

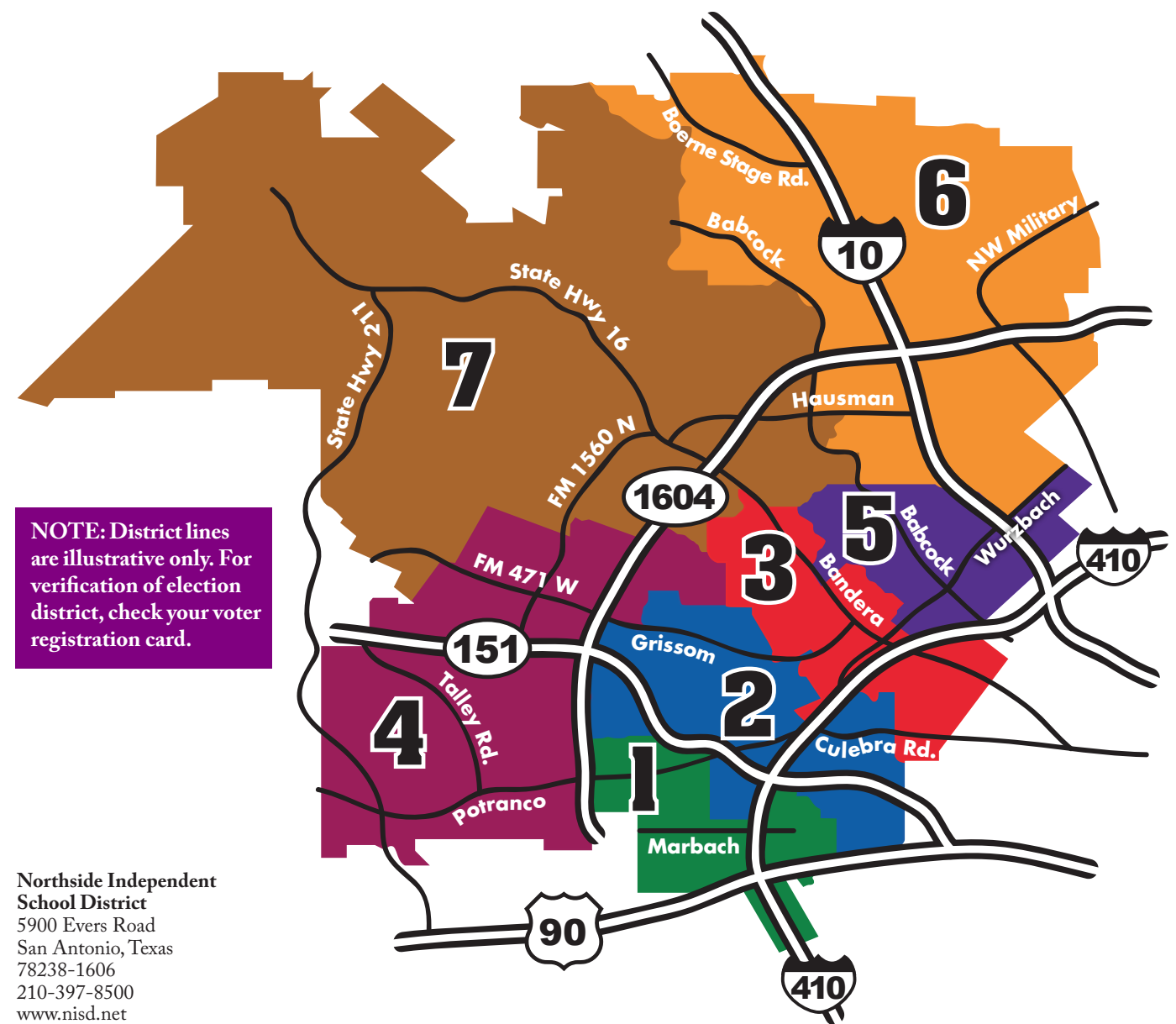


# Board of Trustees

A Texas  
"Good Governance" Board

## Trustees are elected to four-year terms from each of seven single-member districts

Trustee seats are filled during elections held in May. Vacancies may be filled by appointment until the next election. The Board officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary) are elected by the Trustees themselves. Northside Trustees serve the citizens of Bexar County's and South Texas' largest school system without compensation.



