



## CONROE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Candidate Name: **Datren Williams**
2. Highest Level of Education: **Master's Degree – Corporate Finance also Texas Certified Public Accountant**
3. Current Job Title: **CFO**
4. Age: **47**
5. Party Affiliation: **Candidate specific, but not applicable to the position I am seeking**
6. Religion: **Not applicable to the position I am seeking**
7. Marital Status: **Married**
8. Number Of Children: **3**
9. Contact Email: **vote@datren4cisd.org**
10. Contact Phone:
11. Campaign Website URL: **www.datren4cisd.org**
12. Campaign Social Media URL/Handles: **facebook.com/Datren4CISD**
13. Have You Been Finally Convicted of a Felony? **no**
14. Number Of Years Living in Montgomery County: **23 yrs**

### POLITICAL QUESTIONS:

1. Clubs / Community Organizations You Are a Member Of:  
**CISD Board of Trustees (12 years)**  
**CFO**  
**3 sons**  
**My plate is full.**
2. Endorsements You Have Received:
  - o **Lynda and Bob Sasser**
  - o **John Husbands**
  - o **Mel and Becky Brown**
  - o **Scott and Shannon Kidd**

- o Bruce and Diana Tough
- o Dr Don Stockton and Kara Stockton
- o Skeeter and Bonnie Hubert
- o Missy and Wayne Herndon
- o Rev. Anthony Shelton
- o Donnie Buckalew
- o Ray Sanders
- o Myrna Irons
- o Ann Synder

3. Political Action Committees You Have Contributed To:

CISD Bond PAC

4. Candidates/Elected Officials You Have Supported for Office and/or Generally Align With:

Most qualified.

5. Have You Ever Voted in a Democrat Primary or for a Democrat Candidate? If yes, please explain your answer.

Candidate specific, but not applicable to the position I am seeking. The position being sought is a non-partisan position. As a school board trustee for the past 12 years, I believe that it is imperative that our schools remain free of politics regardless of the party. When we infused politics in our public-school systems, the kids and administration suffer. Our focus must be on granting every child access to the great equalizer, Education.

This opportunity for an exemplary education must be afforded to each child regardless of religious beliefs, political beliefs, social economic status.

6. Have You Ever Donated Money to Democrat Candidates or Organizations? If yes, please explain your answer.

Candidate specific, but not applicable to the position I am seeking. I am not seeking to represent any political party as a trustee. My allegiance in this role with the students, administration, and being fiscally conservative with taxpayer resources.

## OFFICE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

1. Why are you seeking to serve on this Board?

1. To continue to safeguard our public-school systems from political entrepreneurs opposed to public education and seeking to sow division at the expense of our children. This is currently the climate of our country and unfortunately members of our current school board.

My priorities are to:

1. Place our kids first in all we do.
2. Equip the educators and administrators with the resources needed to be successful
3. Maintain a conservative fiscal policy with the resources of district taxpayers.
4. We will continue to meet our exemplary school standards with excellence in all we do.

2. What qualifications do you bring to this Board?

12 years of faithful services to the School Board as the incumbent  
6 years of service on The Montgomery County Women's Center Board of Directors  
20 years as Texas CPA  
23 years of financial and accounting experience serving as a CFO for 8 years  
Wife currently as an educator in CISD for over 20 years  
3 sons as products of CISD with two currently in High School in CISD  
Mostly a reasonable / objective view on how our public school system should work and the role of the board in partnership with the school district

What leadership positions have you held, including elected office and appointments, that you believe would benefit the Board?

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3. Do your children (or **did** your children if they are now adults) attend Conroe ISD? If not, can you explain what led you to decide to educate them in an alternative school setting?  
3 sons who are products of CISD with two currently in High School in CISD – one son graduated from CISD attending Sam Houston State University.

My wife and I are also products of public education

4. CISD has a budget deficit. If the State does not make adjustments in the 2025 Legislative Session to handle this, what is your plan to combat the budget shortfalls?

Attrition in hiring employees. (reduce hiring to prevent cutting job)

Review areas of inefficiency with our administration without cutting jobs. Place a stay on pay increases. And continue to make legislatures aware of the impacts caused to our community and country when we hold school funding hostage.

5. What is your stance on Governor Abbott's proposed school voucher program, also known as education freedom? Do you plan to campaign for, or against, the program at the Capitol, or do you wish to remain neutral?

I do not support school vouchers. This is an attempt to divert public resources to private enterprises and would re-introduce school segregation based on social-economic status.

Kids in failing / economically challenged areas cannot afford, even with school vouchers, to attend private schools. How will they get to and from school, how will they attend any after-school activities as most have two working parents' homes or single parent homes? In addition, these private schools are allowed to screen and choose the children they are willing to accept using some arbitrary admissions process.

The overwhelming majority of those who are sending their kids to private schools don't have the need for additional funding/vouchers. Taking public resources out of public schools to fund private enterprises that lack the same accountability sets a very dangerous precedent for our country.

6. The Texas legislature banned biological males from participating in female sports. Do you agree with this decision? Please explain your answer.

Agree.

7. Montgomery County has a library book policy in place that designates specific areas in the library for adult content, which includes topics on lifestyles that are alternative to the traditional family / heterosexual / two gender unit. Do you agree with this decision? Please explain your answer.

No issues with where books are placed

8. Any final thoughts you would like to share with the Montgomery County Republican Club's audience?

Thank you for the opportunity to express my ongoing position and role on the CISD Board of Trustees. Please feel free to contact me if you need anything further to aid in your decision of candidate support / endorsements.

Godspeed.