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Paul Dyson

Texas House of Representatives District 14

\$130,362
CASH ON HAND

\$590,647
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$470,398
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🍏 January is School Board Recognition Month! 🍏

We're thrilled to spotlight Paul Dyson, our Vice Chairman since 2017 and proud Allen Academy alum. From his time as a student to becoming General Counsel for Dyson Energy Group and now serving as Texas House Representative for District 14, Mr. Dyson embodies excellence and commitment.

Thank you for your dedication to Allen Academy and our community!



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School Board Recognition Month!

Paul Dyson Vice Chairman, Elected 2017

An Allen Academy alum, Mr. Paul Dyson graduated in 1998 after joining as a student in 1994. He earned a B.S. in Political Science and an MBA from Texas A&M, followed by a J.D. from South Texas College of Law in 2007. Mr. Dyson worked as a senior associate at Norton Rose Fulbright in Houston until 2014, when he became General Counsel for Dyson Energy Group, a family-owned oil and gas company. In addition to his professional roles, he serves as the Texas House Representative for District 14. Mr. Dyson and his wife, Teri,

have two children.

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The ISD receives tax dollars from the State Legislature. A private school did not until Rep Dyson passed the law giving private schools, like his, tax money.

School Board Trustee and . . .	The Authority Says . . .
Student	Both positions may be held as long as the student meets the eligibility requirements. ³⁹
Tax Assessor-Collector	It depends on the circumstances. ⁴⁰
Teacher	A teacher may NOT serve as a board member in the district in which the teacher is employed; however, the teacher MAY serve on the board of another district if the teacher is otherwise qualified to hold that office. ⁴¹
Texas Legislature	A school board trustee can run for the Texas Legislature. ⁴² If elected, however, the trustee automatically resigns upon qualification for the legislative office. ⁴³
University	Both positions may be held. ⁴⁴
University	Both offices may NOT be held pursuant to the Texas Constitution. ⁴⁵
Volunteer Teacher	It depends on the circumstances. ⁴⁶
Water Improvement District Board	Both offices may NOT be held if the entities have taxing authority in overlapping geographical jurisdictions. ⁴⁷

Public School Board Member ineligible to serve on both ISD Board & State Legislature - because ISD receives tax dollars from legislature

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Paul Dyson | Board Chair, 2017

If Paul Dyson were on a Public School (ISD) governing Board, the Texas Constitution prohibits him from being on the School Board AND being a Texas State Legislator (dual office).

Conflicting loyalties: since both offices held by the same person are interested in maximizing revenue. It would be impossible to hold both positions at the same time and “exercise independent and disinterested judgement in either or both positions.”



Dual Office Holding Issues for School Board Trustees

Published online in [TASB School Law eSource](#)

Questions often arise as to whether school board candidates or trustees may run for or hold another public office while running for or serving on the school board. In some cases, the Texas Constitution, a statute, an attorney general’s opinion, or a court case specifically addresses whether one person may run for or hold two public offices at the same time. In other instances, the answer requires analysis of several legal authorities. Drawing from these sources, this article addresses some of the situations that school board trustees may face when trying to hold more than one public office or position simultaneously.

AS OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE FOR HD-14, REP DYSON VOTED TO SEND PRIVATE SCHOOLS like THE ONE HE GOVERNS OUR PUBLIC TAX MONEY.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Rep. Dyson not only voted for SB2, giving tax dollars to private schools, like Allen Academy, the one he governs, Dyson sponsored SB2.

- **Conflicting Loyalties:** This aspect of incompatibility exists if the duties of two offices are or may be inconsistent or in conflict; however, conflicting loyalties do not exist if the duties are completely unrelated, in no manner inconsistent, and never in conflict. Tex. Att’y Gen. LO-95-029 (1995). “The crucial question is whether the occupancy of both offices by the same person is detrimental to the public interest or whether the performance of the duties of one interferes with the performance of those of the other.” Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. KP-0054, at 2 (2015) (quoting *State ex rel. Hill v. Pirtle*, 887 S.W.2d 921, 930 (Tex. Crim. App. 1994)). In other words, this doctrine “prohibits an individual from simultaneously holding two positions that would prevent [the individual] . . . from exercising independent and disinterested judgment in either or both positions.” Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. KP-0119, at 2 (2016) (quoting Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. GA-0169 (2004)).

