



# **Association of Professional- Technical Employees (APTE)**

## **2026-2027 Elections Officer Statements Executive Council Statements**

### **APTE Nomination Committee:**

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Officer Positions		
<b>President-Elect</b>	Daniel Chupe- O'Halon Talisia McHugh Beth Prickett Shih-Ting Lee	
<b>Communication</b>	Renée Lyon Talisia McHugh Beth Prickett Samantha Sheffield	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Burch Victor Sibaja John Wilsonmay	
<b>Secretary</b>	Melissa Dugan Kamryn Leary	

### **President-Elect 4 Nominations**

**1.Name:** Daniel Chupe- O'Halon

**Position:** Curriculum Systems Business Operations Analyst

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Years with ACC:** 16+ years

**Self-Nominated Statement:** Shared governance isn't an abstract theory. It thrives—it only ever thrives—when we actively unlock the collective intelligence of our people: the professionals who design the systems, drive the workflows, and deliver the day-to-day excellence of this college.

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**2. Name:** Talisia McHugh

**Position:** Master Academic Advising Specialist

**Primary Campus:** San Gabriel Campus (SGC)

**Years with ACC:** 15 years

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**3. Name:** Beth Prickett

**Position:** Campus Coordinator

**Primary Campus:** South Austin Campus (SAC)

**Years with ACC:** 15+ years

**Nominated Statement:**

Beth Prickett is a strategic higher education and operations leader with more than 15 years of experience in organizational leadership, campus operations, budget oversight, governance support, and community engagement. Currently serving as a Campus Coordinator at the South Austin Campus, Beth provides leadership for

campus operations, oversees staff and facilities coordination, manages budgets, supports emergency response efforts, and collaborates across departments to advance student success and institutional effectiveness. Prior to her work in higher education, Beth served as Executive Director for the YMCA of Greater Williamson County's Twin Lakes Branch, where she led a multi-service facility, supervised large teams across multiple locations, managed multimillion-dollar budgets and capital projects, and strengthened community partnerships. Beth has a longstanding commitment to leadership development, collaboration, and service. Her experience includes committee work, employee advocacy, community board service, and operational leadership focused on transparency, communication, and shared governance. She currently serves on APTE Events Planning Committee, the ACC Employee Grievance Committee, as an Ambassador of Joy, and is the Advisor to the Future Nurses Club. In addition, she has been a past Classified campus representative for multiple years at both Cypress Creek and San Gabriel campuses.

As a candidate for APTE President-Elect, Beth is committed to fostering strong communication, collaborative leadership, and meaningful faculty and staff engagement while supporting the mission and shared governance values of the Association.

**4. Name:** Lee Shih-Ting

**Primary Campus:** Highland Business Center (HBC)

**Position:** Manager, Faculty Evaluation, Adjunct Professor-Student Development

**Years with ACC:** 13 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:**

With 13 years of service to Austin Community College, my journey as both a staff member and an adjunct professor has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the unique challenges facing professional-technical employees. In my role as Manager of Faculty Evaluation, I lead with a focus on equity, clarity, and collaborative growth. As your President-Elect, I will advocate for the voices of Prof-Tech employees in shared governance, expand professional development opportunities, and strengthen connections across our diverse campuses. I am eager to serve as a bridge between our members and leadership to ensure our vital contributions to student success are recognized and supported.

## **Communication 4 Nominations**

**1. Name:** Renée Lyon

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Position:** Telecommunications Manager

**Years with ACC:** 8 years and 5 months

### **Self-Nominated Statement:**

I'm proud to run for re-election as Communications Officer for the Association of Professional-Technical Employees.

Over the past year, I've worked to improve how we share information, highlight member achievements, and champion the issues and concerns that matter most to you. Out of respect for members' time and workload, I transformed the newsletters into quick reads with links to more information. From timely updates and clearer messaging to expanding engagement across meetings, newsletters, and email, my goal has always been to make communication more transparent, accessible, and useful for every member, and to hear your concerns.

As your Communications Officer, I've focused on:

- \* Delivering consistent and accurate updates
- \* Promoting member voices and accomplishments
- \* Improving outreach and participation by inviting members to the monthly Executive Council Meetings
- \* Supporting collaboration between leadership and members
- \* Ensuring important information reaches employees quickly and clearly
- \* Obtaining clear communication on decisions and changes that will affect our members from the Chancellor and the Cabinet

While we've made meaningful progress, there is still more we can accomplish together. If re-elected, I will continue working to strengthen communication, increase member engagement, and make sure every employee feels heard, represented, informed, and connected.

