



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
Dr. Audrey Young	Texas State Board of Education, District 8

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

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1.	Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate for the State Board of Education office.
	Answer: Experience: 32 years public Education from substitute, to classroom teacher, to middle school administrator, to district director, to district executive director while also serving on my local school board as President, prior to SBOE. I am the best candidate because my experience in public education is well-rounded, in that I have been a parent to children attending and graduating from Texas public schools, worked at all levels in public education, and served by community AND state in education.

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2.	Please describe your solutions to the two most pressing problems facing the State Board of Education.
	Answer: High Quality Instructional Materials and equally high-quality Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (T.E.K.S.). The TEKS drive the make-up of the curriculum materials. The SBOE began by creating a suitability rubric which includes ensuring 100% of the TEKS are covered and that the materials follow state laws.
	Solution: I plan on continuing to fight the good fight for the children of Texas by ensuring the best curriculum materials, and drafting and passing rigorous T.E.K.S. My work on the Social Studies Framework is a move forward with leveling up classroom learning expectations, increasing American Exceptionality, and exposing children to more Texas history.

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3.	Please describe your view of the proper independence and role of the State Board of Education.
	Answer: I believe the SBOE should represent the vision and values of the communities that elect us to represent them. This should be done freely and independently from any influence or restrictions imposed upon the SBOE by TEA. The SBOE should dictate the work of the TEA, not the other way around.

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 SBOE (prior to 2011) had more legislative authority, and a substantive amount of authority was transferred over to the Commissioner of Education after the 2011 Legislative session. I would recommend to the Legislation that the Commissioner of Education's authority be limited to what the Texas State Board approves. Similar to the structure of Superintendents and local school boards. Then, the SBOE would not be working parallel to the Commissioner, but would have the authority over the Commissioner and approve all things related to education in the state of Texas.
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:** Social Studies is that the top of the list, next will be Math, and then we will circle back around to the other core courses.

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PLEASE SAVE YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO YOUR LOCAL MACHINE IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE ANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WHEN YOU ATTEMPT TO EMAIL IT BACK.

Once this questionnaire has been completed, please email it to:

alex@cchc-pac.org

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Audrey Young Bio & Endorsements

State Board of Education 8

Bio:

Dr. Audrey Young is a Republican member of the Texas State Board of Education, Chair of the Committee on Instruction, and a lifelong educator whose career and family roots reflect a deep commitment to Texas. She is married to Reverend Dr. Scott Moore and is the proud mother of two daughters, Amanda and AmyBeth, both of whom have pursued careers in medicine. Her decades of service in education, combined with her leadership on the Board, have earned her recognition and awards across the state.

Dr. Audrey Young's story is one of dedication to education, family, and community, deeply intertwined with her Texas heritage. Born into a family with strong ties to the state.

Young is a 9th generation of the Rose family to reside in Texas and her family is recognized by the Texas State Historical Society as a Texas First Family. Her family member: John Washington Rose was elected to the very first Texas Legislature in 1846, representing Victoria County. Following the legacy of the Rose family, 180 years later, Dr. Young now serves as an elected state official. She is the Literacy Chair of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Anthony Smith Chapter and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Mary Hall Mantooth Chapter. These family roots in Texas instilled in her a sense of responsibility and service that has guided her throughout her career.

Her journey in education began with an Associate in Arts degree from South Florida Community College in 1992, followed by a Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders, a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction, an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership, and ultimately a Doctorate of Education from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2019. Young wrote her doctoral dissertation on the connection between the school board, within their perceived roles and responsibilities, and their relationship with the superintendent. Young wrote, "School board members are expected to make important decisions that directly impact students without having been provided the political, financial, educational, or statutory training necessary for such monumental tasks. Boards are as honest to their role as superintendents are to theirs." This academic foundation prepared her for a career spanning more than three decades in public education.

