

#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# **Important Dates for Candidates - 2024**

1/17	First date to file for place on the ballot
1/29	DSISD School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
2/08	"Becoming a Board Member" Academy, 5:00 pm
2/16	Last date to file for place on the ballot, 5:00 PM
2/26	Drawing for place on the ballot, 4:30 pm, DSISD AdminBldg.
2/26	DSISD School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
3/25	DSISD School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
4/4	Submit First Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (form C/OH)
4/22	DSISD School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
4/22-4/30	Early Voting
4/26	Submit Second Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (form C/OH)
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Texas Secretary of State's Office

www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/candidacy.shtml

1-800-252-2216

**Texas Ethics Commission** 

www.ethics.state.tx.us

512-463-5800

Hays County Election Office

https://hayscountytx.com/departments/elections/candidates-and-officeholders/

512-393-7310

Texas Association of School Boards

https://www.tasb.org/services/board-development-services/resources.aspx

### APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION FOR A CITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

An application for a place on the general election for a city, school district or other political subdivision, may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline prescribed by this code for filing the application. An application filed before that day is void. All fields of the application **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

For an election to be held on a uniform election date, the day of the filing deadline is the 78th day before Election Day.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

#### **NEPOTISM LAW**

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. When a candidate signs the application, it is an acknowledgment that the candidate is aware of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to the officer, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which the officer serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at an election other than the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

#### **FOOTNOTES**

<sup>1</sup>An application for a place on the ballot, including any accompanying petition, is public information immediately on its filing. (Section 141.035, Texas Election Code)

<sup>2</sup>Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml

<sup>3</sup>Proof of release from the resulting disabilities of a felony conviction would include proof of judicial clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701, proof of executive pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01, or proof of a restoration of rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05. (Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-0251)

One of the following documents must be submitted with this application.

Judicial Clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701 Executive Pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01 Restoration of Rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05

<sup>4</sup>All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas. See Chapter 602 of the Texas Government Code for the complete list of persons authorized to administer oaths.

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# SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA DE UNA ELECCIÓN GENERAL PARA UNA CIUDAD, DISTRITO ESCOLAR U OTRA SUBDIVISIÓN POLÍTICA

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#### **INSTRUCCIONES**

Una solicitud para un lugar en la elección general para una ciudad, distrito escolar u otra subdivisión política, no puede ser presentada antes de los 30 días antes de la fecha límite prescrita por este código para presentar la solicitud. Una solicitud presentada antes de ese día es nula. Todos los campos de la solicitud **deben** completarse a menos que estén específicamente marcados como opcional.

Para una elección que se lleve a cabo en una fecha de elección uniforme, el día de la fecha límite de presentación es el 78° diva antes del día de la elección.

Si tiene preguntas sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la División de Elecciones del Secretario de Estado llamando al 800-252-8683.

#### LEY DE NEPOTISMO

El candidato debe firmar esta declaración indicando su conocimiento de la ley del nepotismo. Cuando un candidato firma la solicitud, es un reconocimiento de que el candidato conoce la ley del nepotismo. Las prohibiciones de nepotismo del capítulo 573, Código de Gobierno, se resumen a continuación:

Ningún funcionario puede nombrar, votar o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de cualquier persona emparentada dentro del segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o del tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre) con sí mismo, o con cualquier otro miembro del órgano de gobierno o corte en el que se desempeña cuando la compensación de esa persona debe pagarse con fondos públicos o honorarios del cargo. Sin embargo, nada en la ley impide el nombramiento, la votación o la confirmación de cualquier persona que haya estado empleada continuamente en la oficina o el empleo durante el período siguiente antes de la elección o el nombramiento del funcionario o miembro emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el funcionario o miembro es elegido en una elección que no sea la elección general para funcionarios estatales y del condado.

Ningún candidato puede tomar medidas para influir en un empleado del cargo al que aspira a ser elegido o en un empleado o funcionario del organismo gubernamental al que aspira a ser elegido en relación con el nombramiento o el empleo de una persona emparentada con el candidato en un grado prohibido, tal como se ha indicado anteriormente. Esta prohibición no se aplica a las acciones de un candidato con respecto a una clase o categoría de buena fe de empleados o empleados prospectos.

#### **NOTAS**

<sup>1</sup>Una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta electoral, incluida cualquier petición que la acompañe, es información pública inmediatamente después de su presentación. (Sección 141.035, Código Electoral de Texas)

<sup>2</sup>La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Ingles) es opcional. Sin embargo, a muchos candidatos se les exige que estén registrados como votantes en el territorio desde el cual se elige el cargo en el momento de la fecha límite de presentación. Por favor, visite el sitio web de la Division de Elecciones de la Secretaría de Estado para obtener información adicional. http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-fag.shtml

<sup>3</sup>La prueba de liberación de las discapacidades resultantes de una condena por un delito grave incluiría prueba de clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701, prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01, o prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05. (Opinión de Fiscal General de Texas KP-0251)

#### Se debe enviar uno de los siguientes documentos con esta solicitud:

Clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701

Prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01

Prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05

<sup>4</sup>Todos lo los juramentos, declaraciones juradas o afirmaciones hechas dentro de este estado pueden ser administrados y un certificado del hecho dado por un juez, secretario(a) o comisionado de cualquier corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, secretario municipal (para una oficina de la ciudad) y el Secretario de Estado de Texas. Consulte el Capítulo 602 del Código del Gobierno de Texas para obtener la lista completa de personas autorizadas a administrar juramentos.

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**Note:** This policy addresses many of the powers and duties of the board set forth in Education Code Chapter 11, Subchapter D. For other powers and duties of the board not listed below, see the applicable policy codes.

#### Governance

A district is governed by a board of trustees who, as a body corporate, shall oversee the management of the district and ensure that the superintendent implements and monitors plans, procedures, programs, and systems to achieve appropriate, clearly defined, and desired results in the major areas of district operations. *Education Code 11.051(a)* 

# General Powers and Duties

The trustees constitute a body corporate and in the name of the district may acquire and hold real and personal property, sue and be sued, and receive bequests and donations or other moneys or funds coming legally into their hands.