I value the trust and support you've given me, and I would be honored to continue serving our association in this role. I respectfully ask for your vote for Communications Officer. Thank you for your support.

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**Years with ACC:** 15 years

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**3. Name:** Beth Prickett

**Position:** Campus Coordinator

**Primary Campus:** South Austin Campus (SAC)

**Years with ACC:** 15+ years

**Nominated Statement:**

I'd like to nominate Beth for APTE Communications Officer. Beth truly stands out in her role as Campus Coordinator, consistently demonstrating strong communication, organization, and leadership skills. Her work reflects excellent writing ability, digital know-how, and a natural talent for connecting with people.

She plays a key role in keeping her campus community informed, regularly communicating with faculty, staff, students, and external partners about college policies, procedures, and processes. Beth also does an outstanding job managing and coordinating facility use requests for campus events, making sure everything runs smoothly for both internal and external groups.

On top of that, she handles a high volume of office communications with ease, always prioritizing effectively and ensuring important district-wide information is shared in a timely manner. Beth's dedication, professionalism, and positive impact on campus make her a great choice for this role.

**4. Name:** Samantha Sheffield

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Position:** Community Engagement Coordinator

**Years with ACC:** 3 years

**Nominated Statement:** In her role as Community Engagement Coordinator for ACC's Office of Community and Government Affairs, Samantha excels at community outreach and making connections with all sorts of groups--from elementary schools to senior centers--and has forged deep connections with all sorts of youth empowerment and civic service organizations. She is a social media and digital communications wiz who I now can put APTE engagement into hyperdrive by connecting staff interests with engaging material that is both informative and empowering and helping get the word out about APTE in a way that will increase attendance and participation. Sam is also really cool and fun to work with!

### **Treasurer 3 Nominations**

**1. Name:** Michael Burch

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Position:** Regional Director - Transfer Services

**Years with ACC:** 5 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:** As I wrap up my first five years at ACC, it is apparent how much of the great work that happens at ACC is performed by Prof-Tech employees. I want to provide the best representation possible for the prof-tech employees at ACC, and my goal is to ensure our voices are heard and our contributions are fully recognized. I have a passion for higher ed access and equity in higher education. I am excited to find new and effective ways to advocate for the exceptional prof-tech employees who help make ACC a remarkable place to work and learn.

**2. Name:** Victor Sibaja

**Primary Campus:** Hays Campus (HYC)

**Position:** Manager, Instructional Media Production

**Years with ACC:** 12.5 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:**

My name is Victor Sibaja and I am interested in running for APTE Treasurer and in serving in this role and capacity in FY27. Over the course of the last three years, I've become filled with a passion to serve at this College in a capacity beyond my job title, a passion rooted in the principles of shared governance and influenced by servant leadership. These past three years, I've had the privilege and honor to serve in a presidential role within APTE, and this experience has taught me so much about our constituents' needs, concerns, and their hopes for a better and more human-centered ACC. An ACC that meets Prof-Techs where they are and helps them excel both personally and professionally so that they can truly and fully dedicate themselves to loving our Students to Success. During my time as President of APTE, my efforts focused around amplifying employee appreciation through the APTE All-Stars initiative, advocating for the importance of adequate employee pay (especially in the areas of Interim roles and Temporary Assignment Pay) and in bringing to the forefront the importance of supporting and impacting employee morale in a positive way at our institution. Along with my fellow Officers, I also worked on proposing a budget increase for our Association, as well as the separation of the Secretary-Treasurer role, which led to where we are now with the creation of two new independent Officer roles (a year-long effort that resulted in positive impacts for APTE and our constituency as a whole). My reason for running for Treasurer is simple. Given that I've been a supporter and leading advocate in the creation of this new Officer role, I am interested in serving in it to amplify its mission and impact. I truly believe in the power of continuity, and I feel that at this moment, I am the right candidate to hold the role and execute on its responsibilities in FY27. I truly believe that my ability to serve in this role in FY27 will not only set a great foundation but will also ripple out positive impacts for all Prof-Techs that serve in this role and capacity in the years to come.

Thank you so much for your time and for considering me in this very important and key decision for our APTE leadership and constituency.