Conflicting loyalties incompatibility applies only in situations involving two offices and not an office and an employment. Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. GA-0536 (2007). In addressing whether a school board trustee could serve as an umpire at district baseball games, the attorney general stated that the determining factor that distinguishes a public officer from an employee is whether the person can exercise any sovereign function of the government for the benefit of the public, independent of the control of others. Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. GA-0127 (2003); *see also* Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. KP-0032 (2015) (concluding that incompatibility did not bar a school district police chief from serving as constable in the precinct where the school district was located); Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. GA-0688 (2009) (concluding that incompatibility did not bar school district police chief from serving on city council for a city in the district).

3. What does the attorney general say?

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OK HB4436 Public safety; creating the Oklahoma Public Safety Act of 2026;

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Texas Senate Bill 2

TX State Legislature page for SB2

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Status

Completed Legislative Action

Spectrum: Broadly Bipartisan Bill

Status: Passed on May 3 2025 - 100% progression

Action: 2025-05-03 - Effective on 9/1/25

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Summary

Relating to the establishment of an education savings account program.

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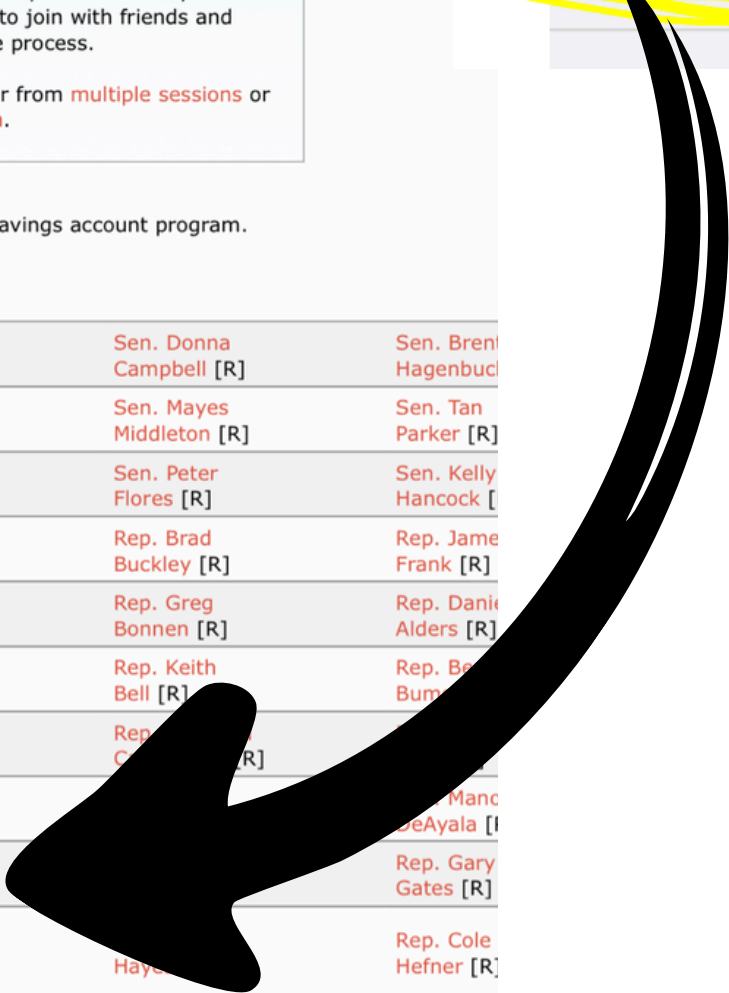
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Paul Dyson | Board Chair, 2017



3. What does the attorney general say?

The attorney general has addressed numerous instances of dual office holding. Several opinions, as well as relevant statutes, are set forth in the chart below. While the reasoning in previous opinions can help evaluate and predict whether a specific dual office holding situation is permissible, it is important to review relevant opinions to ensure that the facts and circumstances are sufficiently similar.

Some general rules can be gleaned from the attorney general's opinions:

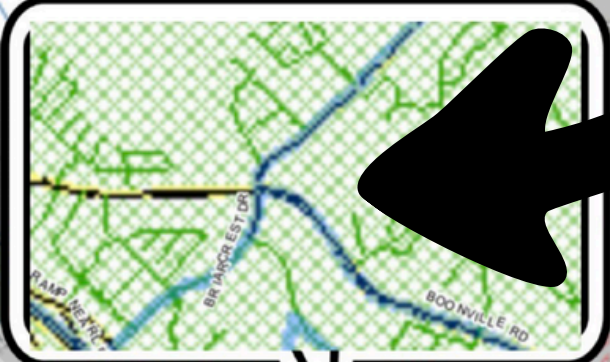
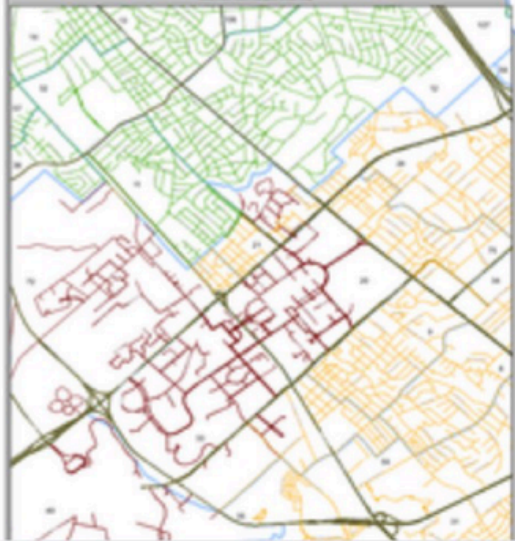
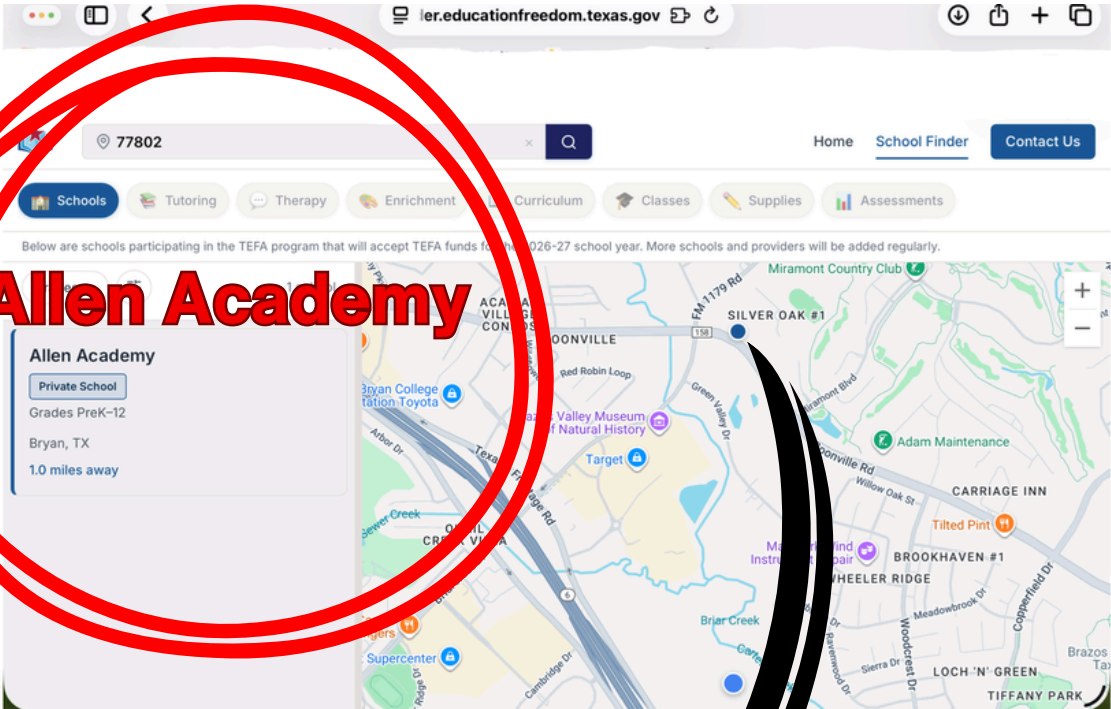
- Two offices are likely incompatible if the jurisdictional boundaries of the governing bodies overlap, especially if both bodies have taxing authority because the object of each entity is to maximize revenue, and one individual would have difficulty fully exercising the duties to each governmental body. See Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. JS-0006 (2023) (offices of school board trustee and irrigation board member); Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. KP-0125 (2017) (offices of public library trustee and city council member); Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. GA-0224 (2004) (offices of school board trustee and water improvement district board member); Tex. Att'y Gen. LO-92-004 (1992) (offices of tax assessor-collector and school board trustee).
- Two offices are likely incompatible if a contract exists between the two governing bodies. See Tex. Att'y Gen. LO-92-004 (1992) (concluding that a person may not simultaneously hold the position of county tax assessor-collector and school board trustee if the school district contracts with the county to assess and collect its taxes).