NOTE: District lines are illustrative only. For verification of election district, check your voter registration card.

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### Trustees invite public participation

The Northside ISD Board of Trustees is committed to openness and candor in the conduct of its business and encourages public participation.

Northside Trustees meet monthly in regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. They may also meet on the second Tuesday of the month in workshops or retreats or to handle routine business. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Board Room at 5900 Evers Road unless otherwise posted. Meetings are open to the public. Citizens who wish to address the Board may do so by signing up to speak, just prior to the beginning of the meeting. All meetings are posted as required by law. Agendas are posted on the NISD website the Friday prior to Board meetings.

Provisions are made for citizens to speak to agenda items as they are being considered by the Board for action. In addition, a "Citizens to be Heard" time is allotted at each regular meeting for citizens who wish to address items not on the agenda. The Texas Open Meetings Law prohibits the Board from taking action on any item not on the official agenda. Citizens wishing to speak to the Board must register prior to the start of the meeting. Three minutes per person is allowed for presentations. Written statements may also be submitted. The time limit is necessary to provide citizens an opportunity to give input while allowing adequate time for Board business.

Within the limits of the Texas Open Meetings Law, parts of the Board meeting may be closed to the public (Closed Session) so the Board may consider real estate transactions, personnel matters, student hearings, and other legal matters. All actions on items considered during Closed Sessions must be acted upon when they reconvene in open meeting. A majority of the Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

### Trustees set policy; Superintendent implements policy

Seven elected Trustees provide quality educational opportunities for 104,786 students (projected 2015-2016 enrollment) in Northside schools in keeping with the requirements of the law and the desires of the citizens. Trustees set policy on all matters of education, from budgets and buildings to personnel and curriculum. Trustees also hire the Superintendent, who is charged with implementing Board policy, overseeing the District's daily operations, and recommending actions on items at Board meetings. The Superintendent is also responsible for developing the District's long-range Strategic Plan and keeping the Board informed about student and staff achievements, programs, finances, challenges, and opportunities.

### Contacting the Board

Citizens are invited to attend Board meetings and/or may communicate with the Trustees by emailing them at [info@nisd.net](mailto:info@nisd.net), writing to them at Northside ISD, 5900 Evers Road, San Antonio, Texas 78238-1606, or by calling 210-397-8770.

# Northside Board of Trustees – Guardians of the Public Trust

## Northside Trustees Chart the Direction of the District

Elected by the people to govern Northside schools, Trustees are the guardians of the public trust and, through the policies they make, are ultimately responsible for our schools. This responsibility and the accessibility of Trustees to the voters make the Board one of the purest examples of democracy in our society.

Northside Trustees represent more than 200,000 households located in 355 square miles in northwest Bexar County and parts of Medina and Bandera counties. Northside continues to be the "destination district" in San Antonio for many families seeking a quality school system for their children and for employees seeking a quality place to work.



**Joseph H. Medina**  
*Trustee, District 1*  
First elected: 2015 | Current term ends: 2019

**Joseph H. Medina**, an educator and community volunteer, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2015. He serves on the Finance and Policy and Intergovernmental Relations committees. He is also TASB Delegate Assembly Alternate.

Medina is a San Antonio native and graduated from McCollum High School. In 2006, he earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences with an emphasis in Business Administration from Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center in San Antonio. In 2013, he completed his Master of Arts in Educational Administration at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Medina began his teaching career as a middle school math teacher and later worked as a special education inclusion teacher and case manager. He is currently a history teacher and athletic coach at Francis R. Scobee Middle School in Southwest ISD.

Medina and his wife Rocío, an educator, have three sons; Joseph and Joaquín attend Forester Elementary School and youngest son Julian is two years old.

Medina is a University Interscholastic League basketball official and serves as president of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) board at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. He is also a member of the Forester PTA.



**Katie N. Reed**  
*President, District 5*  
First elected: 1990 | Current term ends: 2017

**Katie N. Reed** was first elected to the Board in 1990 and is currently serving her sixth term as President. She is also a Past President of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), an organization that works on behalf of all 1,030 Texas school districts. The president represents the state on the national level.