Except as provided by Education Code 39A.201 and 39A.202 [see AIC], the trustees as a body corporate have the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the district. All powers and duties not specifically delegated by statute to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) or the State Board of Education are reserved for the board, and TEA may not substitute its judgment for the lawful exercise of those powers and duties by the trustees.

The trustees may adopt rules and bylaws necessary to carry out these powers and duties.

Education Code 11.151(a), (b), (d)

## Specific Powers and Duties

In addition to powers and duties under Education Code 11.151 above or other law, the board has the powers and duties provided by Education Code 11.1511(b) below, except as otherwise provided by Education Code 39A.201 or 39A.202. *Education Code* 11.1511(a)

The board shall:

- Seek to establish working relationships with other public entities to make effective use of community resources and to serve the needs of public school students in the community.
- 2. Adopt a vision statement and comprehensive goals for the district and the superintendent, and monitor progress toward those goals. [See AE]
- 3. Establish performance goals for the district concerning the academic and fiscal performance indicators under Education

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- Code Chapter 39, Subchapters C, D, and J, and any performance indicators adopted by the district. [See Al series]
- 4. Provide oversight regarding student academic achievement and strategic leadership for maximizing student performance. *Education Code 11.1515* [See AIB]
- Ensure that the superintendent is accountable for achieving performance results, recognizes performance accomplishments, and takes action as necessary to meet performance goals. [See BJA]
- 6. Collaborate with the superintendent as set forth at Education Code 11.1512(b). *Education Code 11.1512* [See BJA]
- 7. Adopt a policy to establish a district- and campus-level planning and decision-making process as required under Education Code 11.251. [See BQ series]
- 8. Publish an annual educational performance report as required under Education Code 39.306. [See AIB, BQ series]
- 9. Adopt an annual budget for the district as required under Education Code 44.004. [See CE]
- 10. Adopt a tax rate each fiscal year as required by Tax Code 26.05. [See CCG]
- Monitor district finances to ensure that the superintendent is properly maintaining the district's financial procedures and records. [See CF series]
- 12. Ensure that district fiscal accounts are audited annually as required by Education Code 44.008. [See CFC]
- 13. Publish an end-of-year financial report for distribution to the community. [See CFA]
- 14. Conduct elections as required by law. [See BBB series]
- 15. By rule, adopt a process through which district personnel, students or the parents or guardians of students, and members of the public may obtain a hearing from the district administrators and the board regarding a complaint. [See DGBA, FNG, and GF]
- 16. Make decisions relating to terminating the employment of district employees employed under a contract to which Education Code Chapter 21 applies, including terminating or not renewing an employment contract to which that chapter applies. [See DF series]

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- 17. Select the internal auditor if a district employs an internal auditor. The internal auditor shall report directly to the board. *Education Code 11.170* [See DC]
- Adopt a policy providing for the employment and duties of district personnel. *Education Code 11.1513* [See BJ series, DC series, and DEA series]
- 19. Limit redundant requests for information and the number and length of written reports that a classroom teacher is required to prepare. The board shall review paperwork requirements imposed on classroom teachers and transfer to existing non-instructional staff a reporting task that can reasonably be accomplished by that staff. *Education Code 11.164* [See DLB]
- 20. Adopt a cybersecurity policy. *Education Code 11.175* [See CQB]
- 21. Adopt early childhood literacy and mathematics proficiency plans. *Education Code 11.185* [See EA]
- 22. Adopt college, career, and military readiness plans. *Education Code 11.186* [See EA]
- 23. Conduct an efficiency audit before seeking voter approval to adopt a tax rate for the maintenance and operations of the district at an election held for that purpose. *Education Code* 11.184 [See CCG]
- 24. Carry out other powers and duties as provided by the Education Code or other law.

# Discretionary Powers and Duties

Education Code 11.1511(b), except as noted

#### The board may:

- 1. Issue bonds and levy, pledge, assess, and collect an annual ad valorem tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds as authorized under Education Code 45.001 and 45.003. *Education Code 11.1511(c)(1)* [See CCA]
- 2. Levy, assess, and collect an annual ad valorem tax for maintenance and operation of a district as authorized under Education Code 45.002 and 45.003. *Education Code* 11.1511(c)(2) [See CCG]
- 3. Employ a person to assess or collect the district's taxes as authorized under Education Code 45.231. *Education Code* 11.1511(c)(3) [See CCG and BDAF]

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- Enter into contracts as authorized under the Education Code or other law and delegate contractual authority to a superintendent as appropriate. Education Code 11.1511(c)(4)
- Require a district's chief business official or curriculum director or a person holding an equivalent position to appear at an executive session of the board or to testify at a public hearing held by the board. *Education Code 11.1511(d)* [See BJA regarding prohibition of superintendent interference]
- 6. Contract with a public or private entity for that entity to provide educational services for the district. *Education Code 11.157* [See EEL]
- 7. Charge fees as set forth at Education Code 11.158. *Education Code 11.158* [See FP]
- 8. Change the name of the district. *Education Code 11.160* [See AB]
- 9. Adopt rules that require students at a school in the district to wear school uniforms as set forth at Education Code 11.162. Education Code 11.162 [See FNCA]
- Adopt rules to keep school campuses, including school libraries, open for recreational activities, latchkey programs, and tutoring after school hours. *Education Code 11.165*
- Operate a school or program or hold a class on the campus of an institution of higher education as set forth at Education Code 11.166. Education Code 11.166 [See GNC]
- 12. Operate a school or program, including an extracurricular program, or hold a class outside the boundaries of the district. *Education Code 11.167* [See GNA]
- 13. Use the board evaluation tool developed by the commissioner of education. *Education Code 11.182* [See BG]

**Note:** For restrictions on a board's authority to use district resources for certain purposes, see CE(LEGAL).

For the board's authority related to district property, see CDB and CI.

