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GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT  
STATE APPOINTMENT DISCLOSURE FORM

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[Note: This form should be completed and signed by the appointee no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the date the public official is appointed or confirmed by the Senate, if nominated during a legislative session.]

Michael H Morath  
(Print Name)

Commissioner Texas Education Agency  
(Board Appointment)

The Public Information Act allows employees, public officials and former employees and officials to elect whether to keep certain information about them confidential. Unless you choose to keep it confidential, the following information about you may be subject to public release if requested under the Texas Public Information Act. Therefore, please indicate whether you wish to allow public release of the following information.

**Public Access?**

Home Address: No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

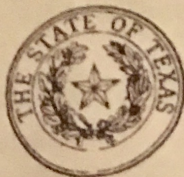
Information that reveals whether you have family members: No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature]  
(Signature)

12/14/15  
(Date)

Please return form to:  
Governor's Appointments Office  
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**GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT**  
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**APPOINTMENT APPLICATION**

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**1. Personal Information**

Full Legal Name <b>Michael Hunter Morath</b>		
Preferred Name		
Spouse's Name		
Physical Home Address		
City, State Zip		
Mailing Address		
City, State Zip		
County Dallas	Work Telephone 214-629-8927	Home Telephone
Cellular	Preferred E-mail Address	
Secondary E-Mail Address (if applicable)		State Senator Don Huffines
		State Representative Kenneth Sheets



**3. State Board(s), Commission(s), or Task Force(s) of Interest to You:**

*The list of all entities to which the Governor makes appointments may be found at:*

<http://www.gov.texas.gov/appointments/positions>

<b>Texas Commission on Next Generation Assessments and Accountability</b>	

**4. Employment Information**

Employer Morath Investments	Employer's Address 6664 Yosemite Ln Dallas, TX 75214	Present Job Title Chairman
Present Job Description Manage small investment portfolio, provide consulting services		Profession Executive



Name Michael Hunter Morath

### 5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School	Garland High School	1995	
Undergraduate	George Washington University	1998	BBA, Finance
Graduate			
Other			

### 6. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location
Morath Investments	Chairman	2012-present	Dallas, TX
Minute Menu Systems	President / COO	2000-2011	Richardson, TX
Carefinder.com	Co-Founder / CEO	1998-2000	Garland, TX
Next Step Computing	Co-Founder / President	1996-1999	Garland, TX

### 7. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
Brandon Benson	Source Minerals	Dallas	469-522-2539	Colleague
Jonathan Reeder	JER Investments	Dallas	707-733-3370	Colleague
Todd Williams	Commit	Dallas	214-451-0568	Colleague
Byron Sanders	US Trust	Dallas	214-681-9644	Banker
Joe Cole	Liquid Compass	Dallas	972-877-4706	Colleague

### 8. Professional Memberships (including any state bar memberships)

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
Texas Association of School Boards	Board Member	Current

### 9. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
Addison Rotary Club	Past President	Current
Alpha Phi Alpha North Dallas Alumni Chapter	Past Vice President	Current
Leadership Dallas Alumni Board	Board Member	Current
Perot Museum of Nature & Science	Advisory Board Member	Former
Woodrow Wilson Highschool Community Found.	Board Member	Current
Reunion Church	Former Missions Team Member	Current

### 10. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge



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### 11. Social Media Information

Do you use, or have you ever used, any of the following? If "yes," provide additional information.

Facebook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username michael.morath.14 and Mike-Morath-For-Dallas-School-Board
Twitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Handle @mikemorath
Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username
LinkedIn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Profile Michael Morath
Google+	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username

### 12. Spouse Information This Section Not Applicable

Spouse's Employer	Job Title/Position
Does your spouse conduct any business with or before the Texas Legislature or any other state entity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list agencies:

### 13. Miscellaneous Information

Note: "Material interest" is defined as (a) serving on the governing board of directors or (b) a ten (10) percent or greater ownership. This does not apply to any mutual funds in which you do not exercise authority in investment decisions.

Have you filed federal income tax returns for the past five (5) years? If no, give details. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever defaulted on a personal, business or student loan? If yes, give details. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Type of Loan	Date	Details

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest or of which you have been an officer or principal been involved in any bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, give details including dates. ☐ Yes ☒ No

No bankruptcy proceedings, but I started two businesses that ultimately failed and ceased operations without a bankruptcy: Carefinder.com and Next Step Computing.

Do you currently serve, or have you ever served, on any local, state or federal government board, commission or committee or in any elected or appointed office? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Entity	Position	Dates	Compensated (Y/N)	Reimbursed (Y/N)
Dallas ISD Board	Trustee	2011-current	N	Y
TEA APAC	Committee Member	2014-current	N	N
TX Internet Tax Policy Work Grp	Committee Member	1998-1999	N	N



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13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Name of Official and Title Relationship

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, give full name and details:

Name of Company	Details

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list association and position:

Self

Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you or your spouse have a material interest been party to litigation? If yes, give details. ☒ Yes ☐ No

In the process of negotiating the sale of my interest in Minute Menu Systems, I initiated litigation with my former business partner because of a dispute over valuation. It was settled out of court as part of the final sale.