Over the years, Dr. Young has served as a speech therapist, reading specialist, middle school administrator, and district director of student support services. She retired two years ago as the Executive Director of Student Support Services for Nacogdoches ISD. She continues to serve in public education as Interim Special Education Directors for small school district who are short staffed. Her leadership extended beyond the classroom when she served six years on the Apple Springs ISD Board of Trustees in Trinity County and the Texas Education Agency Board of Trustees Advisory Committee.

In November 2020, Dr. Young was elected as a Republican representative to the Texas State Board of Education, District 8, which encompasses parts of Greater Houston and Southeast Texas. She assumed office in January 2021 and was re-elected in 2022 and again in 2024, with her current term running until January 2027. On the Board, she serves as Chair of the Committee on Instruction, member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Social Studies, Chair of the Ad

Hoc committee for School Board Framework, where she plays a pivotal role in shaping curriculum and instructional policy for Texas schools and school boards.

Family remains central to Dr. Young's life. She is married to Reverend Dr. Scott Moore, Pastor of Wesley Methodist Church and an Agent for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Their two daughters, Amanda and AmyBeth, are both college graduates who have chosen careers in the medical field. Their shared commitment to service—whether in education, ministry, or medicine—reflects the values of community and leadership that define her family.

Dr. Young's contributions have been recognized with several awards, including being named a recognized Alumni from both South Florida State College and University of Central Florida. She was named 2021 Educator of the Year in Special Services, awarded the 2021 State of Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award for District 5, named a 2022 Friend of Education by Sam Houston State University, awarded the 2023 Woman of the Year special recognition as an Outstanding Advocate in Nacogdoches County, recognized as the 2023 Area 5 CTAT Champion of CTE Award and a 2024 Montgomery County Woman of Distinction, received the 2025 Education Advocate Award from STTC, and the 2025 Charter Champion Award.

Dr. Audrey Young's biography is a testament to her deep Texas roots, Republican leadership, and lifelong dedication to education. Her successes in the classroom, her leadership on the State Board of Education, and her recognition through statewide awards underscore her influence on Texas students and families. With her husband and daughters also serving their communities, Dr. Young embodies a legacy of service, faith, and commitment to the future of Texas.

Endorsements:

For you Following

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ENDORSEMENT ALERT

Governor [@GregAbbott_TX](#) endorses Audrey Young for reelection to the Texas State Board of Education, District 8.

Dr. Young is a proud conservative and lifelong educator.


Her commitment to academic excellence and conservative values will strengthen Texas schools for generations.



GREG ABBOTT ENDORSES

AUDREY YOUNG
FOR RE-ELECTION

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 **Republican Voters of Texas PAC in Montgomery County, Texas.**


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The 2026 endorsement process for the March 3, 2026 Republican Primary Election was driven by 54 strong conservative voices from the RVTX PAC Advisory Board, who reviewed written questionnaires, debated the issues, and voted.

No shortcuts. No rubber stamps.

We are proud to endorse Audrey Young! 🇺🇸

Vote Down the Ballot!
Election Day: March 3, 2026
Early Voting: February 17 - 27



VOTE ELECTION DAY
MARCH 3, 2026

EARLY VOTING: FEBRUARY 17-27

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AUDREY YOUNG
State Board of
Education, District 8

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 8
CONSERVATIVE ★ EDUCATOR ★ ADVOCATE



ENDORSED BY
Congressman Pete Sessions
U.S. Congressman, TX CD 17

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ENDORSED BY
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Chancellor, Texas Tech University Systems

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Dr. Audrey Young is a 9th-generation Texan, retired educator, and SBOE Chair of Committee on Instruction who believes parents and teachers share one mission: **student success**. She strengthened literacy, blocked disruptive curriculum changes in 2022, updated the Dyslexia Handbook to align with IDEA, and ensured parents have a voice in curriculum decisions.

✔ Trusted Education Experience

✔ Champion for Parents

✔ Defending TX Values

✔ Results Students Need

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EARLY VOTING
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ELECTION
Mar 3rd

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