



2025-2026
Nominations Committee Report
October 21, 2026

Committee Members:

Chair, Rene Zamora, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Chair-Elect, Cyndi Klausmeyer, Blinn College
Ashley Fleeks, North Central Texas College
Alejandra Holt, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Noah Murray, The University of Texas at San Antonio
Ex-officio, Chris Reed, Texas A&M University

Preparing for Nominations

Zamora and Reed worked with Rexroat, VP of Technology and Zerr, President to ensure nominations would open via ElectionBuddy.

Call for Nominations

On April 16, 2026, The Nominations Committee distributed a call for nominations to TACRAO membership for the following positions:

- President-Elect ('26-'27)
- Vice President for Records and Registration ('26-'28)
- Vice President for Technology ('26-'28)
- Treasurer ('26-'28)
- Nominations Committee ('26-'27)

The nomination period remained open through May 31, 2026.

Zamora posted a reminder on the TACRAO Discussion Board on May 27 that nominations would be closing soon.

Nomination Response Form

Reed assisted in the development of a TACRAO Nomination Response Form (Addendum) for nominees to accept their nominations. The form required them to respond to a short form to ensure the information could be added to Election Buddy for voting. Headshots were optional and were included in Election Buddy with the nominees' details.

Nominees were given a deadline of June 24 to complete the Nomination Response Form.

Review of Nominees Eligibility Requirements

The Nominations Committee met to review nominations, verify candidate eligibility, and determine which nominees would be included on the official election ballot.

The committee reviewed each nominee's qualifications, relevant experience, and prior TACRAO service in accordance with the eligibility requirements outlined in the TACRAO Bylaws and Procedures Manual.

The following table summarizes the nominations received and the candidates selected for the official election slate:

President-Elect	
Anam Iqbal	Not Eligible
Brenda Schumann	Declined
Justin Schilke	Declined
Dara Newton	Accepted
Samantha Taylor	Accepted

Vice President for Records and Registration	
Alejandra Holt	Declined, stayed on Nominations Committee
Anne Delgado	Accepted
Troy White	Accepted, then withdrew
Ben Milum	Accepted
Kim Tate	Declined
Nicole Mancone Fisher	Declined
Samantha Taylor	Accepted
Tiffany Wendt	Accepted
Brandi Havens	Accepted

Vice President of Technology	
Priscilla White	Declined (no response)
Laura Zeig	Accepted
Tiffany Wendt	Accepted
Rebeca Perfecto	Declined
Troy White	Accepted, then withdrew

Treasurer	
Andrea Wiste	Declined
Sierra Trenhaile	Declined
Hector Cerda Dyer	Declined
Danielle Thomas	Accepted
Ben Milum	Accepted

Nominations Committee	
Jonathan McKissack	Accepted
Darrah Rippy	Accepted
Cathy Littleton	Not Eligible (retiring)
Brenda Martinez	Accepted
Ashley Deck	Accepted
Brenda Powers	Accepted
Maggie Cano	Not Eligible (served on committee less than 3 years ago)
Nickolaus Cioci	Accepted
Ashley Mason	Accepted
Becki Rathfon	Declined (no response)
Jodie Rexroat	Accepted
Ethan Gillis	Accepted
Tracey Posey	Not Eligible (retired)

The Nominations Committee reviewed 37 nomination entries across five elected positions. The committee evaluated nominees' eligibility, qualifications, professional experience, and prior TACRAO service. Following this review, 16 candidates were selected for inclusion on the official 2026 TACRAO election ballot, including two candidates for each Executive Committee position and eight candidates for the Nominations Committee.

Election Slate

Below are the nominees that were placed on the official election slate. Election opened on Monday, July 13 and closed on July 24 at 8:00 p.m.

President-Elect

- Samantha Taylor
- Dara Newton

VP of Records and Registration

- Anne Delgado
- Brandi Havens

VP of Technology

- Laura Zeig
- Tiffany Wendt

Treasurer

- Danielle Thomas
- Ben Milum

Nominations Committee

- Jonathan McKissack
- Darrah Rippy
- Brenda Martinez
- Ashley Deck
- Brenda Powers
- Nickolaus Cioci
- Ashley Mason
- Jodie Rexroat

Elected Members

Membership was noticed of newly elected members on August 17, 2026

President-Elect

- Dara Newton

VP of Records and Registration

- Anne Delgado

VP of Technology

- Laura Zeig

Treasurer

- Danielle Thomas

Nominations Committee

- Jonathan McKissack
- Jodie Rexroat
- Nickolaus Cioci
- Ashley Deck
- Alternate A: Brenda Martinez
- Alternate B: Darrah Rippy

Committee Accomplishments

During the 2025–2026 committee year, the Nominations Committee:

- Coordinated the nomination and election process for five TACRAO leadership positions.
- Reviewed 37 nomination entries and verified nominee eligibility and qualifications.
- Developed and implemented a Nomination Response Form to streamline the collection of candidate information for ElectionBuddy.
- Finalized a slate of 16 candidates for the annual election.
- Coordinated election communications, including the initial call for nominations, nomination deadline reminders, and the announcement of election results.
- Identified four newly elected Executive Committee members, four Nominations Committee members, and two alternates.

Challenges and Opportunities

The committee encountered challenges identifying eligible candidates who were willing and available to serve in certain leadership positions. Several nominees declined their nominations, did not respond, or withdrew from consideration. Additionally, some nominees did not meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the TACRAO Bylaws and Procedures Manual.

Recommendations

- Continue encouraging TACRAO members to nominate colleagues and consider self-nominations for leadership positions.
- Explore opportunities to increase awareness of leadership eligibility requirements and encourage members to gain qualifying committee experience.
- Continue using a standardized Nomination Response Form to collect candidate information and streamline the election process.
- Consider beginning candidate outreach earlier to allow additional time for follow-up and recruitment when nominees decline or are ineligible.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rene Zamora, Chair

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TACRAO Nomination Response Form

Congratulations on your recent nomination for the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (TACRAO) Executive Committee. Your detailed response is requested to assist us with the selection process.

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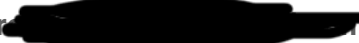


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Full Name *

Your answer

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What is your current title/role? *

Your answer

Provide a brief professional history. *

Your answer

For which position have you been nominated? *

Your answer

List experience relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. *

Your answer

Why did you accept the nomination? *

Your answer

Please upload your headshot for display on the TACRAO website.

Upload 1 supported file: image. Max 10 MB.

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