

ORDINANCE 2025-04-14 (7)

AN ORDER OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS CANCELING PORTIONS OF THE MAY 3, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR-AT-LARGE AND COUNCIL MEMBER -EAST WARD; DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS.

Whereas, Section 2.052, Tex. Elec. Code, requires the City Secretary to certify in writing that a candidate is unopposed if only one candidate name is to be placed on the ballot for an office pursuant to Section 52.003, Tex. Elec. Code, and no candidate's name is to be placed on the ballot as a write-in for such office;

Whereas, Section 2.054, Tex. Elec. Code, authorizes the governing body of cities to declare unopposed candidates to be elected, upon receipt of the Section 2.052 certification;

Whereas, the City Secretary has certified that Ward **Roddam** applied to be on the ballot for **General Election** for the office of **Mayor-at-large**, and **Esme Ruelas-Olivares** applied to be on the ballot for the General Election for office of Council Member of the East Ward and is unopposed for such office, and;

Whereas, the general city election for these offices is unnecessary and cancellation thereof will serve the public convenience and save public funds;

Whereas, the general city election for the office of Council Member of the West Ward is a contested race and that portion of the general city election will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, THAT:

Whereas, by Order of the City Council of the City of Rockdale we hereby do declare the election of the following unopposed candidates by authority granted in the Texas Election Code, Sections 2.051, 2.052 and 2.053, effective immediately.

Mayor-at-large - General Election - Ward Roddam

Council Member -East Ward -General Election -Esme Ruelas-Olivares

Whereas, the City Secretary is hereby directed to post a copy of this Order on the bulletin board at the city hall and, on Election Day, a copy of this Order shall be posted on the door of the polling place. Such posting at the polling place shall be made in a manner to be readable to persons outside the

polling place. The City Secretary shall further issue to each person declared elected, a certificate of election as provided in Section 2.053(c), Tex. Elec. Code.

Whereas, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order is passed was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING this the 10th day of March, 2025.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this the 14th day of April 2025

THE CITY OF ROCKDALE



Ward Roddam, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR OTHER
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (NOT COUNTY) CERTIFICACIÓN DE
CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS
PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLITICAS (NO EL CONDADO)**

To: Presiding Officer of Governing Body
Al: Presidente de la entidad gobernante

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that
the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to
be held on May 3, 2025

*Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente
certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en
la elección que se llevará a cabo el 3 de Mayo 2025*

List offices and names of candidates:
Lista de cargos y nombres de los candidatos:

Office(s) Cargo(s)	Candidate(s) Candidato(s)
Ward Roddam - Mayor-At-Large Esmeralda Ruelas-Olivares- Eastward Council	



Signature *(Firma)*

Shanna Johnson

Printed name *(Nombre en letra de molde)*
Title
City Secretary

(Puesto)

(Seal) (sello)

3/10/2025

Date of signing *(Fecha de firma)*

*See reverse side for instructions
(Instrucciones en el reverso)*

ORDER OF CANCELLATION
ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN

The CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE hereby cancels a portion of the election scheduled to be held on SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE por la presente cancela una porción de la elección que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el SÁBADO 1 DE MAYO DE 2021 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Candidate (<i>Candidato</i>)	Office Sought (<i>Cargo al que presenta candidatura</i>)
WARD RODDAM	MAYOR-AT-LARGE
ESME RUELAS-OLIVARES	COUNCIL MEMBER – EAST WARD

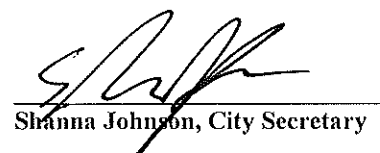
A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.



Ward Roddam, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shanna Johnson, City Secretary

(seal) (*sello*)

March 10, 2025
Date of adoption (*Fecha de adopción*)

Instructions for certification of unopposed candidates:

The authority responsible for preparing the ballot must certify the unopposed status to the authority responsible for ordering the election. This document is filed with the presiding officer of the political subdivision. The governing body must meet, accept this certification, and issue an order or ordinance declaring the election cancelled and the unopposed candidates elected. To complete the cancellation process, a copy of the order or ordinance canceling the election must be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election. See sample Order of Cancellation and outlines for additional instructions.

An election* may be cancelled if:

- 1) The election is one in which a declaration of write-in candidacy is required; and
- 2) No opposed at-large race is on the ballot* within that election;*and
- 3) Each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot* is unopposed, with some exceptions;

This means:

- In an all at-large election* (with no single-member districts), if there is one or more opposed at-large races, then all the races go on the ballot within that election.*
- In an election* in which any members of the governing body are elected from single-member districts, an election in a particular district may be cancelled if the candidate is unopposed and the election otherwise meets the above requirements (i.e., there is no at-large opposed race on the ballot).

Note: A general election (for full terms) or a special election (to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term) is considered a *separate election* with a *separate ballot* for purposes of these tests, even if held on the same election date. See our online Cancellation guide for details.

Instrucciones para la certificación de una elección con candidatos únicos:

La autoridad a cargo de preparar la boleta de votación debe certificar los candidatos únicos sin oposición a la autoridad encargada de ordenar la elección. Este documento se debe presentar al presidente de la subdivisión política. La entidad gobernante debe reunirse, aceptar esta certificación y emitir una orden o una ordenanza en la que declara la cancelación de la elección y la elección de los candidatos únicos sin oposición. Para completar el proceso de cancelación, se debe exhibir el Día de la Elección una copia de la orden u ordenanza de cancelación de la elección en todos los sitios de votación que se hubieran utilizado en la elección. Vea el ejemplo Orden de Cancelación y el resumen para más instrucciones.

Una elección* puede ser cancelada si:

- 1) *la elección es una en la que se requiere una declaración de candidatos por escrito en la boleta de votación; y,*
- 2) *no hay oposición para la carrera por acumulación en la boleta* de votación dentro de esa elección* y*
- 3) *Todos los candidatos cuyos nombres deben aparecer en la boleta* de votación no tienen oposición, con unas excepciones;*

Esto significa:

- *En una elección* por acumulación (sin ningún distrito con miembro único), si se encuentra una o más de una carrera por acumulación con oposición, entonces todas las carreras estarán en la boleta dentro de esa elección*.*
- *En una elección* en la que cualquiera de los miembros de la entidad gobernante se eligen de distritos con un solo miembro, se puede cancelar una elección en un distrito específico si hay oposición para el candidato y la elección cumple con los requisitos que anteceden (ej. no hay oposición para la carrera por acumulación en la boleta).*

Nota: Una elección general (con términos completos) o una elección especial (para llenar una vacante de un término no vencido) es considerada como una elección distinta con una boleta distinta con los propósitos de estas pruebas, aunque se lleven a cabo en la misma fecha electoral. Vea nuestra guía de cancelación en línea para más detalles.