

# Williams elevated to UH assistant baseball coach

## STAFF REPORT

Cougar Baseball legend Woody Williams has been promoted to Assistant Coach, Houston head coach Todd Whitting announced on Friday.

The 15-year Major League Baseball veteran spent the 2024 season as the Director of Pitching Strategy and Development. Three Cougar pitchers were drafted in the 2024 MLB Draft, the most pitchers taken in one draft since 2022 when three pitchers were also taken.

"It's an honor to be back at the University of Houston with an opportunity to mentor these young men on and off the field," Williams said. "Our staff and players are ready to work, and I am looking forward to an outstanding season." Serving as the Texas Longhorns



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Woody Williams will join the University of Houston coaching staff as an assistant coach.

pitching coach in 2023, Williams helped the Longhorns win a share of the 2023 Big 12 Regular Season Title. On Forty Acres, Williams led Texas to the 10th lowest ERA in the nation at 4.18 highlighted by allowing just nine runs in

their sweep of the Coral Gables Regional.

"The addition of Coach Williams is a huge boost for the development of our pitching staff," Whitting said. "His success as a former player at UH, 15 year MLB career and as a very successful pitching coach on the collegiate level is very exciting for UH Baseball. Woody has always had great passion for UH and I could not be more excited to have him on our staff."

The Longhorns matched Oklahoma State with a Big 12 Conference-best four pitchers selected in the 2023 MLB Draft including D1 Baseball First-Team All-American Lucas Gordon who was selected in the sixth round by the Chicago White Sox.

Under Williams' guidance, Gordon became the eighth Texas

student-athlete to be named Big 12 Conference Pitcher of the Year. The Longhorns led the league with two First-Team All-Conference starting pitchers as Gordon was joined by Lebaron Johnson Jr.

Prior to his time at Texas, Williams spent seven seasons as an assistant coach at San Jacinto College, helping lead the Gators to the Junior College World Series five times. Prior to joining San Jac, Williams coached three years at Fort Bend Christian Academy and spent two seasons with the Houston Heat.

Prior to his 20-year professional baseball career, he was a two-way standout for the Cougars (1987-88). In 1987, Williams served as the starting shortstop before leading the 1988 team in ERA (3.32), wins (9), innings (100.1) as both a shortstop and starting pitcher.

The 15-year Major League Baseball veteran pitched for four different teams from 1993 to 2007. In 2003 as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals, Williams became the fourth Cougar to be named an MLB All-Star going 18-9 with a 3.87 ERA and 153 strikeouts in 220.2 innings.

While Williams was on staff at San Jacinto College the Gators sent numerous players onto Division I baseball as well as to the Major League Baseball draft, highlighted by 2019 first round pick RHP Jackson Rutledge.

Williams had an accomplished MLB career, pitching for 15 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays, San Diego Padres, St. Louis Cardinals and Houston Astros. He logged more than 2,000 innings pitched and won 132 games with a 4.19 career ERA.

## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 25 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Administration Building, located at 10347 Clodine Road, Richmond, Texas, 77407. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

**FOR** the proposal: Syed J Wasim, Mustafa M Asif, Brian Addicks, Jabirul Quadir, Jeffery Williams

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.85400 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.84000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.01400 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-1.64%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$335,802.00	\$370,000.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$335,802.00	\$365,000.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$2,867.75	\$3,066.00
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$198.25 6.91%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS-WALLER COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 1:30 P.M. at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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**FOR** the proposal: Tony Bonaventure, Randy Pfeiffer, Steve Dornak

**AGAINST** the proposal: NONE

**PRESENT** and not voting: NONE

**ABSENT:** Jennifer White, Valerie Davis

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.88000/\$100 Adopted	\$0.88000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$584,173.00	\$626,988.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$52,234.00	\$27,489.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$531,939.00	\$599,499.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$4,681.06	\$5,275.59
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$594.53 ** 12.70%

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\*\* The District has issued bonds and is required to levy a debt service tax rate to support the payment on such bonds. The election is moot because the District is levying a Maintenance tax under the highest rate allowed by law.

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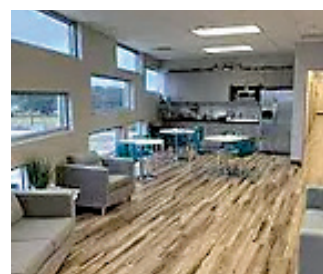
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