**3. Name:** John Wilsonmay

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Position:** IT Product Owner

**Years with ACC:** 6 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:**

My name is John Wilsonmay and I am running for Treasurer of APTE. After serving the College for 6 years, this role aligns with my interest in helping ACC in new ways beyond my full-time job. My Bachelor's Degree is in Finance. During my collegiate experience, I served as treasurer for a student organization. More recently, I served 2-years as treasurer for an Austin non-profit organization.

As a result of my experience, I am very familiar with maintaining accurate financial records in accordance with organizational policy; and, understanding the laws that govern such records. Furthermore, I am committed to the APTE mission and strategies. I will work tirelessly to collaborate with my fellow APTE officers. Most importantly, I will work to help the Association ensure the voice of our Professional-Technical Employee Community is heard and represented.

### **Secretary 2 Nominations**

**1. Name:** Melissa Dugan

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Position:** Senior Conduct Coordinator

**Years with ACC:** 3.5 years

#### **Self-Nominated Statement:**

As an employee at ACC, I have worked to ensure service and advocacy for our students and ACC colleagues through my work as an academic advisor, Success Coach and now a member of the Student Rights and Responsibilities team as Conduct Officer. I have done this not only through my job but also participation in focus groups, Theory of Change Network, and various ad hoc committees.

I am a vocal and conscientious participant in the ACC community, who is committed to positive change and transparent leadership. I think APTE is an agent of the kind of change and systemic support to which I am dedicated.

**2. Name:** Kamryn Leary

**Primary Campus:** Northridge Campus (NRG)

**Position:** Area of Study Advising Specialist

**Years with ACC:** 4 years

#### **Self-Nominated Statement:**

My name is Kamryn, and I am very excited to submit my nomination for APTE Secretary!

I have been with ACC for almost four years and have served as an academic advisor for more than two and a half years. I am about to wrap up two years on the Academic Guidance Forum leadership team. Throughout this time, I have learned how to balance creating a positive, enjoyable environment for my coworkers while also ensuring their voices are represented during our monthly meetings. In addition, my previous experience serving as secretary for the Intake Forum has strengthened my organizational and communication skills. As APTE Secretary, my goal is to continue growing in my advocacy for my coworkers while also meeting new people and expanding my knowledge of the college and its community.

## Executive Council Positions

Academic & Student Affairs Council (2 places)	Maze Daniel Chupe- O'Halon Michael Burch Melissa Dugan Bryna Hoang Talisia McHugh	
Administrative Services Council (2 places)	Tina Carver	Seeking Nominees
Assessment & Advising Committee (1 place)		Seeking Nominees
College Accessibility Committee (1 place)	David Gustafson Marie Trzeciak	
Curriculum & Programs Committee (1 place)	Talisia McHugh	
Distance Education Committee (1 place)	Andrea DeLeon	
Enrollment Services Committee (1 place)		Seeking Nominees
Faculty Development & Evaluation Committee (1 place)		Seeking Nominees
Information Technology Committee (3 places)	Claudia Gonzalez Marc Petrick Shay Tower	
Student Rights & Responsibilities Committee (1 place)	Pamela Chukwuneke	
Safety & Environmental Mgmt Committee (1 place)	Sonya Rendon-Rangel	
Adjunct Faculty Staffing (1 place)	Charity Benford	
Ad Hoc Events Committee		Seeking Nominees

# 26-27 Executive Council Positions Nomination Statements

## Academic & Student Affairs Council (2 places)

**1. Name:** Maze

**Position:** Job Skills and Readiness Coordinator

**Primary Campus:** Highland Business Center (HBC)

**Years with ACC:** 5 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:** Although I am new to Prof-Tech, I am passionate about shared governance and collaborative leadership. As the former Communications Officer for the CEA, I valued the opportunity to advocate for my colleagues and support the creation of the best possible working environment.

I am especially interested in serving on the Academic and Student Affairs Council because one of the charges of my Theory of Change Design Team was strengthening connections between Academic and Student Affairs. Through that work, I helped foster collaboration across divisions and gained a deeper understanding of how interconnected our work is in supporting students and employees alike. Here at Austin Community College, I work in Student Affairs, while my previous experience as an adult ESOL instructor at Dallas College and private ESOL schools gave me experience on the academic side as well. Having worked on both sides, I truly believe we are stronger together. I want to help break down silos and weave our work together so we can better support our students, and each other, to success.

