

Benbrook Library District

November 2022

Elections Information

The Benbrook Library District, operating as the Benbrook Public Library, is organized as a local government, authorized by [Local Government Code Chapter 326](#), established in 1999 by popular vote, and governed by a five-member board of trustees who are elected by the voters residing within the boundaries of the City of Benbrook.

To be eligible to run for election as a trustee, candidates must meet the following qualifications:

- shall be a citizen of the United States;
- shall be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election;
- shall not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;
- shall not have been finally convicted of a felony from which you have not been pardoned or had your civil rights restored by other official action;
- have resided continuously in the State of Texas for 12 months and in the City for 12 months immediately preceding the date of the election;
- be a registered voter of the City of Benbrook, Texas .

Each trustee serves a two-year term which are staggered, requiring an election each year. The library district's elections are held during the November Uniform Election. The [election calendar](#) is established by the Texas Secretary of State's office and it describes the steps required and the associated deadlines to apply. Additional [candidate information](#) (pending website update) is also available from their website, as well as [specific information pertaining to the library district](#). Candidate application materials should be submitted to a librarian at the library's physical location while the library is open for business or mailed to the Benbrook Public Library, marked to the attention of the Library Director at any time within the filing window.

Candidate packages are prepared and made available in printed packets in the library and electronic documents in a portable document format (PDF) from the library's website, under the Governance section, prior to the candidate filing window. [Forms](#) for these candidate packets are all available throughout the year from the Secretary of State's website.

The Benbrook Library District's elections are administered by the Tarrant County Elections, which provides personnel and equipment, and coincide with the City of Benbrook for early election and election day voting centers. Election notices and calendar are posted on the Benbrook Public Library's website and outside bulletin board.

Candidates are selected by plurality vote, meaning the winning candidate must simply have more votes than competing candidates. There are no precincts or places for trustees on the ballot, so the top candidates receiving the most votes are recognized as having won the election. The order that candidates appear on the ballot is determined by a random drawing performed in public by a disinterested party in the library fifteen minutes after the candidate filing window closes. Candidates are encouraged to attend this drawing.

The primary point of contact for matters pertaining to the Benbrook Library District's elections is the library director:

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TRUSTEE NAME	SERVING SINCE	CURRENT ROLE	TERM
Carol Hafer	2019 <i>(served prior 2013-2018)</i>	President	2022 - 2023
Rachel Moore	2015	Treasurer/Vice President	2022 - 2023
Larry Vickers	2018	Investment Officer	2020 - 2022
David McClellan	2020	Secretary	2020 - 2022
Tammi Cauthen	2022	At-Large	2022 - 2023

The next election for the Benbrook Library District's Board of Trustees is Tuesday, November 7, 2023.