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See who's running for Denton City Council, Denton ISD school board



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Four candidates have filed to run for mayor of Denton, and several others are running for city council. (Courtesy Adobe Stock)

The candidate filing period for the May 2 election for city of Denton council positions and the Denton ISD school board ended at 5 p.m. Feb. 13.

Five Denton City Council seats and two spots on Denton ISD's board of trustees are up for grabs, and several candidates have filed their candidacy.

On the ballot

Denton mayor

Denton's election [ordinance](#) prevents Mayor Gerard Hudspeth from running for another term as mayor. Hudspeth is serving his third term as mayor, and city regulations forbid council members and the mayor from serving for more than three consecutive terms in the same elected position. All council members and the mayor serve two-year terms.



The current mayoral candidates are:

- Shannon Childs
- Chris Watts
- Brian Beck
- Angela Brewer

In addition to the mayor's seat, four other council spots are up for election, including both at-large positions and two single-member districts. Single-member council members are selected by specific council districts and at-large members are elected by voters citywide.

Denton City Council at-large Place 5

- George Michael Ferrie Jr.
- Caleb Meese
- Erica Garland

Denton City Council at-large Place 6

- Incumbent council member Jill Jester filed unopposed.

Denton City Council District 1

- Michael Herron
- Jordan E. Villarreal
- Kris Cox

Denton City Council District 2

- Nick Stevens
- Robert J. Archer III

In addition to five City Council seats, two DISD trustee spots are up for election. Each trustee serves three-year terms in rotating sets of two or three positions up for election every election cycle, district [documents](#) state.

The current candidates are:

Denton ISD board of trustees Place 6

- Greg Petolick
- Vicki Byrd

Denton ISD board of trustees Place 7

- Anita Martinez-Strickland filed unopposed.

Looking ahead



Election day is scheduled for May 2. Early voting will run from April 20-28 according to the Texas Secretary of State's website, and the deadline to register to vote is April 2.

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