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# BOARD MEMBERS ELIGIBILITY/QUALIFICATIONS

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#### Note:

If the district is subject to a court order or other binding legal determination, the district shall conduct its elections in accordance with that court order or determination, applicable law, and this policy. To the extent of any conflict, the court order or other legal determination shall prevail. [See BBB(LOCAL)]

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, the office of school board member, a person must:

- 1. Be a United States citizen.
- 2. Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable.
- 3. Have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.
- 4. Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities [but see Ineligibility below].
- 5. Have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:
  - For an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot.
  - b. For a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in.
  - c. For an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made.
- 6. Be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected on the date described at item 5, above.

Election Code 1.020, 141.001(a); Gov't Code 601.009; Tex. Const. Art. XVI, Sec. 14

#### **Qualified Voter**

A person may not be elected trustee of an independent school district unless the person is a qualified voter. *Education Code* 11.061(b)

"Qualified voter" means a person who:

1. Is 18 years of age or older;

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- 2. Is a United States citizen;
- 3. Has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- 4. Has not been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, has fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote;
- 5. Is a resident of this state; and
- Is a registered voter.

Election Code 1.020, 11.002 [See Atty. Gen. Op. KP-0251 (2019) (concluding that the restoration of a convicted felon's qualification to vote under Election Code 11.002(a)(4)(A) after fully discharging a sentence does not restore the person's eligibility to hold public office under Election Code 141.001(a)(4))]

In the Election Code, "residence" means domicile, that is, one's home and fixed place of habitation to which one intends to return after any temporary absence. A person may not establish residence for the purpose of influencing the outcome of a certain election. A person does not lose the person's residence by leaving to go to another place for temporary purposes only. A person does not acquire a residence in a place to which the person has come for temporary purposes only and without the intention of making that place the person's home. A person may not establish a residence at any place the person has not inhabited. A person may not designate a previous residence as a home and fixed place of habitation unless the person inhabits the place at the time of designation and intends to remain. *Election Code 1.015* 

Note:

The issue of whether a candidate has satisfied residency requirements should be judicially determined. <u>State v. Fischer</u>, 769 S.W.2d 619 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 1989, writ dism'd w.o.j.)

Intent to Return

For purposes of satisfying the continuous residency requirement, a person who claims an intent to return to a residence after a temporary absence may establish that intent only in accordance with Election Code 141.001(a-1), which does not apply to a person dis-placed from the person's residence due to a declared local, state, or national disaster. *Election Code 141.001(a-1)–(a-2)* 

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Residence

Defined

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Single-Member Districts

A candidate for board member representing a single-member district must be a resident of the district the candidate seeks to

represent. Education Code 11.052(g)

Ineligibility

A person is ineligible to serve as a member of the board of a district if the person has been convicted of a felony or an offense un- der Penal Code 43.021 (solicitation of prostitution). *Education* 

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#### Membership

The board consists of the number of members that the district had on September 1, 1995. *Education Code 11.051(b)* 

# Increase in Membership

A board that has three or five members may by resolution increase the membership to seven. A board that votes to increase its membership must consider whether the district would benefit from also adopting a single-member election system under Education Code

11.052. [See Single-Member Districts, below.]

A resolution increasing the number of trustees takes effect with the second regular election of trustees that occurs after the adoption of the resolution. The resolution must provide for a transition in the number of trustees so that when the transition is complete, trustees are elected as provided by Education Code 11.059 (terms).

#### Terms

Education Code 11.051(c)

A trustee of a district serves a term of three or four years.

Elections for trustees with three-year terms shall be held annually. The terms of one-third of the trustees, or as near to one-third as possible, expire each year.

Elections for trustees with four-year terms shall be held biennially. The terms of one-half of the trustees, or as near to one-half as possible, expire every two years.

Board policy must state the schedule on which specific terms expire.

Education Code 11.059

#### Note:

For website posting requirements regarding trustee information, see CQA.

# **Uniform Election Dates**

Each general or special election of board members shall be on one of the following dates:

1. The first Saturday in May.

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2. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Election Code 41.001(a)

#### **Joint Elections**

#### Required

A district trustee election shall be held on the same date as:

- 1. The election for the members of the governing body of a municipality located in the district;
- 2. The general election for state and county officers, which is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years under Election Code 41.002;
- 3. The election for the members of the governing body of a hospital district, if the school district:
  - Is wholly or partly located in a county with a population of less than 40,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than three million; and
  - b. Held its election for board members jointly with the election for the members of the governing body of the hospital district before May 2007; or
- 4. The election for the members of the governing board of a public junior college district in which the school district is wholly or partly located.

Elections held on the same date as provided above shall be held as a joint election under Election Code Chapter 271, and the voters shall be served by common polling places consistent with Election Code 271.003(b).

Education Code 11.0581(a)–(c)

A board may enter into an agreement with another political subdivision holding an election on the same day in all or part of the same county to hold the elections jointly. The terms of a joint election agreement must be stated in an order, resolution, or other official action adopted by the board. *Election Code 271.002* 

#### Methods of Election—Options

At Large

In a district in which the positions of trustees are not designated by number or in which the trustees are not elected from single-member trustee districts, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall fill the positions the terms of which are normally expiring. *Education Code 11.057(b)* 

Position or Place

The positions on the board shall be designated by number in any district in which the board by resolution orders that all candidates for trustee be voted on and elected separately for positions on the board and that all candidates be designated on the official ballot

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according to the number of the positions for which they seek election.

Not later than the 60th day before the date of an election, the board must make the resolution and number the positions on the board in the order in which the terms of office expire. Once a board has ordered the election of trustees by numbered positions, neither the board nor their successors may rescind the action.

Education Code 11.058(c)–(f)

Single-Member Districts

On Board's Motion

Except as provided below, the board, on its own motion, may order that trustees of the district are to be elected from single-member districts or that not fewer than 70 percent of the members of the board are to be elected from single-member districts with the remaining board members to be elected from the district at large.