Reed is a Past Chair of the 30-member Board of Directors of the Alamo Area Council of Governments. This is a board of elected officials from 13 counties who deal with regional issues and programs. She is a past Board Member of the Master Leadership Program, a United Way of Bexar County program that educates adults on volunteerism and community activities. Reed also serves on several committees for the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of three neighborhood associations and is a member and Past Chair of The Salvation Army Advisory Board and the Women and Children's Advisory Committee.

Reed is a recipient of the Dolph and Janey Briscoe Lifetime Achievement Award from the United Way for her numerous community volunteer activities and received a Legacy Award from the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce in 2015. In 2003, Reed was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, and in 2005, she was recognized at the San Antonio Business Journal's Women's Leadership Awards. She also is an Honorary Life Member of the National PTA.

Reed grew up and attended public schools in Omaha, Neb., graduated from The University of Missouri at Columbia, and taught in public schools in Missouri and Oklahoma. Katie's husband, Jim, is the President of the San Antonio Medical Foundation, and they have two grown children, Philip and Holly – both Clark High School and Texas A&M graduates – and three grandchildren. Their oldest grandchild is a first grade teacher in the Houston area. They are active members of First Presbyterian Church.



**Gerald B. Lopez**  
*Trustee, District 2*  
First elected: 2015 | Current term ends: 2019

**Gerald B. Lopez** was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2015. He is Chair of the Technology Committee and also serves on the Building, Finance, and Policy and Intergovernmental Relations committees. He is also the NISD representative to the Northside Education Foundation.

Lopez graduated from Holy Cross High School. He spent 10 years working as an Instructional Assistant at Northside Children's Center (now Holmgreen Center). He currently serves as Chief of Staff for City Councilman Ray Lopez (no relation).

Lopez is married to NISD's Assistant Director of Fine Arts Elizabeth Sanchez-Lopez and together they have three children. Their oldest child graduated from Warren High School and they have two children currently attending schools in Northside – at Carlos Coon Elementary School and Warren High School.

Lopez served on the PTA nominating committee for Carlos Coon Elementary School.

For the past 21 years, Lopez has been actively involved in Fiesta Noche del Rio, an annual summer show at the Arneson River Theatre that celebrates San Antonio in music and dance. Proceeds benefit the Alamo Kiwanis and children's charities. Lopez currently serves as Assistant Director of the show.



**M'Lissa M. Chumbley**  
*Vice President, District 3*  
First Elected: 1995 | Current term ends: 2019

**M'Lissa M. Chumbley** was first elected to the Board in 1995 and currently serves as Vice President. During her tenure on the Board, she also has served three two-year terms as President, and as Secretary and Parliamentarian. She currently serves as Chair of the Building Committee and is a member of the Academics and Finance committees. She is also the NISD representative to the National School Boards Association (NSBA).

She is a former President of the Northside Council of PTAs and is an Honorary Life Member of both the National and Texas PTAs. Chumbley served as Chairwoman of the Los Leones Student Arts Festival, served on the Vision 2012 Committee for the city of Leon Valley, and received the Time Warner Cable Hometown Hero Award for community service. She is a member of the John Jay High School PTSA, O'Connor High School Athletic Boosters, OHS FFA Boosters, and has volunteered for over 30 years at the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show. At USAA, Chumbley participates in the Business Careers High School Mentor education program. She has been selected as one of Business Careers High School's Mentors of the Year.

Chumbley is a recipient of the Honorary Chapter Award from the O'Connor High School FFA as well as the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree from the Texas FFA Association for her commitment to youth in agriculture. Chumbley is also a Life Member of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

She is a graduate of Marshall High School, attended Texas A&M University, and is a 34-year employee at USAA. She and her husband Steve have four sons: Dr. Boot Chumbley (wife Sarah and their son Nolan), a Professor of Agriculture at Texas A&M Kingsville; Ty Chumbley, an Animal Science Professor and Livestock Judging Coach at Palo Alto College and consultant for HeartBrand Beef Company; and Chance Chumbley, a local businessman, all graduates of Texas A&M University. Their youngest son Colton is a senior at Texas A&M University.

