



## Independence School Board Candidates' Forum

October 15, 2009

School Board Forum begins at 6:55 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

### Agenda

6:30 - 6:55 PM	Audience arrives
6:50 PM	School Board Candidates assemble and sign in
6:55 PM	Pledge of Allegiance; Greetings; Ground Rules read; Introduction of Moderator & IHA Board
7:00 PM	Introduction of School Board Candidates by Moderator; Round 1: Opening Statements (4 candidates, 1 minute each)
7:05 PM	Round 2: Questions - from the floor, one per candidate (4 candidates, 2 minutes each)
7:15 PM	Round 3: Questions - from the floor, one per candidate (4 candidates, 2 minutes each)
7:25 PM	Round 4: Questions - from the floor, one per candidate (4 candidates, 2 minutes each)
7:35 PM	Round 5: Closing Statements (4 candidates, 1 minute each)
7:40 PM	Thanks to School Board candidates
7:40 - 7:50 PM	Break; Refreshments

Note: Agenda times may be modified as circumstances warrant (fewer candidates, non-use of time allotted by candidates, lack of questions submitted, etc.)



## School Board Forum: Ground Rules

### TIME LIMITS OF RESPONSES

1. Round 1: Opening Statement = 1 minute
2. Round 2: Response to Questions from the Floor = 2 minutes
3. Round 3: Response to Questions from the Floor = 2 minutes
4. Round 4: Response to Questions from the Floor = 2 minutes
5. Round 5: Closing Statement = 1 minute
6. Timekeeper will provide warnings at: 1 minute, 30 seconds, and at time expiration

### ORDER OF RESPONSES

1. The order of Round 1 will be alphabetical by candidate's last name.
2. The order of subsequent rounds will rotate through the candidates, in turn.

### QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Questions must be submitted in writing and may be directed to a specific candidate. The author of question must sign the question. Questions not directed to a specific candidate will be placed in a pool of questions to be randomly assigned to candidates without directed questions. If insufficient questions are submitted to allow each candidate to answer, supplemental questions will be submitted from IHA membership.
2. Questions will be handed to a floor usher who will present them to the IHA screening committee to prevent duplication and/or slander. Screening committee rulings regarding questions and their distribution is final.
3. Moderator will ask each candidate one question, in turn.
4. Candidates may direct their responses to the Moderator or the audience, **but shall not direct responses to other candidates.**
5. Time limitations may prevent the asking of all questions submitted.

### IN THE EVENT A CANDIDATE DOES NOT ATTEND

1. No one may speak in the candidate's place. The Moderator may read a brief explanation of the candidate's absence.
2. The Forum will proceed (with modified times) with the candidates present.

### CAMPAIGN MATERIAL

1. Campaign material (literature, sign, buttons, etc.) may **not** be distributed before or during the forum. No campaign material will be permitted in the Oak Rooms before or during the forum.
2. Candidates and supporters are welcome to distribute campaign material **AFTER** the forum is adjourned.



## Independence Council Candidates' Forum

October 15, 2009

Council Forum begins at 7:50 PM with the reading of Ground Rules

### Agenda

7:40 - 7:50 PM	Council Candidates assemble and sign in
7:50 PM	Greetings; Ground Rules read; Introduction of Moderator
7:55 PM	Introduction of Council Candidates by Moderator; Round 1: Opening Statements (11 candidates, 1 minute each)
8:05 PM	Round 2: Questions - from the floor, one per candidate (11 candidates, 1½ minutes each)
8:25 PM	Round 3: Questions - from the floor, one per candidate (11 candidates, 1½ minutes each)
8:45 PM	Round 4: Questions - from the floor, one per candidate (11 candidates, 1½ minutes each)
9:05 PM	Round 5: Closing Statements (11 candidates, 1 minute each)
9:15 PM	Thanks to candidates
9:15 - 9:30 PM	Adjournment; Refreshments

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## Council Forum: Ground Rules

### TIME LIMITS OF RESPONSES

1. Round 1: Opening Statement = 1 minute
2. Round 2: Response to Questions from the Floor = 1½ minutes
3. Round 3: Response to Questions from the Floor = 1½ minutes
4. Round 4: Response to Questions from the Floor = 1½ minutes
5. Round 5: Closing Statement = 1 minute
6. Timekeeper will provide warnings at: 1 minute, 30 seconds, and at time expiration

### ORDER OF RESPONSES

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