If a majority of the area of a district is located in a county with a population of less than 10,000, a board, on its own motion, may order that trustees of the district are to be elected from single-member districts or that not fewer than 50 percent of the members of the board are to be elected from single-member districts with the remaining board members to be elected from the district at large.

Before adopting an order, a board must:

- Hold a public hearing at which registered voters of a district are given an opportunity to comment on whether or not they favor the election of trustees in the manner proposed by the board; and
- 2. Publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper that has general circulation in the district, not later than the seventh day before the date of the hearing.

An order adopted by the board must be entered not later than the 120th day before the date of the first election at which all or some of the trustees are elected from single-member districts authorized by the order.

By Voter Petition

Education Code 11.052(a)–(d)

If at least 15 percent or 15,000 of the registered voters of the district, whichever is less, sign and present to the board a petition re- questing submission to the voters of the proposition that trustees be elected in a specific manner, which must be generally described on the petition and which must be a manner of election the board could have ordered on its own motion, the board shall order that the appropriate proposition be placed on the ballot at the first regular election of trustees held after the 120th day after the date the

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petition is submitted to the board. The proposition must specify the number of trustees to be elected from single-member districts. Beginning with the first regular election of trustees held after an election at which a majority of the registered voters voting approve the proposition, trustees shall be elected in the manner prescribed by the approved proposition. *Education Code 11.052(e)* 

#### Board Member Districts

If single-member districts are adopted or approved by either method described above, the board shall divide the district into the appropriate number of trustee districts, based on the number of members that are to be elected from single-member districts, and shall number each trustee district. The trustee districts must be compact and contiguous and must be as nearly as practicable of equal population. In a district with 150,000 or more students in average daily attendance, the boundary of a trustee district shall not cross a county election precinct boundary except at a point at which the district boundary crosses the county election precinct boundary. Trustee districts must be drawn not later than the 90th day before the date of the first election of trustees from those districts. *Education Code 11.052(f)* 

#### Residency for First Election

Residents of each trustee district are entitled to elect one trustee to the board. A trustee elected to represent a trustee district at the first election of members must be a resident of the district the trustee represents not later than the 90th day after the date election re- turns are canvassed, or the 60th day after the date of a final judgment in an election contest filed concerning that trustee district. A trustee vacates the office if the trustee fails to move into the district the trustee represents within the time provided. [For more information on residency, see BBA and BBC.] *Education Code 11.052(g)* 

#### Number and Term

At the first election at which some or all of the trustees are elected from single-member trustee districts and after each redistricting, all positions on a board shall be filled. The trustees then elected shall draw lots for staggered terms as provided by Education Code 11.059 (terms). *Education Code 11.052(h)* 

#### Redistricting

Not later than the 90th day before the date of the first regular board election at which trustees may officially recognize and act on the last preceding federal census, a board shall redivide a district into the appropriate number of trustee districts if the census data indicates that the population of the most populous district exceeds the population of the least populous district by more than ten percent. Redivision of a district shall be in the manner provided above at Board Member Districts. *Education Code 11.052(i)* 

#### Phase-in Option

The board of a district that adopts a redistricting plan may provide for the trustees in office when the plan is adopted or the district is

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redistricted to serve for the remainder of their terms in accordance with this provision. The trustee district and any at-large positions provided by the district's plan shall be filled as the staggered terms of trustees then in office expire. Not later than the 90th day before the date of the first election from trustee districts and after each redistricting, a board shall determine the order in which the positions will be filled. *Education Code 11.053* 

## **Boundary Change Notice**

A district that changes its boundaries or the boundaries of districts used to elect members to the board shall not later than the 30th day after the date the change is adopted:

- Notify the voter registrar of the county in which the area subject to the boundary change is located of the adopted boundary change; and
- 2. Provide the voter registrar with a map of an adopted boundary change in a format that is compatible with the mapping format used by the registrar's office.

Election Code 42.0615

#### Methods of Voting— Options

**Plurality** 

Cumulative

Except as otherwise provided at Majority, below, to be elected to a public office, a candidate elected at large, at large by position, or by single-member districts must receive more votes than any other candidate for the office. *Education Code 11.057(a), (b); Election Code 2.001* 

The board of a district that elects its trustees at large or at large by position may order that elections for trustees be held using the cumulative voting procedure.

If a board adopts an order requiring the use of cumulative voting, only the board member positions that were scheduled to be filled at the election are filled through the use of cumulative voting.

At an election at which more than one board member position is to be filled, all of the positions that are to be filled at the election shall be voted on as one race by all the voters of a district. Each voter is entitled to cast a number of votes equal to the number of positions to be filled at the election.

A voter may cast one or more of the specified number of votes for any one or more candidates in any combination. Only whole votes may be cast and counted. If a voter casts more than the number of votes to which the voter is entitled in the election, none of the voter's votes may be counted in that election. If a voter casts fewer votes than entitled, all of the voter's votes are counted in that election.

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The candidates who are elected are those, in the number to be elected, receiving the highest number of votes.

A district that adopts an order requiring the use of cumulative voting may not elect its members by position as provided by Education Code 11.058.

Education Code 11.054

Majority

The board of a district in which the positions of trustees are designated by number or in which the trustees are elected from single- member districts may provide by resolution, not later than the 180th day before the date of an election, that a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for a position or in a trustee district, as applicable, to be elected.

The resolution is effective until rescinded by a subsequent resolution adopted not later than the 180th day before the date of the first election to which the rescission applies.

Education Code 11.057(c)

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**Membership** The Board shall consist of seven members.

**Method of Election** Election of Board members shall be at large.

**Election Date** General election of Board members shall be on the May uniform

election date.

Terms and Election Schedule

Board members shall be elected for three-year terms, with

elections conducted annually, as follows:

The election of two Board members shall be held in 2023, 2026,

2029, and in three-year intervals thereafter.

The election of three Board members shall be held in 2024, 2027,

2030, and in three-year intervals thereafter.

The election of two Board members shall be held in 2025, 2028,

2031, and in three-year intervals thereafter.