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**5. Name:** Bryna Hoang

**Position:** Master Academic Advising Specialist

**Primary Campus:** South Austin Campus (SAC)

**Years with ACC:** 2.5 Years

Self-Nominated Statement: I guess the best way to summarize my "why" is to say I'm putting my money where my mouth is. During my time at ACC I've been very vocal about my thoughts, but dragged my feet when it came to getting involved. Maybe it was the fear of getting my hopes up and then dashed if nothing meaningful came about?

My background pre-ACC was all rooted in advocacy. I have previous work experience in non-profits for backgrounds and uplifting marginalized identities and in mental health counseling. My experiences range from disability advocacy to oral histories of Latina/o/x Americans to Uvalde students who were impacted by the mass shooting at Robb Elementary.

I think my background is strong. What is perhaps more valuable is me and my voice. My willingness to see problems, name them, and immediately begin pondering solutions or compromises.

It's time to take the ideas and thoughts I keep to myself, share them, and use them to uplift and impact.

**6. Name:** Talisia McHugh

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### **Administrative Services Council (2 places)**

*Note: Nominees Needed. Opportunity to write-in a nominee. If you are interested, let the nomination committee know.*

1. **Name:** Tina Carver

**Position:** Career Programs Manager, High School Programs

**Primary Campus:** HAYS Campus (HYS)

**Years with ACC:** 8 years

**Nominated Statement:**

I nominated Tina to continue serving as the Administrative Service Council Representative because she has already demonstrated strong leadership, professionalism, and a commitment to representing the interests and concerns of APTE members. Through her current service in this role, she has shown the ability to communicate effectively, collaborate with others, and contribute positively to council discussions and initiatives. Her experience and understanding of the council's responsibilities make her well qualified to continue serving in this position.

### **Assessment & Advising Committee (1 place)**

*Note: Nominees Needed. Opportunity to write-in a nominee. If you are interested, let the nomination committee know.*

### **College Accessibility Committee (1 place)**

1. **Name:** David Gustafson

**Position:** Health Sciences Data Coordinator

**Primary Campus:** Eastview Campus (EVC), Round Rock Campus (RRC)

**Years with ACC:** 7 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:**

Statement of Qualification for College Accessibility Council (APTE Executive Council)

As a Deaf professional, accessibility advocacy isn't abstract for me, it's personal. I navigate the same institutional systems this council works to improve, which gives me a perspective that goes beyond policy.

In my role as a Health Sciences Data Analyst at ACC, I design systems and tools that others depend on daily. I think constantly about usability, clarity, and who gets left behind when those things aren't done well. I bring that same lens to accessibility work.

I also serve on the board of the Austin Deaf Foundation, where I'm involved in governance and community advocacy for the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard-of-Hearing community in Austin; work that has sharpened my understanding of the barriers disabled individuals face anywhere, especially in institutional settings.

I want to bring a data-informed, user-centered voice to this council and ensure all students with accessibility needs are meaningfully represented in these conversations.

**2. Name:** Marie Trzeciak

**Position:** Case Coordinator, Student Rights & Responsibilities

**Primary Campus:** Central Region Remote

**Years with ACC:** 12 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:** During my 12 years at Austin Community College, I have served in multiple roles that have provided me with extensive knowledge of student support, accessibility needs, and institutional processes. I actively stay informed on higher education trends and policy developments by following APTE, Board meetings, updates from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas Legislature. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute this knowledge and experience to collaborative discussions focused on improving accessibility policies, training, and districtwide strategies that create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all members of the ACC community.

### **Curriculum & Programs Committee (1 place)**

**1. Name:** Talisia McHugh

**Primary Campus:** San Gabriel Campus (SGC)

**Position:** Master Academic Advising Specialist

**Years with ACC:** 15 years

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**Distance Education Committee (1 place)**

**1. Name:** Andrea DeLeon

**Position:** Apprenticeship Coordinator

**Primary Campus:** Highland Business Center (HBC)

**Years with ACC:** 14.5 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:** Serving on the Distance Education Committee represents an exciting opportunity to champion innovation in ACC's digital spaces. As distance education evolves, it is vital that our faculty and staff are equipped with the training, course development resources, and administrative support necessary to deliver exceptional online experiences. If selected, I will work diligently to ensure our distance education policies are forward-thinking, inclusive, and practical for the entire ACC community.