The Chumbleys are active members of St. Luke's Catholic Church.



**Robert (Bobby) Blount, Jr.**  
*Trustee, District 4*  
First elected: 1999 | Current term ends: 2019

**Bobby Blount** was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1999 and also serves as the President of the Bexar County School Boards Coalition. He has achieved the status of "Master Trustee" as a graduate of the Leadership TASB program. He currently serves as Chair of the Academics Committee and as a member of the Technology Committee. He also serves as the Board's representative to the TASB Convention Delegate Assembly.

Blount is the founder and Director of both the Department of Energy Regional Science Bowls in San Antonio and the Texas Solar Race Car Event. His employer, The MITRE Corp., and NISD serve as hosts for both events. He serves as Treasurer of the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members. Blount is also on the Board of the P16 Council of Greater Bexar County and is the Chair of the San Antonio Area Foundation African American Community Fund.

Blount earned his law degree from George Mason University and holds a master's degree in systems management from St. Mary's University and a bachelor's degree in engineering science from the United States Air Force Academy. Blount and his wife, Sandra Sandoval, have two children, one a graduate of Communications Arts High School and Stanford University, and the other a graduate of Communications Arts High School and attending The University of Texas at Austin.



**Carol Harle, Ph.D.**  
*Secretary, District 6*  
First elected: 2013 | Current term ends: 2017

**Dr. Carol Harle**, a long-time educator and community volunteer, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2013 and currently serves as Secretary. She is Chair of the Policy and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and is a member of the Academics Committee. She is also the NISD representative to the Bexar County School Boards Coalition.

Harle graduated from Marshall High School and The University of Texas at Austin before becoming a teacher in both Northside ISD and North East ISD. She worked as an Academic Dean at Rayburn Middle School and as a Staff Development Specialist in the NISD Organizational and Staff Development Department. She also served as an Executive Director for the School Improvement Department in North East ISD and as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in San Antonio ISD.

Harle served as PTA president at Leon Springs Elementary School, Stinson Middle School, and O'Connor High School.

She and her husband Judge Sid Harle have two children, Kimberly and Paul, who both graduated from O'Connor High School and The University of Texas at Austin. Paul recently graduated from The University of Texas School of Law and Kimberly is a Public Affairs Coordinator for H-E-B.

Harle received her Ph.D. in Curriculum Studies from The University of Texas at Austin and is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in Harlandale ISD.



**Karen Freeman**  
*Trustee, District 7*  
First elected: 2005 | Current terms ends: 2017

**Karen Freeman**, a long-time NISD community volunteer, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2005 and was re-elected for her third term in May 2013. She is Chair of the Finance Committee and is a member of the Academics, Building, Technology and Policy and Intergovernmental Relations committees. She has been elected to serve on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors and is a member of their Legislative and Nominations committees. She is a member of the Bexar County School Boards Coalition, the National School Board Association (NSBA), and the NSBA's Federal Relations Network. Freeman has earned the status of "Master Trustee" as a 2009 graduate of the Leadership TASB (LTASB) program and is a member of the LTASB alumni association. Freeman serves on the Board of Directors of the Helotes Area Chamber of Commerce and serves as the organization's secretary.

Prior to board service, Freeman served on School Advisory Teams, the first NISD School Boundary Advisory Committee, NISD Strategic Plan committees, three NISD Bond committees (1998, 2001, and 2004) and the NISD Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee. Additionally, Freeman has held numerous PTA and Booster Organization positions in NISD schools and is an Honorary Life Member of the Texas PTA.

Freeman earned a bachelor of science degree in clinical laboratory medical technology at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and is currently working as an administrative assistant in her husband's medical practice. She is married to Dr. Ted Freeman, and together they have four children, all who began kindergarten at Northside's Scobee Elementary School, all graduates of Northside's O'Connor High School, and all have earned college degrees. Freeman attributes her children's successes in part to opportunities they had in NISD and teachers they have had throughout their academic careers.

The Freemans are members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Helotes.