**Method of Voting** 

Plurality

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the

number of seats with expiring terms shall be elected.

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#### Campaign Treasurer **Appointment**

Each candidate shall appoint a campaign treasurer as provided by Election Code, Chapter 252. An individual may appoint himself or herself as campaign treasurer. Election Code 252.001, .004

Contents

A campaign treasurer appointment by a candidate must be in writing and include:

- 1. The campaign treasurer's name, residence or business street address, and telephone number;
- 2. The name of the person making the appointment;
- 3. The candidate's telephone number; and
- 4. A statement, signed by the candidate, that the candidate is aware of the nepotism law. [See DBE]

Election Code 252.002, .0032

Filing Authority

A candidate for a school board must file the campaign treasurer appointment and all required financial statements with the clerk or secretary of the board or, if the district has no clerk or secretary, with the board's presiding officer. *Election Code 252.005(3)* 

A specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing a candidate for the board must file its campaign treasurer appointment with the same authority. *Election Code 251.001(13)*, 252.006

A specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing a measure must file its campaign treasurer appointment with the secretary of the board or, if the district has no secretary, with the board's pre-siding officer. Election Code 252.007(3)

Period of Effectiveness

Termination of **Appointment** 

Removal

**Board Action** 

A campaign treasurer appointment takes effect at the time it is filed and continues in effect until terminated. Election Code 252.011

A campaign treasurer may be removed at any time by the appointing authority by filing the written appointment of a successor in the same manner as the original appointment. The appointment of a successor terminates the appointment of the campaign treasurer who is removed. Election Code 252.012

A board by order may adopt a process by which the clerk or secretary, as applicable, of the district may terminate the campaign treasurer appointment of an inactive candidate or political committee that is required to file a campaign treasurer appointment with the clerk or secretary.

The order must:

1. Define "inactive candidate or political committee" for purposes of terminating the campaign treasurer appointment; and

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Require written notice to the affected candidate or committee
of the proposed termination; the date, time, and place of the
meeting at which the board will consider the proposed
termination; and the effect of termination of the campaign
treasurer appointment.

For purposes of this section, a candidate or political committee is inactive if the candidate or committee:

- Has never filed or has ceased to file reports under Election Code Chapter 254 (Political Reporting);
- 2. In the case of a candidate, has not been elected to an office for which a candidate is required to file a campaign treasurer appointment with the board; and
- 3. Has not filed a final report under Election Code 254.065 or 254.125, or a dissolution report under Election Code 254.126 or 254.159.

Before the clerk or secretary of the district may terminate a campaign treasurer appointment, the board must consider the pro- posed termination in a regularly scheduled open meeting.

The termination of a campaign treasurer appointment under this section takes effect on the 30th day after the date of the meeting at which the board votes to terminate the appointment. Following that meeting, the clerk or secretary of the district shall promptly notify the affected candidate or political committee that the appointment has been terminated. The notice must state the effective date of the termination.

#### Election Code 252.0131

# Contributions and Expenditures

A candidate may not knowingly accept a campaign contribution or make or authorize a campaign expenditure at a time when a campaign treasurer appointment for the candidate is not in effect. *Election Code 253.031(a)* 

#### Recordkeeping

Each candidate and each officeholder shall maintain a record of all reportable activity. The record must contain the information necessary for filing the reports required by Election Code Chapter 254. *Election Code 254.001* 

#### Reporting

Candidates and Officeholders

Reports by candidates and officeholders shall be filed with the authority with whom the campaign treasurer appointment is required to be filed. *Election Code 254.066, .097* [See Filing Authority, above]

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Specific-Purpose Committee

Except as provided below at Bonds, reports by a specific-purpose committee shall be filed with the authority with whom the political committee's campaign treasurer appointment is required to be filed.

**Bonds** 

A specific-purpose committee created to support or oppose a measure on the issuance of bonds by a district shall file reports with the Ethics Commission.

Election Code 254.130

Note:

The following provisions apply only to a district located wholly or partly in a municipality with a population of more than 500,000 and with a student enrollment of more than 15.000.

#### **Internet Posting**

A report filed under Election Code Chapter 254 by a board member, a candidate for membership on the board, or a specific-purpose committee for supporting, opposing, or assisting a candidate or board member must be posted on the Internet website of the district. This access is in addition to the public's access to the information through other electronic or print distribution of the information.

The report must be available to the public on the district's website not later than the fifth business day after the date the report is filed with the district.

Before making a report available on its website, the district may remove each portion, other than city, state, and zip code, of the address of a person listed as having made a political contribution to the person filing the report. If the address information is removed, the information must remain available on the report maintained in the district's office.

Election Code 254.04011

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#### Frequently Asked Questions about Running for School Board

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This article addresses common questions that arise for individuals seeking election or re-election to a school board of trustees. For more extensive information on issues related to candidacy and the election process, see TASB Policy BB series; the TASB School Law eSource <u>Elections</u> page; TASB Board Development Services' <u>Resources for Board Candidates</u>; the Texas Secretary of State <u>Elections Division</u> website, including <u>Candidacy Filing</u> outline; and the <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u> website, including <u>First Steps for Candidates Running for School Board Trustee</u>.

#### 1. What are the eligibility requirements to run for school board trustee?

According to the Texas Election Code, an individual is eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a Texas school board if the individual:

1. is a United States citizen;

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- 2. is 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- 4. has not been finally convicted of a felony from which the individual has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities<sup>1</sup> (but see below regarding eligibility to serve);
- 5. has resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:
  - a. for an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
  - b. for a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in; or
  - c. for an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Texas Attorney General Opinion No. KP-0251 (2019) for a discussion of what constitutes release from resulting disabilities. As of September 1, 2021, a person who was convicted of a felony must include in the application for a place on the ballot proof that the person is eligible for public office. Tex. Elec. Code § 141.031(f).

- 6. is registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected on the date described at 5. above; and
- 7. satisfies any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.

Tex. Elec. Code § 141.001.