- Two offices are likely incompatible if one entity can exert authority contrary to the interests of the other. See Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. KP-0119 (2016) (concluding that appointed community college trustee and county commissioner are likely incompatible).
- Two offices are likely incompatible when one governmental body has the authority to impose its will on the other. See Tex. Att'y Gen. LO-98-094(1998) (concluding that district judge could not serve as trustee for school district within the jurisdiction of the judge's court).

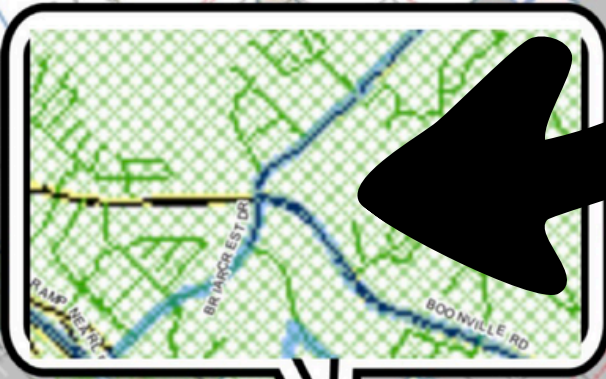
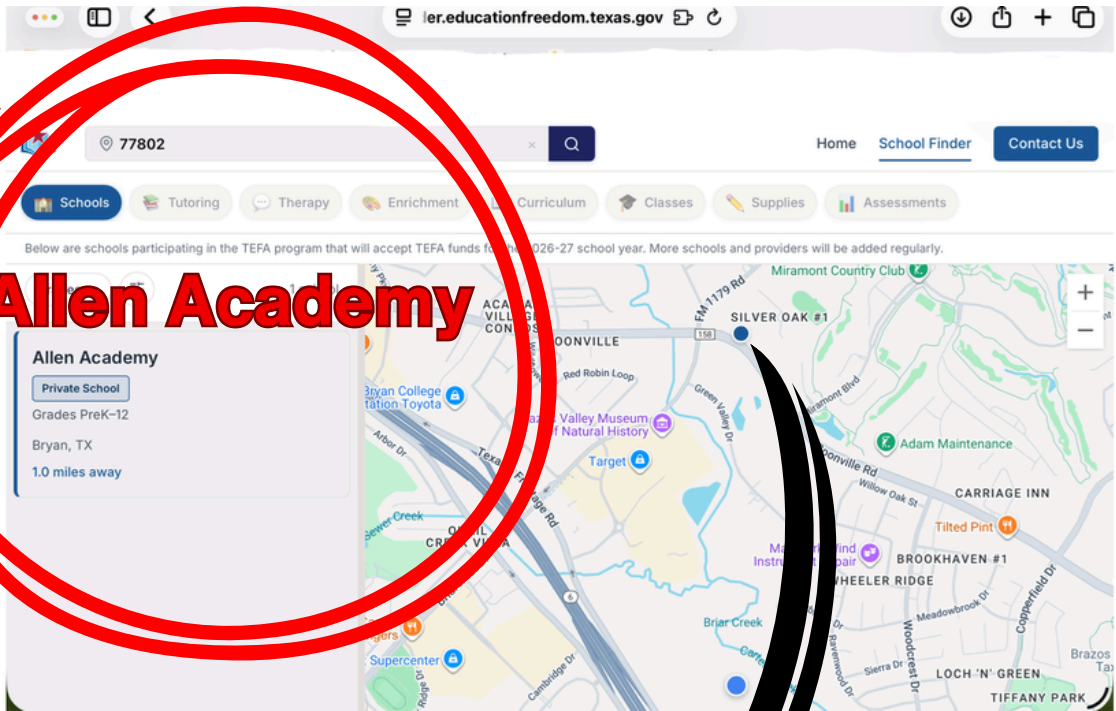
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Allen Academy on Odyssey's list to receive public tax money



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BTW, Allen Academy is located within HD-14

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FEDERAL PRISON
CAMP HOME OF
JEFFREY EPSTEIN'S
CHILD SEX
TRAFFICKER,
GHISLAINE
MAXWELL —
THAT PRISON
PROPERTY IS THE
FORMER SITE OF
ALLEN ACADEMY

WAIT, who is Odyssey & why is Odyssey keeping the list of which PRIVATE SCHOOLS will get to receive public tax money? Remember the PAY to PLAY?

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Billionaire JEFF YASS wanted tax money to pay for private school & forked over A LOT of money to get politicians like Greg Abbott in his back pocket -& dispose of Raney Republicans- to make private school tax vouchers happen.

