



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB

## CONROE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Candidate Name: Lindsay Dawson
2. Highest Level of Education: Master of Arts
3. Current Job Title: Founder & CEO, uThrive Academy
4. Age: 38
5. Party Affiliation: Republican
6. Religion: Christian
7. Marital Status: Married
8. Number Of Children: 2
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10. Contact Phone:
11. Campaign Website URL: <https://lindsay4cisd.com/>
12. Campaign Social Media URL/Handles: <https://www.facebook.com/lindsay4cisd>
13. Have You Been Finally Convicted of a Felony? No
14. Number Of Years Living in Montgomery County: 6 years

### POLITICAL QUESTIONS:

1. Clubs / Community Organizations You Are a Member Of:  
Community Engagement Board Member, The Woodlands Republican Women Club  
Associate Member, Montgomery County Republican Women  
Member, Church Project
2. Endorsements You Have Received:  
CISD Trustees Misty Odenweller, Tiffany Nelson, and Melissa Dungan  
Many more to come

3. Political Action Committees You Have Contributed To:  
None
4. Candidates/Elected Officials You Have Supported for Office and/or Generally Align With:  
State Representative Steve Toth
5. Have You Ever Voted in a Democrat Primary or for a Democrat Candidate? If yes, please explain your answer.  
No.
6. Have You Ever Donated Money to Democrat Candidates or Organizations? If yes, please explain your answer.  
No

## **OFFICE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:**

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

The stakes are too high for our children and the future of this country to sit on the sidelines. With student learning outcomes declining, the threat to children's safety increasing, parents' voices being suppressed, and teachers leaving in droves, now is the time to get back to basics. The focus should be on reading, writing, and arithmetic and creating a conducive learning environment where our kids can be successfully equipped and prepared for adulthood.

2. What qualifications do you bring to this Board?

As a former CIA analyst and diplomat, I'm well-versed in analyzing complex problems and working with various stakeholders to craft robust policies. As a former financial auditor and small business owner, I will ensure fiscal responsibility of taxpayer dollars. As a Mom, I have skin in the game and am personally committed to protecting and helping this next generation succeed. I will reflect our community's values as a strong leader.

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

I have served on the Board of The Woodlands Republican Women Club as the Community Engagement Chair since 2023 and was recently asked to consider serving as the President of the club due to my leadership skills and experience. I was selected as a '40 under 40' recipient in

the inaugural class for the Texas Federation of Republican Women, where top leaders were identified across the state. I am also the Founder and CEO of [uThrive Academy](#), which focuses on equipping young people with career readiness and financial literacy skills.

4. 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?

The decline in Conroe ISD – both academically and ideologically – led my family to keep our children out of public schools. A return to the fundamental basics of education and the removal of liberal ideologies will allow us to reconsider this decision.

5. 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?

It is important to be fiscally responsible and maintain a balanced budget. It is essential that the Board thoroughly understand how the budget is created, not just top line items, to hold the district accountable for its spending of taxpayer dollars. Utilizing a zero-based budgeting system would improve cost-efficiency and require justification of expenses to reduce waste and maximize value-added activities that directly support CISD's goals. In the meantime, an independent, third-party audit should be conducted.

6. 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?

This is a decision that is made at the state-level and is not in the purview of local school board Trustees. I am running to make Conroe ISD the best possible district it can be so it can compete against alternatives in the area.

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

Biological males should never be allowed to participate in female sports. I have spoken out against this publicly at CISD Board meetings, and I support the Texas legislature's decision.

8. 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.

Sexual and mature adult content, like suicide ideation and gender identity, have no place in a children's section of a public library. Children are not developmentally ready for this content, nor is it appropriate. I agree this content should be moved to an age-appropriate section of the library as was recently adopted.

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

There are several challenges facing the board, including 1) declining student learning outcomes; 2) teacher attrition due to lack of support, discipline issues, and low pay; 3) and parental voices being marginalized; and 4) a large budget deficit. It's hard to focus or excel in academics with disruptive/violent children in the classroom and rampant distractions like cell phone use. Supporting teachers and giving them the ability to remove these disruptions from the classroom will go a long way towards improving learning outcomes, along with reviewing and improving curriculum. This would also improve the morale and retention of teachers who are juggling many tasks in a day. Teacher salary is also an issue that should be adjusted for once the budget is balanced and waste identified. For parents, I would ensure the parent portal is robust, user-friendly, and transparent, and I would also empower the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to be truly parent-led and in charge of its own bylaws.