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration
DPS	Concealed Handgun License	06322823	04/20/2018

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details. ☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Not Applicable



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13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

To the best of your knowledge, have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest been investigated, reprimanded, fined or suspended from doing business with any state or federal agency? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, reprimanded, fined, suspended)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

Have you ever been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations), placed on probation, required to perform community service, or had a criminal proceeding disposed of by pre-trial diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or some similar proceeding?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, list the charge, the date of the offense, the city and/or county and state in which it allegedly occurred, and the disposition thereof.	
This was all traffic related, but is possibly relevant: I was ticketed on 6/8/1999 for a stop line violation and not having a valid registration (Garland, TX). Young and foolish, I never paid the ticket. It went to warrant, and I paid it off on 2/20/2003 after being pulled over for speeding (Coppell, TX).	



#### 14. Certification

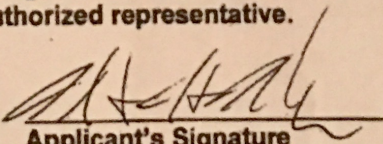
Full Legal Name Michael Hunter Morath	
Date of Birth [REDACTED]	Driver License or DPS ID# [REDACTED]
Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Place of Birth Cincinnati, OH	
Date of naturalization (if not a citizen upon birth) / /	
Ethnicity: (optional; check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> African American	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

#### Notes:

- Appointment to a Board or Commission may require the annual filing of a Personal Financial Statement (PFS) Form with the Texas Ethics Commission.
- A resume must be attached in order for this application to be considered complete.
- Judicial candidates must also complete a Judicial Questionnaire.
- Any information provided on the application or attached may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act. This means that an individual requesting copies of the information in your file may be provided access to that information.

#### CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give the Office of the Governor full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application. I specifically authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct a background investigation and to disclose the results of that investigation to the Governor or his authorized representative.

  
Applicant's Signature

8/25/15  
Date

Submit to:

Appointments Staff (512) 463-1828  
Office of the Governor (512) 475-2576 fax  
PO Box 12428 www.gov.texas.gov  
Austin, Texas 78711

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## Michael Hunter Morath

Strategic Planning  
Sales & Marketing

Information Systems  
Education Reform

Executive Management  
Financial Management

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### OVERVIEW

Successful entrepreneur who helped refocus a multi-billion dollar federal child care bureaucracy back to the needs of kids via a for-profit information systems company. Now serves as an unpaid, elected trustee of the Dallas Independent School System, volunteering full time with the goal of transforming that school district into the highest performing educational system in the US.

### PROFESSIONAL

May 11 – Present

Dallas Independent School District

Dallas, TX

- Elected Trustee for the DISD Board, which oversees \$1.8B annual budget serving 160,000 children in 224 schools with 20,000+ employees. Position is unpaid, but role has required a full-time commitment
- Facilitated the launch of a non-profit that serves as a community leadership development pipeline
- Steered a strategic change in district operations to empower principals, radically improve the human capital pipeline, and completely revamp teacher evaluation & compensation
- While working to build broad support, initiated a radical expansion of school choice within the district
- Recruited a network of technology consultants, volunteering for free, to help guide the district into full compliance with federal E-Rate requirements and roll-out a best in class network infrastructure
- Worked with Board to win approvals for the expansion and improvement of pre-kindergarten, a ban on the forced-placement of underperforming personnel, the roll-out of a radical new way of teaching using technology, and an early literacy initiative using volunteers to teach kids reading

Apr 12 – Present

Morath Investments, LLC

Dallas, TX

- Chairman of small investment management firm, with a portfolio of real estate and oil & gas investments. Provide executive consulting services to portfolio companies

Feb 01 – December 11

Minute Menu Systems, LLC

Richardson, TX

- President of Minute Menu Systems, operator of software management system and IT vendor focused on the \$2.5 billion USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a federal child care subsidy
- Transformed company from mom & pop operation into leading vendor of products and services in the CACFP, with 100,000+ customers in all 50 states, and with recurring, high-margin, service-fee based revenue model that reduces client agency operating costs by 13%
- Launched new Internet-based product line which radically streamlined highly regulated and bureaucratic client agencies while giving child care providers an easier way of participating
- Launched new system for state oversight agencies which reduced their auditing costs
- Negotiated acquisition of two competitors, with a payback period of only 18 & 24 months given aggressive MIS integration execution
- Profits grown 20-fold during tenure

### EDUCATION

Aug 95 – Dec 97

George Washington University

Washington, DC

BBA, Finance, *summa cum laude*, graduated in 2½ years

### OTHER

- Volunteer "Big" with Big Brothers, Big Sisters, since 2006
- Volunteered & co-organized India Orphanage Relief Trip in Nov 2007. See: [arcindia.blogspot.com](http://arcindia.blogspot.com)
- President, Addison Rotary Club, 2010-2011. Rotarian of the Year, 2009
- Vice President Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., North Dallas alumni chapter, 2009-2011
- In a pinch, taught the two advanced Computer Science classes at high school alma mater, Garland High School, when former teacher resigned suddenly, until replacement found. Nov 00-May 01
- mountaineer, ice climber, backpacker, runner, skydiver, hang glider... generally, an adventurer