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## **AISD Board of Trustees appoints member to fill unexpired term**

ARLINGTON, Texas, Aug. 18, 2017 – The AISD Board of Trustees considered filling the trustee vacancy and voted to fill the unexpired term of Jamie Sullins. Justin Chapa will fill the seat, upon taking the oath of office, until the May 2018 election. In the discussion, the Board noted that calling a special election in November would be expensive for the district and would leave possible candidates 12 working days to file for a November election, due to state election laws.

Chapa is a product of the AISD, having attended Crow and Atherton elementaries and Hutcheson Junior High and graduated from Sam Houston High School as valedictorian. He taught government and economics in the Brownsville ISD for two years through Teach for America and taught government at Eastside College Preparatory School in East Palo Alto, California. Chapa currently works as an attorney in the Dallas office of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. He has a bachelor's in government from Harvard University, a master's in education from Stanford University and a juris doctorate from Stanford Law School.

Chapa is married to Anna, also a Sam Houston graduate, and they have three children, two of which attend Corey Fine Arts and Dual Language Academy. He has been active in PTA and served as the first chair of the Corey PTA Dads Club. Chapa has also served the district on the Financial Futures Committee, the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and the Capital Needs Steering Committee. He is in his second term on the AISD Education Foundation board.

Aside from service directly related to the district, Chapa currently sits on the board of directors for United Way of Tarrant County and previously served on the board of directors of the Arlington Public Library Foundation and of Leadership Arlington, where he helped direct the Youth Leadership Arlington program for three years.

“On behalf of the Board, I'd like to welcome Justin Chapa to this role,” Board President Dr. Aaron Reich said. “Justin is a dedicated servant with exceptional experience that will benefit the district and our students.”

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