



Board Appointment Form

City Clerk's Office

Appointing Office	Mayor Oscar Leeser
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	07/16/24
Name of Board	Tax Advisory Committee
Agenda Posting Language	
Re-appointment of Martha E. Piekarski to the Tax Advisory Committee by Mayor Oscar Leeser.	
Appointment Type	Regular
Member Qualifications	
See attached resume.	
Nominee Name	Martha E. Piekarski
Nominee Email Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Residential Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Residing District	[REDACTED]
City Employed Relatives	N/A
Board Membership	
Tax Advisory Committee	
Real estate owned in El Paso County	
[REDACTED]	
Previous Appointee	Martha E. Piekarski
Reason for Vacancy	Term Expired
Date of Appointment	07/16/24
Term Begins On	02/10/24
Term Expires On	02/09/28
Term	Second Term

Martha E. Piekarski, CPA/CFF, CGMA

Education: *Certified Public Accountant* State of Texas
Passed exam in first sitting February 1986
Certified Financial Forensics AICPA, March 2009
Chartered Global Management Accountant AICPA, July 2013

University of Texas Austin, Texas
Bachelor of Business Administration December 1983
Major in Accounting

Objective: *Position as an upper level system management leader establishing strategic direction, innovation, development and delivery of effective fiscal management in support and achievement of organizational goals and objectives.*

Achievements: *COE for CAFR from ASBO and GFOA for Canutillo ISD – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019*
Balanced budget while maintaining A+ rating for student learning
Improved Bond Rating Outlook from negative to stable
Built Undesignated Fund Balance up to targeted 90-day level
Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle 2010 - 2013 for transparency on EPISD website
Superior Achievement, Financial Integrity Reporting System of Texas (FIRST) - 2002 thru 2016 for fiscal management
Registered School Business Administrator (RSBA) - Association of School Business Officials International - 2014
Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA) & Leadership Academy graduate -Texas Association of School Business Officials – since 2008
Implemented TEAMS ERP system at EPISD
El Paso Independent School District Leadership certificate

Business Experience/Special Skills:

Canutillo Independent School District El Paso, TX
Chief Financial Officer October 2014 – present

- Newly created position to co-ordinate District efforts and create long-term plans: Finance, Technology, Facilities, Transportation, Maintenance, Warehouse, Security, Child Nutrition, Library Services, Textbooks, PEIMS and Testing*

Texas Tech University Health Science Center El Paso, TX
Senior Director, Accounting Services Jan 2014 to Oct 2014

- Establish Accounting department from the ground up to serve the El Paso campus*

El Paso Independent School District El Paso, TX
Executive Director, Financial Services Apr 2003 to Jan 2014

- Instruct staff on improving internal controls, documenting policies & procedures, & streamlining workflows through process management*
- Interpret and apply U.S. Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Circulars, Texas*

- *Education Agency (TEA) regulations and EPISD policies and procedures*
- *Coordinate the annual external audit governed by the Government Auditing Standards issued by the U.S. Comptroller General and related reporting including Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and footnote disclosures*
- *Serve as District spokesperson at public meetings to disseminate operational results and answer questions*
- *Certified as District Investment Officer*
- *Evaluate and implement new software system for student and business applications, assess new workflows, create policies, motivate and train employees*

Risk Manager/ Internal Auditor Apr 2002 to Mar 2003

- *Assisted in development and or improvement of District's Audit and Risk Management Program*
- *Tested the reliability and integrity of financial and operational information thru the use of statistical analysis and random sampling*
- *Verified the effectiveness of internal control systems*
- *Evaluated the economy and or efficiency with which resources are employed and recommended improvements*

General Mills - Pillsbury

Financial Operations Manager

Assistant Controller

- *Prepared monthly Financial Reports*

- *Allocated overhead and maintained departmental budgets*
- *Reviewed Capital Expenditure requests & Fixed Asset System*
- *Conducted plant safety and GMP inspections*

Anthony, TX

Jul 2001 to Apr 2002

Dec 1999 to Jul 2001

Security Capital - Archstone Communities Trust

External Reporting Associate

- *Prepared Debt Covenants for lenders*
- *Verified information for Press Releases & Analyst Calls*
- *Filed Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) 10-Q and 10-K's*
- *Special projects: ad hoc management reports, annual budget questionnaires*

El Paso, TX

Jul 1999 to Dec 1999

Commercial Financial Services, Inc.

Senior Accountant

- *Consolidated financial statements for CFS and affiliated companies*
- *Analyzed monthly General Ledger account activity & intercompany accounts*
- *Filed Property Tax, Franchise Tax, and Unclaimed Property returns*
- *Special projects: computer conversions, pro forma financials, investment tracking, variance analysis, chart of account & cost center design*

Tulsa, OK

Feb 1995 to Jun 1999

M.T. Donahoe & Associates, Inc.

Controller

- *Accounted for Life & Health and Property & Casualty divisions*
- *Prepared Financial Statements and General Ledger*

Laurel, MD

Jun 1990 to Oct 1994

Organizations:

- *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)*
- *Texas Society of CPAs (TSCPA), State Director- El Paso Chapter*
- *Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO)*
- *Association of School Business Officials (ASBO)*
- *Association of Governmental Accountants (AGA) – President-elect*
- *ACCION por Vida – Board of Directors, Treasurer*
- *IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – instructor 2014*