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AFC Victory Fund
Texas Committee

\$97,445 CASH ON HAND	\$10,117,757 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$12,925,283 TOTAL EXPENDITURES
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\$1,000,000.00	Richard Uihlein	INDIVIDUAL
\$725,000.00	Dick DeVos	INDIVIDUAL
\$725,000.00	Richard & Elisabeth DeVos Jr	INDIVIDUAL
\$266,663.37	American Federation for Children	ENTITY
\$250,000.00	Brett Hendrickson	INDIVIDUAL
\$250,000.00	Future of Education LLC	ENTITY
\$200,000.00	Stacy and Joel Hock	INDIVIDUAL
\$150,000.00	Ardleigh Impact Corp	ENTITY
\$125,000.00	Alex Cranberg	INDIVIDUAL
\$100,000.00	Anthony Wood	INDIVIDUAL
\$100,000.00	E Pierce Marshall Jr	INDIVIDUAL
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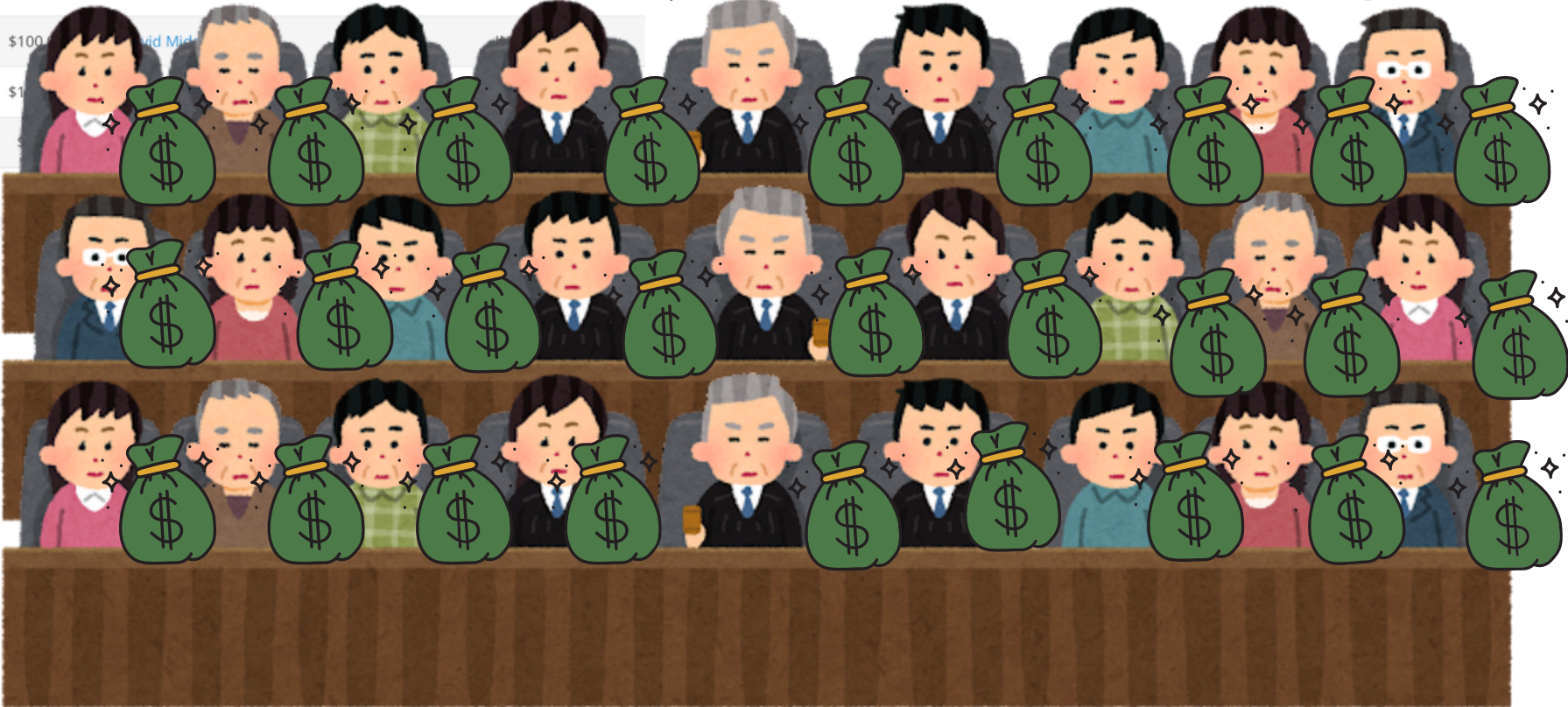
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Billionaire Jeff Voss \$ AFC Victory Fund to attack Raney Republicans

