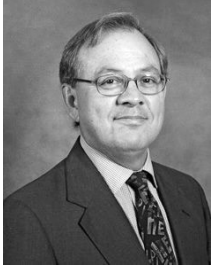


# Pflugerville Council of Neighborhood Associations

Pflugerville ISD School Board Candidates Forum. April 11, 2016

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Place 3 Candidate



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**\*Experience:**

Pflugerville ISD board member for 6 years; employed at TEA, and past experience as a teacher, coach, campus administrator and superintendent in public schools.

**Why are you running for school board?**

I am the incumbent and have served on the board for six years and would like continue serving the district for the next there years. I feel that the district needs consistency in leadership in a time of growth and transition.

**What are the top issues for PfISD?**

Growth, competing for excellent educators through a competitive salary schedule, and developing a balanced budget while keeping the focus on the issues.

**Why should people vote for you?**

Because of my experience and desire to provide a quality education for the students.

**Rena Mitchell**  
Place 3 Candidate



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**Experience:**

A 30-year resident of Pflugerville, Rena has spent the last 15 years actively involved in PfISD as a volunteer, leader and parent. She is committed to PfISD and this community. Her focus includes helping students who perform below grade level, creating programs to ensure students succeed and graduate. She currently serves on several nonprofit boards and the Pflugerville Planning and Zoning Commission. She has a BA in Journalism/ Communications from Southeastern Louisiana University and a MBA/MEd from UT Austin McCombs School of Business. She has worked over 25 years in the public and private sector and is the owner-developer of Magnolia Ranch Estates. Married with two children, Rena has a passion for creating an environment where students thrive and make a difference.

**Vernagene Mott**  
Place 4 Candidate



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**Experience:**

My volunteer experience, institutional knowledge and service record as an officer in this fast-growth district educating more than 24,000 students on 31 campuses with 2,894 employees and 3+ major bond construction projects qualifies me to continue serving this vibrant diverse community. I have participated in countless meetings collaborating with leaders at all levels(local, county, area, state, national) regarding what's best for our students. Outstanding feats happen daily here in Pflugerville. As a native Pflugervillian, my goal is to "Make Education a Priority" in PfISD on every campus, in every classroom thru every employee for every child utilizing the resources available in an efficient and effective manner. I accept the challenge to represent and work diligently for and with you.

**Matt Robertson**  
Place 4 Candidate



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**Experience:**

For the past 15 years I have been actively serving our community in different capacities. I would like your vote on May 7th to take the leadership, dedication, and problem solving skills that I have learned, and put them to use building a better future for our children and our city. I promise to work tirelessly on building a more effective and efficient organizational structure for the district. Besides attracting new educators for our increasing growth, I believe we need to invest in the educators we are already counting on everyday. I am committed to bringing a fresh, new, much needed perspective to keep Pflugerville a wonderful community to live in.

**Carol Fletcher**  
Place 5 Candidate (unopposed)



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**Experience**

Dr. Carol Fletcher has been elected to four terms on the PfISD Board of Trustees, serving as Board President for five years(2006-2011). She and her husband Clint built their first house in the city of Pflugerville in 1992 and have lived here ever since. Carol believes the most important part of her role as school board trustee is the opportunity to impact the lives of Pflugerville ISD students through the decisions made by the school board. Examples include her decade long support for increasing access to AP courses for all PfISD students and promoting the adoption of the innovative Geometry in Construction program at all three high schools, which promotes connections between school mathematics and real world applications. She currently works as the Deputy Director of the Center for STEM Education at the University of Texas at Austin.

## Pflugerville ISD School Board - 2016

Web Site: <http://pfisd.net>

Superintendent: Alex Elias Torrez (Sept. 2013)

Enrollment: 23,347 students

Size: about ninety-five square miles, all or part of six municipalities including Pflugerville, Austin, Coupland, Hutto, Manor and Round Rock.

Number of schools: 31

Expenditures (2015-2016): \$256,406,195

Per Pupil Expenditures (2015-2016): \$10,504

The Pflugerville ISD Board of Trustees consists of seven members who are elected by district to three-year terms.

Member	Role	Place #	Term Ends
Ms. Mary Kimmins		1	2018
Dr. Cynthia Graves	Secretary	2	2017
Mr. Mario Acosta		3	2016
Ms. Vernagene Mott	President	4	2016
Dr. Carol Fletcher		5	2016
Mr. Larry D. Bradley	Vice President	6	2017
Mr. Rob Reyes		7	2017



### School Board Elections Calendar for 2016

Early Voting: Monday, April 25 thru Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Location: 7 am to 7 pm at County Tax Office, 15822 Foothill Farms Loop  
or PfISD Administration Building, Pecan Street, Pflugerville.

Election Day: Saturday, May 7, 2016

To watch video recordings from tonight, visit [PfCONA.org](http://PfCONA.org) or  
<https://vimeo.com/channels/pfconatv>

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### Our Mission: *Building Community Together*

Since 1985, PfCONA has been a discussion forum for solving challenges in Pflugerville neighborhoods. Visit our web site [pfcona.org](http://pfcona.org) or Facebook/ for announcements.

### Submit Written Questions For Candidates

- Please submit written questions on cards and pass them to the aisle for collection.
- Write simple questions so all candidates may answer in 2 minute time limit.
- We *apologize* if your question is not read by the moderator because of limited time or similarity to other questions. Our goal is that a diversity of topics are included.

### Audience Decorum

- Please mute or turn off your cell phone and take calls outside.
- Please be quiet so we may all hear candidates.
- Respect those who are speaking, even though you may not agree. This is a public meeting.
- All candidates have the same time to answer. Please let our time keeper and moderator indicate when time is up.
- Restrooms are outside in the lobby. A volunteer with a badge can open the lobby door.

### Program Agenda (approximate times)

1. Welcome – 7 pm - PfCONA Chairman Clay Leben, Introductions, Acknowledgments
2. Q & A Instructions – 7:05 - Moderator, Doug Weiss
3. Candidate Opening Statements – 7:10 - 4 minutes each, 5 candidates
4. Candidate Q & A – 7:30 - Audience written questions 2 minute answers
5. Candidate Closing Statements – 8:20 - 4 minutes each, 4 candidates
6. Moderator Closing remarks - 8:40 pm adjourn