**Enrollment Services Committee (1 place)**

*Note: Nominees Needed. Opportunity to write-in a nominee. If you are interested, let the nomination committee know.*

**Faculty Development & Evaluation Committee (1 place)**

*Note: Nominees Needed. Opportunity to write-in a nominee. If you are interested, let the nomination committee know.*

**Information Technology Committee (3 places)**

**1. Name:** Claudia Gonzalez

**Position:** Technical Support Services Manager

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Years with ACC:** <1 year

**Self-Nominated Statement:** My extensive experience in different fields and working with all types of people make me the perfect candidate for this committee. I've also volunteered at non-profit places that gave me a great perspective of what a committee should look like.

**2. Name:** Marc Petrick

**Position:** Manager, Student Technology Services

**Primary Campus:** San Gabriel Campus (SGC)

**Years with ACC: 21 years**

**Self-Nominated Statement:**

I would like to continue to serve as one of the Prof Tech representatives on the Information Technology Committee. I have been with ACC for 21 years and it is important for our association to ensure we have a voice on this committee. Throughout the last year on this committee I was able to take our associations concerns directly to IT and provide the answers we needed (such as the questions in regards to the transition from Informer to Domo. If elected to this committee again, I will continue to be our voice and make sure our concerns are addressed. Thank you.

**3. Name:** Shay Tower

**Position:** Director, IT PMO

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Years with ACC: 3 months**

**Self-Nominated Statement:**

I am interested in serving in a committee position with the Association of Professional-Technical Employees because, although I am a new ACC employee, I value community involvement and meaningful collaboration. In my 3 months at ACC, I have already experienced the vibrant and welcoming culture that makes ACC such a special place, and I would love the opportunity to contribute more actively to that community.

My current role does not directly engage with students, so I see committee service as a valuable way to build connections with colleagues across the College and support the broader mission of ACC. I believe strong relationships among staff contribute to a positive environment that ultimately benefits students and the communities ACC serves.

Community involvement and service have always been important to me. I currently serve on the planning committee for the City of Leander's annual MLK March and Celebration, where I organize and lead the city's Day of Service. I also serve as Secretary for Leander Women+ for Progress, an organization focused on education, advocacy, giving, and service. In addition, I am an active member of the Leander Early College High School (San Gabriel) PTA and have previously held an appointed position with the Leander Library Foundation. Professionally, I have led employee resource groups and participated in mentoring initiatives through former employers and through Austin Women in IT.

If selected, I would approach this role with a commitment to clarity, equity, and inclusion. I believe leadership is rooted in honesty, transparency, and communication, and I would strive to bring those values into my work with the committee. I am excited by the opportunity to listen, learn, collaborate, and contribute to the continued success of the ACC community.

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee (1 place)**

**1. Name:** Pamela Chukwuneke

**Position:** Coordinator

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Years with ACC:** 7 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:** I've worked as a council representative for a couple of years at ACC and would love to continue on.

### **Safety & Environmental Management Committee (1 place)**

**1. Name:** Sonya Rendon-Rangel

**Position:** Campus Coordinator

**Primary Campus:** Elgin Campus (EGC)

**Years with ACC:** 13 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:** I am very interested in continuing to serve on the Police/Safety & Environmental Management Committee for 2026-2027. Providing

both physically and psychologically safe environments is a significant part of my job. I work closely with the Police Department, Sustainability team, and our Campus Operations team to ensure safety is prioritized. I take my role on this committee seriously, as it allows us to discuss and implement new ideas related to safety on our campuses.

### **Adjunct Faculty Staffing (1)**

**1. Name:** Charity Benford

**Position:** Coordinator for Institutional Effectiveness / Adjunct Faculty

**Primary Campus:** Highland Campus (HLC)

**Years with ACC:** 9 years

**Self-Nominated Statement:**

Serving on the APTE Executive Council over the past full academic year has been meaningful, valuable, and an educational experience. During that time, I've had the opportunity to learn from dedicated colleagues, better understand the important work being done on behalf of our members, and grow as an advocate for our community. I would be honored to continue serving for another term and to build on the experience and relationships developed during my time on the Council to make me a better representative.

In addition to my role on the Council, I served on a shared governance committee, where I was able to represent and advocate for APTE members who also teach at ACC. I deeply believe in the importance of being present in key decision-making spaces and ensuring that the voices of our colleagues are heard, especially those who may not be present in the room. I understand the importance of my vote on certain things, is a vote for many of our members. I hope to continue serving in this capacity and to remain a thoughtful, compassionate, and strong advocate for you.

### **Ad Hoc Events Committee (1 place)**

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