The Texas Education Code adds eligibility requirements for a person to *serve* on a school board. A person is ineligible to serve on a school board if the person has been convicted of a felony or solicitation of prostitution under Texas Penal Code section 43.021. Tex. Educ. Code § 11.066. Thus, a person who has been convicted of a felony may not serve on a school board regardless of whether the person has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities.

Additionally, to be elected to a school board, an individual must be a *qualified* voter: 18 years of age or older, a United States citizen, a Texas resident, a registered voter, not determined to be totally or partially mentally incapacitated by an appropriate court, and not finally convicted of a felony. Tex. Educ. Code § 11.061; Tex. Elec. Code § 11.002.

#### 2. For purposes of the eligibility requirements, what does "residence" mean?

As noted above, to be eligible to run for or be appointed school board trustee, an individual must reside within the state for 12 months and within the district or territory from which the office is elected for six months prior to the applicable date. In addition, a candidate for school board trustee representing a single member district must be a resident of that district. The issue of residence can be a source of confusion and controversy when conflicting opinions and information exist about where an individual resides.

The Texas Election Code defines residence as one's home and fixed place of habitation to which one intends to return after any temporary absence. A person neither loses the person's residence merely by leaving the person's home for temporary purposes nor acquires a residence in a place where the person has come for temporary purposes without the intention of making that place the person's home. A person may not establish a residence at any place the person has not inhabited and may not designate a previous residence as a home and fixed place of habitation unless the person inhabits the place at the time of designation and intends to remain. A person also may not establish a residence for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election. Tex. Elec. Code § 1.015. The Texas Supreme Court described "residence" as an "elastic" term that is "extremely difficult to define." *Mills v. Bartlett*, 377 S.W.2d 636, 637 (Tex. 1964). Consequently, the determination of an individual's true residency for purposes of running for or holding public office can only be made by a court. *State v. Fischer*, 769 S.W.2d 619 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 1989, writ dism'd w.o.j.), (rehearing of writ of error overruled 1990). Unless a person is displaced from the person's residence due to a

declared disaster, a person who claims an intent to return to a residence after a temporary absence may establish that intent only if the person has made a reasonable and substantive attempt to effectuate that intent and has a legal right and practical ability to return to the residence. Tex. Elec. Code § 141.001(a-1).

If questions of residency arise, a candidate or trustee should carefully review the requirements to serve on the board and, if necessary, seek the guidance of legal counsel. Likewise, TASB Legal Services recommends that a school district affected by a residency challenge seek the advice of the district's school attorney.

# 3. May a candidate run for school board trustee if the candidate's spouse or relative is currently employed by the school district?

It depends. The nepotism prohibition generally provides that a public official may not appoint, confirm the appointment of, or vote for the appointment or confirmation of the appointment of an individual to a position that is to be directly or indirectly compensated from public funds if the individual is related to the public official or another member of the board by blood (consanguinity) within the third degree or by marriage (affinity) within the second degree. Tex. Gov't Code §§ 573.002, .041.

Unless an exception applies, a candidate's relative may have to resign from employment with the school district before the candidate may accept the office of school board trustee. Under the *continuous employment exception*, the nepotism prohibition does not apply to the employment of a trustee's or candidate's relative if the following conditions are met:

- 1. The individual is employed in the position immediately before the election or appointment of the trustee to whom the individual is related in a prohibited degree; and
- 2. That prior employment has been continuous for at least:
  - a. Thirty days if the trustee is appointed; or
  - b. Six months if the trustee is elected.

Tex. Gov't Code § 573.062(a).<sup>2</sup>

The attorney general has interpreted the continuous employment exception to require employment uninterrupted in time, connected, and unbroken. *See* Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. JC-0185 (2000) (applying the continuous employment exception to a "permanent substitute"). Consequently, an employee of a school district who is related to a trustee

See Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. DM-0002 (1991) (concluding that the 30-day prior continuous employment requirement applies when an officer is appointed to an elective office); but see Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. KP-0238 (2019) (interpreting the relevant continuous employment period to be determined by whether the office is elective or appointive. Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. KP-0238 (2019).

within a prohibited degree and who had been continuously employed by the district at the time of the trustee's election is subject to the nepotism prohibition if the employee quits then later seeks re-employment with the district. Tex. Att'y Gen. LO-96-015 (1996); see also Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. JC-0442 (2001) (concluding that retired teacher had broken employment with the district and did not qualify for the continuous employment exception).

For more extensive information, see the TASB School Law eSource website on Nepotism.

# 4. May a candidate run for school board trustee if the candidate's spouse or relative is also running or currently serving on the board?

Yes. The nepotism prohibition only applies to the employment relationship; therefore, related board members may run for and serve on a school board together.

#### 5. Are school board members subject to term limits?

Texas law does not impose term limits on school board members. When asked if a school board could establish term limits for its members, the attorney general concluded that a school board's authority to govern and oversee the management of the district, while broad, does not include adopting term limits. Term limits add an additional eligibility requirement for running for office. The authority to regulate who may run for and hold the office of trustee belongs to the legislature. Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. KP-0196 (2018).

# 6. When must a candidate file an application for a place on the school district's ballot? What happens to the application after it is filed?

In a general election, a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot as early as thirty days before the filing deadline, and not later than 5 p.m. on the 78th day before election day. All candidates, including incumbents, must file a timely application with the school district's filing authority (usually the superintendent's secretary or other designated district employee). Tex. Educ. Code § 11.055; Tex. Elec. Code §§ 1.007(a), 141.040, 144.004, .005.

Once a candidate files an application for a place on the ballot, the district filing authority is responsible for reviewing the application to determine whether it complies with legal requirements as to *form*, *content*, and *procedure*. In other words, the filing authority confirms that the application was filed correctly in a timely manner, that all required information is provided, and that it is properly signed under oath. The authority has five days to review an application and determine whether it is legally sufficient. If an application does not comply with the applicable requirements, the filing authority must

reject the application and immediately deliver to the candidate written notice of the reason for the rejection. A candidate may be able to correct mistakes as to form or content by filing a new application *prior* to the filing deadline. Tex. Elec. Code § 141.032.

