

Bay City ISD Board of Trustees 2020-2021

Priscilla Robinson. Robinson is a 1976 graduate of Prairie View A&M University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a Minor in Sociology and a Certification in Special Education. She also earned her Masters of Education Administration and Supervision from Prairie View in 2003. She is the mother of Patrick Robinson and the grandmother of Dayton Robinson. She has 30 years of experience in education. Robinson has served as the assistant principal at Linnie Roberts Elementary, and was a behavioral specialist at Cherry Elementary and a STAAR Tutor at McAllister and Bay City Jr. High. She is currently the CEO and Founder of the Empowerment for Exceeding Together Adult Education Center, which has been operating for nine years. She is a member of the New Fellowship Tabernacle Church, the Literary Texas Association and the Bay City Chamber of Commerce, and is a Bay City Lady Lion. Robinson has also served the community in the Tri-County CDC Head Start Program and the Matagorda County Boys and Girls Club.

Clyde “Trent” Tinnin. Trent Tinnin is a proud product of Bay City ISD and the BCHS Class of 1999, and his children Taelynn (9), Tate (8) and Tag (6) are students at Linnie Roberts Elementary and Tenie Holmes Elementary. His wife has devoted her life to education and his mother has been teaching math and transforming lives in BCISD for 28 years. “I am committed to the success of this district because blue and gold run through my veins. Trent holds an accounting degree from Texas State University. He is spreadsheet savvy, can balance a budget, and possess the expertise to critically review financial records. “Because I am a follower of Christ, I am called to serve.” Convinced that God gave him skills and aptitudes for this purpose, Trent uses his athletic abilities to coach girls’ softball and his wood-working skills to decorate for Vacation Bible School. Trent’s love for Christmas inspires him to transform his home into a winter wonderland for the children in the community to enjoy. To honor the life of his brother, Trent organizes and hosts the annual Travis Tinnin Golf Classic, where every penny is used to send youth to church camp.

James Scardami, Board President. James and his wife Lesley are parents to twin 8 year olds, Conner and Emily, who attend BCISD. Lesley works as an instructional aide for special needs children in their elementary school. James is a business owner and serves his clients as a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments. After high school, he joined the Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 2002 when he moved to Texas. He graduated from the Business School at Howard Payne University and was the first undergrad graduate of Howard Payne University New Braunfels Extension Center. Upon moving to Bay City in 2017, James started a Marine Corps Toys for Tots program and gave away toys to over 1000 children in need. He also has served as Rotary President, Sunshine and Rainbow board member, little league coach, girls softball association coach, and youth soccer coach. He and his family are active members at First United Methodist Church and James has, on occasion, filled in for the pastor when he is out. “I am fully invested in the BCISD because my wife and children are a part of this district; serving on the board is my way of giving back to the community and ensuring they have the best education that is possible.”

John DeWitt. John DeWitt has lived in Bay City for over 30 years and is a 1996 graduate of Bay City High School. He is currently enrolled at Wharton County Junior College pursuing a degree in Business Management. John also serves as the Associate Pastor at Word of Life Church in Wadsworth where he has been a licensed minister for 19 years. John is a licensed insurance agent in Bay City, and has been with Hollister Insurors for the past 12 years. He has been married to his wife Christine for 20 years and they have two children -- Jace and Taylor -- who attend Bay City ISD schools. John has also volunteered and coached with Bay City Little League and Bay City Girls Softball Association for the past 11 years. John is a 10th generation Texan. He's a descendant of the Canary Islanders who came to Texas when it was still Spain, and settled in Presidio de San Antonio de Bexar (present-day San Antonio). "Bay City has been good to me and my family and I hope with all my heart I can give back as it has given to me. I want nothing but success for all of our students, teachers and administration. I believe that open dialogue will help get us where we need to be. With faith in God, love from our family and love for our community, there is nothing that can hold us back from achieving new heights!"

Mark West. Mark West graduated from Bay City High School in 1998. He graduated first in his class from the University of Houston downtown with a degree in Instrumentation and Control Engineering and received Summa Cum Laude honors. While pursuing his degree, he was also an active member of ISA, where he held positions of treasurer and president. Mark is currently employed as a Staff Instrumentation and Control Engineer in Plant Engineering at the South Texas Nuclear Operating Plant. In addition to his regular job duties, Mark is also a qualified Mentor, has Engineering Duty Manager responsibilities, and is part of the Emergency Response Team. Mark is married to Lysie West who is a Mortgage Systems Support administrator for TDECU. Mark and Lysie are founding members of Tenie Holmes PTO, where Lysie served as president and Mark served as treasurer. They also volunteer for other organizations within BCISD including, Linnie Roberts PTO, Band Booster club, and the WatchDog program and several youth sporting associations including Bay City Little League, Bay City Girls Softball, and Bay City Youth Soccer. They have three children. Their oldest daughter, Justina, is a senior at Bay City High School and plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station. Their daughter Aaliaha is currently in fourth grade at Tenie Holmes Elementary and their son Brenden is a second-grader at Linnie Roberts elementary. Mark believes in the importance of education and the role the community plays in it. He has several immediate family members that were teachers and they consistently reinforced the value and importance of education both in and out of the classroom. He believes that public education is the cornerstone of our community. That is why he believes that all individuals at BCISD should have the ability to learn and grow in a healthy, engaging environment. He also believes most children, including himself, would not have been able to achieve their life goals without the education, love, and support provided by dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators.

Edward Nelson. Edward Nelson is a 1967 graduate of Mineral Wells High School where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He received his Associate Degree from Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas, his Bachelor's from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas and his Master's from Prairie View A&M. Nelson spent one year as an assistant at Howard Payne and 36 years as head basketball coach at Bay City High School. He led the Blackcats to 16 district championships, 14 bi-district championships, 12 area championships, 5 regional championships, 6 regional finalists, 5 state appearances, 4 state semi-finalists, 2 state finalists, and one state championship. His overall record is 745-357. Nelson was named Coach of the Year 16 times and Most Victorious in a Decade for 80 district

games in a row. He has had four Teams of the Decade. One of his players, LaBradford Smith, was named Player of the Decade, Best Player in America and a #1 NBA draft choice by the Washington Wizards. In the last 25 years of his career, the Bay City Blackcats had 20 playoff appearances, 15 high school All Americans, and 53 of his players received college scholarships. He and his wife Mary Helen have one child, Marcy Ann Wilson, who's married to Patrick E. Wilson, and one granddaughter, "the apple of his eye" Paige Helene.

Bob Klepac. Bob is a 1968 graduate of Bay City High School, a 1970 graduate of Wharton County Junior College, and a self-employed businessman. He has owned and operated Bob Klepac Exterminating Service for over 40 years. His wife, Patricia, taught in BCISD for 40 years and his daughter, Jessica, taught at Bay City Junior High for two years. All five of Bob's children attended BCISD Public Schools. Klepac has been a member of the Bay City Volunteer Fire Department for over 43 years and serves as its Second Assistant Fire Chief. He is also a 43-year member of the Bay City Lions club, having held many local and district leadership positions. "I am extremely honored to serve on the Board of Education. Education is not rocket science, it is people science: people helping people teach other people to learn. As long as everyone involved does his or her part well, the sky is the limit.