

Washington County school board has new president



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- Darrell Evans was elected the new president of the Washington County Board of Education.
- The vote for Evans was 4-0 among the members present who voted on the presidency.
- Former president April Zentmeyer was approved 6-0 to serve as the board's vice president.
- Evans has served on the board since December 2020 and his current seat is up for election in 2026.

[The Washington County Board of Education](#) has a new president.

[Darrell Evans became board president on Tuesday, Dec. 9, after four board members,](#) including Evans, voted for him to become the seven-member board's next leader.

April Zentmeyer, who had been board president, was approved by a 6-0 vote to serve as vice president, according to a YouTube video of the board meeting. Zentmeyer also voted for herself.

Board member Mike Guessford, who was vice president, was absent from the Dec. 9 board business meeting.

Schools Superintendent David Sovine, per board policy, oversaw the part of the meeting in which new officers were nominated and approved.

Board member Charles Burkett nominated Evans as president. He, Evans, Ashley McCusker and Victoria Beachley approved the nomination.

With a majority of the board voting for Evans, Sovine congratulated Evans. Sovine did not call for "nay" votes on the nomination.

Near the end of the meeting, Evans thanked his fellow board members, noting he appreciates the confidence in him.

"I really appreciate the confidence in me," Evans said. "I will do my best. If anyone sees me doing anything wrong or even knows I'm thinking about doing something wrong, please redirect me. I'm not too proud to be told to do something different."

Board member Linda Murray nominated Zentmeyer for vice president.

There were no other nominees for either officer position.

Board members earn \$13,500 a year with the board president earning \$14,000 a year, school system spokesperson Erin Anderson said on Dec. 10.

[Evans was appointed to the school board in 2020](#) and elected in 2022.

The board seats of Evans, Murray and Guessford are up for election in 2026.

Zentmeyer had served as board president for a year. She is serving her second four-year term.