# 7. Is a school board candidate required to appoint a campaign treasurer even if the candidate does not plan to raise or spend campaign funds?

Each candidate *must* appoint a campaign treasurer, which may include the candidate or any other eligible person, by filing a Form CTA with the district filing authority, regardless of whether the candidate intends to accept campaign contributions or make campaign expenditures. The Form CTA must be filed before accepting or expending campaign funds, even if the expenditure comes from personal funds. The campaign treasurer appointment takes effect when the Form CTA is filed and continues in effect until terminated; therefore, an incumbent running for re-election is not required to file a Form CTA if one is on file and has not been terminated. Tex. Elec. Code §§ 252.001, .004, .005, .011, 253.031.

# 8. When does a person become a candidate for purposes of campaign finance requirements?

Texas Election Code section 251.001 defines *candidate* as "a person who knowingly and willingly takes affirmative action for the purpose of gaining nomination or election to public office or for the purpose of satisfying financial obligations incurred by the person in connection with the campaign for nomination or election." Such affirmative action may include filing a Form CTA or an application for a place on a ballot, publicly announcing intent to run for office, or raising or spending campaign funds.

#### 9. What happens if a candidate does not file a CTA?

There may be civil or criminal penalties associated with the failure to appoint a campaign treasurer or otherwise comply with campaign finance laws. Tex. Elec. Code ch. 253.

For more information on appointing a campaign treasurer and other issues related to campaign finance, see Texas Ethics Commission's <u>Frequently Asked Questions for Candidates</u> and <u>Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File with Local Filing Authorities</u>.

#### 10. What should a school board candidate know about campaigning?

A school board candidate, including a current trustee running for re-election, must adhere to certain legal requirements while on school property or at school events, including school board meetings. Specifically, district employees and trustees may not knowingly use public funds, directly or indirectly, for political advertising to advocate for

or against a candidate or measure that will appear on a ballot. Political advertising is defined generally as a communication that advocates a particular outcome in an election. Tex. Elec. Code §§ 251.001(16), 255.003(a); 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 20.1(11)(A). The Texas Ethics Commission interprets this prohibition broadly to apply to the use of any district resources for political advertising. For instance, any use of school district employee time, no matter how minimal, is prohibited, as is any use of school district facilities. See, e.g., Tex. Ethics Comm'n Op. No. 443 (2002) (concluding that Texas Election Code section 255.003 would be violated by using a school employee to place a trustee's campaign flyers in the teachers' lounge). Further, Texas Election Code section 255.0031 specifically prohibits an officer or employee of a political subdivision from knowingly using or authorizing the use of an internal mail system for the distribution of political advertising. Tex. Elec. Code § 255.0031(a).

Trustees acting independently, without the use of public funds, have a free speech right to engage in political advocacy, including advocacy for their re-election. In its <u>Short</u> <u>Guide to the Prohibition against Using School District Resources for Political Advertising</u>, the Texas Ethics Commission states, "Although you may not use school district resources for political advertising, you are free to campaign for or against a proposition on your own time and with your own resources." For example, a school board trustee may attend a community meeting and advocate for re-election. When engaging in advocacy using personal time and resources, a trustee need not conceal the trustee's position on the board or claim to be acting as a private citizen. See</u>, e.g., Op. Tex. Ethics Comm'n No. 321 (1996) (determining that a sitting judge did not violate the law by sending campaign solicitations on letterhead that she purchased herself, but that identified herposition).

For more extensive information, see TASB Legal Services' <u>Campaign Speech During Elections</u>. For information regarding political advertising, including requirements and restrictions related to contents, see Texas Ethics Commission's <u>Political Advertising</u>: <u>What You Need to Know</u>.

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## FAQ: Texas School Board Roles and Responsibilities



The main function of a school board is to provide local, citizen governance and oversight of education. Though ultimate responsibility for education rests with the state, Texas has delegated much of the authority to local communities who elect their local school trustees to govern the school district.

The idea behind this structure of shared responsibility is that, while some education policy issues are best addressed at the state level, others are far better addressed by your local community.

Here are some answers to commonly asked questions about local school boards in Texas and how they function.

## Q: Who Is Responsible for Public Education in Texas?

A: The commissioner of education, the State Board of Education (SBOE), and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) guide and monitor public education in Texas. The SBOE provides leadership and state-level administration as prescribed by law, and the commissioner and TEA staff implement state education policy.

Within the framework of state and federal law, your school district has significant latitude in shaping the educational programs of your schools.

## Q: Why Do We Need Local School Boards?

A: The US Supreme Court has said education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments. Our system of local school districts and boards of education epitomizes representative and participatory government — citizens elected from their community making decisions about educational programs based on community needs, values, and expectations. School boards are entrusted by the public to translate the needs of students into policies, plans, and goals that will be supported by the community.

## Q: What Do School Boards Do?

A: Local school board responsibilities can be grouped into five categories:

- Adopt goals and priorities and monitor success.
- Adopt policies and review for effectiveness.
- Hire and evaluate the superintendent.
- Adopt a budget and set a tax rate.
- Communicate with the community.

## Q: How Do School Boards Make Decisions?

A: A school board is a local governmental body that can only act by a majority vote at a legally called public meeting. Each individual board member's primary responsibility is to study issues facing the district, evaluate needs and resources, and, after due consideration, vote in the best interest of the students and the district at such a meeting.

## Q: Who Can Participate in a School Board Meeting?

A: Citizens are welcome at all school board meetings, except in a few legally specified circumstances permitting closed meetings. School boards allow public participation and have policies communicating how and when people can share their input. Generally, boards set aside a portion of their meetings for public comment and limit each speaker's comments to a certain time, for example, one to three minutes. This is a chance for people to give input while allowing adequate time for other important board business.

## Q: When Are School Board Members Elected?

A: Traditionally in the state of Texas, School board elections are held on the first Saturday in May or first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Special elections to fill the unexpired term in the event of a board vacancy must also be held on a uniform election date.

