelligent Design back into Texas Textbooks. And I will continue this fight to strengthen education in Texas at the state level as an SBOE member, representing district 6.

2.

Please describe your solutions to the two most pressing problems facing the State Board of Education.
Answer: 1. Improving educational outcomes by focusing on the basics and removing DEI, woke ideology currently plaguing learning materials. 2. Students are graduating confused and with little opportunity. I will be a watchman and ensure that students graduate understanding American Exceptionalism; ready for college, career (entrepreneurship or trades) or military.

3. Please describe your view of the proper independence and role of the State Board of Education.
- Answer:** The State Board of Education should be independent enough to uphold the rule of law, maintain high academic standards, and resist politicized swings that undermine stability and excellence. Elected by the people to set clear statewide expectations, protect local control, and ensure accountability for results and responsible use of taxpayer dollars. The board should serve as a watchman of educational quality, parental rights, and constitutional principles, while remaining transparent and accountable to the public.
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 U.S. Constitution reserves powers not explicitly granted to the federal government to the states under the Tenth Amendment and supports local control and accountability, so the SBOE should have greater power.
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:** All things need updating over time, including the TEKS. I am hopeful for HB 1605 and the suitability rubric to get everything aligned, and ultimately improve educational outcomes. I am enjoying watching the overhaul on the Social Studies TEKS, and thrilled about the heavy emphasis on US and Texas History, especially with the 250th anniversary of our great country. I also was instrumental in passing a new HQIM ELAR K-5 curriculum at Conroe ISD, utilizing phonics based learning and classical literature.

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