Billionaire Jeff Voss bought Greg Abbott

Greg Abbott
Greg Abbott bought enough votes for vouchers to pass



**Pennsylvania
Billionaire JEFF YASS
awarded \$500,000
startup to Oddesey, a
New York company
(incorporated in
Delaware).**

AI Overview

"Jeff Yass Odyssey" refers to the connection between billionaire investor Jeff Yass and **Odyssey Charter School**, a Delaware-based school that won significant funding from [The Yass Prize](#) (Yass's education initiative) for innovative approaches, with Odyssey later being chosen by Texas to manage its new school voucher program (TEFA), highlighting Yass's strong advocacy for school choice. [\[link\]](#)

Key Connections:

- **The Yass Prize:** Jeff Yass funds The Yass Prize, a national competition for education innovation, often called the "Pulitzer of Education Innovation".
- **Odyssey Charter School:** This school, known for blending classical education with technology, won a \$500,000 award from The Yass Prize in 2023 for its innovative model and became a finalist for the grand prize.
- **Texas Voucher Program:** Following its success in the Yass Prize, Odyssey was selected by Texas to help manage the state's new education voucher system (TEFA), further connecting it to Yass's push for school choice. [\[link\]](#)

In essence: Yass champions educational reform through his Prize, rewarding innovative schools like Odyssey Charter School, which then becomes involved in large-scale voucher implementation, solidifying Yass's influence in the school choice movement. [\[link\]](#)

Texas' Top Voucher Vendor Wins Abbott Allies in Contract Bid Program Rollout

The New York firm Odyssey is now running the state's lucrative voucher scheme with a lot of help from the governor's friends.

[Justin Miller](#) November 13, 2025, 11:34 AM, CST

Abbott staked much of his hard-earned political capital, and campaign cash, on getting the school voucher program over the

finish line. In the 2024 Republican primaries, he used his political war chest to oust several anti-voucher incumbents who'd previously blocked passage in the Texas House. This effort was aided by a record \$6 million in campaign contributions from Jeff Yass, a Pennsylvania billionaire and voucher advocate.

During the legislative session, Odyssey tapped lobbyist Luis Saenz, who was previously Abbott's longtime chief of staff, to work on its behalf as the governor worked to pass the bill (It also made Daniel Warner, ex-Speaker Dade Phelan's education policy advisor, its state director.)

For PR, Odyssey will also turn to Abbott allies, according to its [bid proposal](#), which the *Observer* obtained under state open records law: Odyssey hired the Austin firm Vianovo to run public relations for the program, with a team that includes John Wittman, Abbott's former communications director, and Matthew Hirsch, Abbott's ex-deputy chief of staff.

**Odyssey hires Gov Abbott's
Chief of Staff to lobby
Legislators for vouchers,
helping to design law (SB2)
that is passed.**

Acting Comptroller Hancock picks Odyssey to design, administer, & handle PR sending Texas taxes to private schools - for 5% of the \$Billion(s) to spend on private schools



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Texas selects company that will help develop its school voucher program

Finance and technology company Odyssey will help design the application process, manage payments and review complaints for the state's education savings accounts.

BY JADEN EDISON

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Kelly Hancock, the former Texas lawmaker who is serving as acting state comptroller, announced Monday that finance and technology company Odyssey will help build Texas' school voucher program. 📷 Bob Daemmrich for The Texas Tribune

Governor Abbott's total 2024-election-cycle take from out-of-state Billionaire Jeff Yass: \$12,250,000



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The law authorizes the state to provide the company up to 5% of the program's \$1 billion funding — \$50 million — to administer it. That number could skyrocket by the year 2030, when legislative budget experts predict costs of the program to reach nearly \$5 billion.

According to its website, Odyssey was created to help administer education savings accounts, a term that refers to a type of voucher program. Odyssey has also helped with the maintenance of similar programs in Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Utah and Wyoming, according to the comptroller.

The company in 2023 was awarded \$500,000 in a contest founded by Janine and Jeff Yass, the Pennsylvania billionaire who donated a state record \$6 million to Gov. Greg Abbott's campaign last year during his effort to unseat the Texas Republicans who had helped derail an earlier voucher proposal from becoming law. After winning the half-million-dollar award, Joseph Connor, Odyssey's founder and CEO, applauded the Yass family for starting "an incredible movement to push for school choice and education freedom nationwide."

