Allison Drew
Candidate – Position 5

Few people can navigate the distance between careers in IT mathematics and patient care; however, as an Enterprise Data Architect and Licensed Nurse, Allison Drew has bridged that gap. Allison works as an Enterprise Data Architect for Nordic Consulting, where she integrates data from a variety of hospitals in the UT System on a ground-breaking project entitled UT-HIP. As the first venture of its kind worldwide, UT-HIP will help the UT System understand how to reduce risk, prevent disease and improve prognosis for all Texans. Prior to her work with Nordic, Allison worked as a Supervisor in the IT Department at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for several years. As a thought leader, she is able to combine her IT prowess with her nursing skills to bring unique, innovative solutions to the world of Electronic Healthcare data.

Allison relocated to Houston 15 years ago and has resided within Fort Bend ISD for the last eight years. Being married to FBISD's Director of Fine Arts, Jim Drew, Allison has become thoroughly familiar with the workings of the District's administration. She participates in a multitude of District and UIL events, as well as community and social functions, being warmly recognized as the "First Lady of Fine Arts." She and her husband raise a set of twins who attended Lexington Creek Elementary School and are currently enrolled at Fort Settlement Middle School. Allison is seeking to fill Position 5 on the FBISD Board of Trustees to give back to the community that has so generously supported her children's educational growth, as well as the growth of all the amazing students across Fort Bend ISD.

Allison Drew was born in Brooklyn, New York and raised in Queens and on Long Island, NY . Allison's career has followed in the footsteps of her parents. The daughter of immigrants, Allison's mother worked as an Advanced Practice Nurse and her father was an Architect and community advocate for minorities and immigrants. They emigrated to the US from Trinidad and Cuba/Jamaica respectively. Allison graduated at the age of 16 from Brooklyn Tech High School and attended Penn State University and Rutgers University, where she majored in Pure Mathematics and minored in Journalism. Her early career was spent working on international currency finance for Wall Street hedge funds. To reconnect with serving her community, Allison left Wall Street and moved to Texas in 2004 to attend Memorial Hermann Nursing School. Upon graduation, Allison spent several years working at the Brenham State School, where she treated adults and children with severe physical and mental handicaps. Allison loves to connect with people and has lived in Europe and Africa. She is fluent in Dutch and German and understands Spanish and Portuguese.