How Gov. Greg Abbott lost a yearlong fight to create school vouchers

The governor projected confidence throughout 2023 that vouchers would pass. But his insistence on universal eligibility ensured his failure to convince 21 House Republican holdouts.

BY **PATRICK SVITEK**, **ZACH DESPART** AND **BRIAN LOPEZ**

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support for school vouchers in Texas. In previous legislative sessions, Raney had signaled in test votes that he was against any measure to use public dollars for students to attend private schools — like the one he was speaking at that night.

But 254 days — and four excruciating special sessions — later, Raney would lead the effort on the House floor to defeat the very proposal that brought the men together that evening. The so-called "Raney amendment" to strike vouchers out of an education omnibus bill in November was the final knell for Abbott's 18-month crusade for school vouchers.

They Voted Against Greg Abbott's Controversial School-Voucher Plan. He Attacked Them as Weak on "the Border."

Ahead of the runoff elections, the governor is trying to paint a group of conservative Republican incumbents as untrustworthy liberals.

By Bekah Stolhandske McNeel

May 20, 2024

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Shine, who has been a member of Temple Bible Church for decades, attended Temple's Immanuel Baptist Church before that, he said. "I'm a Christian," Abbott started saying, at campaign stops, in telev on X, that he didn't "trust" Allison, Burns, Shine, and others to take tough action against undocumented migrants on the border.

Texas Monthly

Abbott, especially on his immigration policy, sent out text messages, and ads calling Burns a liberal. One showed his head photoshopped onto the body of a mess with Trans kids" T-shirt. The ad is a reference to Burns' children's mental health bill. The issue critics seem to have voted for the bill after an amendment that would have taken funds from supporting transgender children failed.

The threat was less subtle for Burns. He said he'd vote for the Raney amendment. "I told me. "Boy, I should have been." The possibility of a runoff in the Legislature is a steep price to pay for a victory," Burns said he'd vote for the Raney amendment. "I don't think we should be bullied by anyone."

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How Abbott-backed House challengers fared

Gov. Greg Abbott endorsed several challengers in the Republican Texas House primaries, in hopes of helping defeat representatives who voted against school vouchers last year. Five of those challengers were in runoff races on Tuesday. Abbott also endorsed a sixth challenger, Katrina Pierson, ahead of the runoffs.

Here's how the **15 Republican Texas House challengers** endorsed by Abbott fared in the primaries and runoffs:

*Not seeking reelection

In a runoff

Dist.	Endorsed challenger	Incumbent	Result
<u>12</u>	Trey Wharton	<u>Kyle Kacal*</u>	Challenger won
<u>33</u>	Katrina Pierson	<u>Justin Holland</u>	Challenger won
<u>44</u>	Alan Schoolcraft	<u>John Kuempel</u>	Challenger won
<u>58</u>	Helen Kerwin	<u>DeWayne Burns</u>	Challenger won
<u>1</u>	Chris Spencer	<u>Gary VanDeaver</u>	Challenger lost
<u>29</u>	Alex Kamkar	<u>Ed Thompson*</u>	Challenger lost
<u>11</u>	Joanne Shofner	<u>Travis Clardy</u>	Challenger won
<u>14</u>	Paul Dyson	<u>John Raney*</u>	Challenger won
<u>18</u>	Janis Holt	<u>Ernest Bailes</u>	Challenger won
<u>55</u>	Hillary Hickland	<u>Hugh D. Shine</u>	Challenger won
<u>60</u>	Mike Olcott	<u>Glenn Rogers</u>	Challenger won
<u>87</u>	Caroline Fairly	<u>Four Price*</u>	Challenger won
<u>121</u>	Marc LaHood	<u>Steve Allison</u>	Challenger won
<u>71</u>	Liz Case	<u>Stan Lambert</u>	Challenger lost
<u>72</u>	Stormy Bradley	<u>Drew Darby</u>	Challenger lost

Updated May 28 at 11 p.m.
Source: Associated Press
Credit: Carla Astudillo

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In November, during the fourth called special session, I offered an amendment to strike education savings accounts, also known as vouchers, from House Bill 1, the education bill. My amendment passed on a vote of 84-63. I am proud of the voucher stance of my Republican colleagues and I took despite the intense pressure from our own political party. We stood strong and voted our districts.

I am by no means a public education expert, but I believe in my heart that using taxpayer dollars to fund an entitlement program is not conservative and is bad public policy.

Under the voucher provision of House Bill 1, the actual biennial cost to the state's next biennium would have been as high as \$7.3 billion just to provide \$10,500 for each current private school student and \$1,000 to each current homeschool student. Having served four terms on the House Committee on Appropriations, I can assure you, if ever vouchers pass, the Legislature will have no choice but to raise taxes. We can also kiss goodbye the notion of a reduction or elimination of school property taxes.

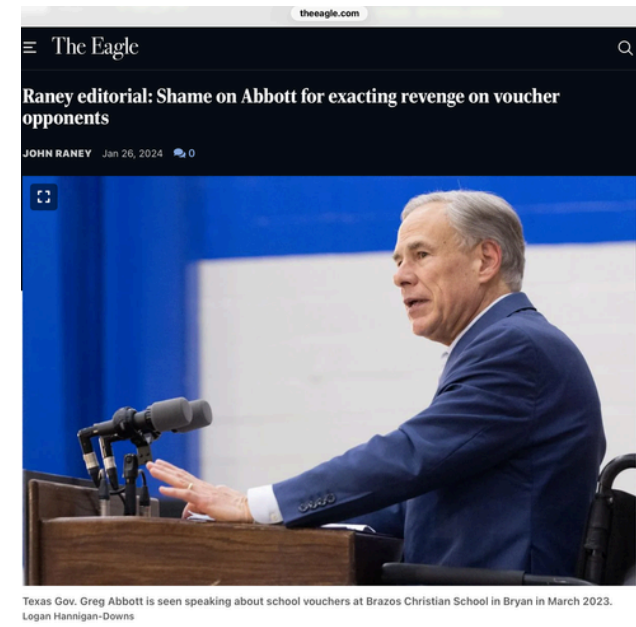
The Texas Education Code is an extensive, comprehensive framework of rules and laws governing tax-supported public schools. Spending taxpayer dollars to fund "choice" programs without the accountability of the code undermines our constitutional and moral duty to educate and protect the nearly 5.5 million students of Texas. A better alternative would be to reduce these rules and laws governing public schools and create more local control.

An assertion has been made that I once supported vouchers given my presence at Brazos Christian School last spring. Gov. Abbott's staff asked me to introduce him at the event in my district. As a courtesy, I did so. I should note that I edited the lengthy introduction script presented to me by Gov. Abbott's staff to reflect my long-time position of supporting education as a whole in addition to praising Gov. Abbott's public education funding effort during last spring's regular session.

House Bill 1 would have increased public school funding by over \$7 billion. It would have also provided a onetime \$4,000 teacher retention stipend for full-time teachers, librarians, counselors, and nurses (\$2,000 for part-time), created a paid leave option to supplement FMLA benefits, increased basic allotment, increased special education funding and several grants related to it, created a teacher residency program, and offered a pathway to a six-figure salary with a focus on low-income and rural communities.

Gov. Abbott knew he did not have the votes to pass vouchers, so he tried to force the House's hand by including it in House Bill 1 — a bill he described as an "extraordinarily effective bill." Had House Bill 1 not been pulled by the author at the direction of leadership because vouchers were no longer included, it undoubtedly would have passed the House. Gov. Abbott took his ball and went home shifting his focus to retaliation at the polls.

President Ronald Reagan said, "The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and an ally — not a 20 percent traitor." Gov. Abbott should take a page out of President Reagan's book. Instead, he is endorsing and reportedly helping to fund primary opponents running against the members of his own party who could not, in good conscience, vote for his voucher plan. Shame on you, Gov. Abbott.



**Retired HD-14 Rep. Raney carried the
2022-2023 session 'Raney Amendment'
that struck vouchers from the 2022-2023
budget**

**Former Rep Raney was appropriately named
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Monday, November 10, 2025

Citizen of the Year

Former State Rep. John Raney



and Rep Dyson received Trump's endorsement

DONALD J. TRUMP
45TH & 47TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

June 20, 2025

Dear Representative Paul Dyson,

Thank you for your recent Vote in favor of the tremendous School Choice Bill, SB-2. Thanks to the dedication of Lone Star State Legislators

appreciate your support, and never forget!

Please let this letter serve to inform you that based on your Professionalism and, even more importantly, your Patriotism, and in recognition of your outstanding service to the Great People of Texas, I am honored to give you, Paul Dyson, my Complete and Total Endorsement in the upcoming Re-Election.

Together, we will, MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read 'Donald Trump', with a stylized, cursive script.

President Donald J. Trump