## Q: How Are School Board Members Elected?

A: School district trustees are elected by popular vote. Whether an election is by majority or plurality vote is a matter of local policy. Traditionally, trustees serve either three- or four-year terms, and most trustees serve staggered terms to support board continuity.

# Q: How Does the School Board Work with the District Superintendent?

A: The operation of the school district at the local level is also a shared activity. The role of the school board members and the role of the superintendent are different:

- Your school board governs the district, but it does so with the advice of the superintendent.
- The superintendent manages the district, but they must do so with the oversight and management of the board, and within the framework of policies and priorities your board adopts.

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## **Training for First-Year Trustees**

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#### Within the First 90 Days

### **Open Government Training**

Tex. Gov't Code §§ 551.005, 552.012

What:

- Responsibilities of board under the Texas Open Meetings Act (OMA); "not delegable"
- Responsibilities of board and employees under the Texas Public Information Act (PIA) may be delegated to PIA coordinator. [See Policy BBD (LOCAL).]

**Provider:** Attorney General (AG) or AG-approved course

### Up to One Year Before or Within 120 Days After Appointment or Election

#### **Local District Orientation**

19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1(b)(1)

What:

Local board policies and procedures; district goals and priorities; local practices in instruction, financial operations, district operations, superintendent evaluation, and board member roles and responsibilities

**Provider:** Local district

#### **Orientation to the Texas Education Code**

19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1(b)(2)

What:

Basic orientation to code with emphasis on governing Texas school districts,

including Parental Rights and Health Education

**Provider:** 

Regional Education Service Center (ESC)

# **Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals**

19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1(b)(6)

What:

Support the oversight role of the board on evaluating student academic performance; facilitate board plans that set goals for early childhood literacy and mathematics, and college, career, and military readiness

**Provider:** 

ESC or Texas Education Agency (TEA)-authorized provider

# **Identifying and Reporting Abuse and Trafficking**

19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1(b)(7)

What:

Identifying and reporting potential victims of sexual abuse, human

trafficking, and other maltreatment of children

**Provider:** 

ESC or registered provider

**School Safety** 

19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.3

What:

Provide research-based information to trustees on ensuring a safe learning environment conducive to improving student outcomes

**Provider:** 

Made available through the commissioner of education and verified by

the district

#### **Annually**

**Team Building** 

19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1(b)(4)

What:

Toenhance effectiveness of board-superintendent team; review roles, rights, and responsibilities of board from SBOE framework; assess

continuing education needs for the year

**Provider:** 

ESC or registered provider

## **Additional Continuing Education**

19 Tex. Admin. Code § 61.1(b)(5)

10 hours for first year of service and 5 hours for subsequent years

What:

Additional continuing education to meet assessed needs based on the

SBOE framework

**Provider:** 

ESC, registered provider, or district; at least 50% must be designed and

delivered by persons not affiliated with the district

## Cybersecurity<sup>1</sup>

Tex. Gov't Code § 2054.5191

After June 14th, 2020

What: Focus on forming information security habits and procedures that protect

information resources; teach best practices for detecting, assessing,

reporting, and addressing information security threats

**Provider:** DIR-approved course

**Total Hours: 25+ Hours** 

Requirement added by House Bill 3834 (2019), effective June 14, 2019.

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### 4 Tips for Running a Smart Campaign for the School Board



Running for your local school board – whether as a first-time candidate or as an incumbent – is an exciting and memorable experience. Campaigns are an opportunity to connect with your community, share your commitment to public education, and explain the goals you hope to achieve as a school board member.

The best campaigns focus on the issues, providing the voters with clear outcomes that a candidate wants to focus on while outlining a path toward meeting those goals. A candidate who offers an actionable plan is more likely to have a successful run and a more productive term in office. Here are several tips for navigating the election season:

### 1. Study local issues

One of the best ways to understand the issues in your district is to communicate with a variety of people When you ask questions and listen to what school community members have to say, it will expand your knowledge of school issues, while allowing you to connect with people who maybe your future constituents.

Key stakeholders in public education who will offer different perspectives include:

- ✓ Parents
- ✓ School District Staff
- ✓ Business Owners
- ✓ Superintendent
- ✓ Other Community Leaders
- ✓ Current Trustees

When you seek input from these stakeholders, you will establish positive relationships and learn about the issues that matter most to your community.

Part of this work should also include understanding the district's current priorities and associated policies, which are available on the district's website for public review. Also, it's important to take the time to learn about other important or pending issues that will be coming before the board, so it's a good idea to review past and current board agendas and meeting minutes. The more knowledge you have about district issues, policies, and programs, the more likely you will expertly and accurately explain them during your campaign and, if elected, you'll be able to get up to speed more quickly.

### 2. Focus on a positive campaign

As you learn more about your school community and the role of a trustee, you will gain a better understanding of the work being done by the current board. This is an opportunity to create a dialogue with your community, highlighting your qualifications and your reasons for wanting a seat on the board.

If you understand the district, its challenges, and the opportunities that lie ahead, you can use that insight to explain why you believe you are the best candidate.

Sometimes a candidate may consider pursuing a negative campaign against an opponent, but this type of campaign can cause community members to question a candidate's judgement and integrity, diminishing their qualifications in the process. If you run what is viewed as a negative campaign and win your race, it may affect your relationship with other board members and impact your ability to do your job as a trustee should you be elected.

When you do your research about what is working well in your district and what needs to improve, while showing constituents you understand the complexity of the issues, you're creating a campaign that prioritizes knowledge, understanding, and a willingness to learn as much as possible to be an effective trustee.

### 3. Research a trustee's role

Before you set off on your campaign journey, you need to understand the role of a trustee on a school board. This is important for many reasons, including the potential pitfalls of making campaign promises.

It is critical for candidates to understand that individual trustees have no official authority outside of a legally called board meeting, and the board cannot commit to actions which are not passed by a majority of those present at a legally called meeting. Making promises that cannot legally be fulfilled may cause embarrassment and lead to disappointment and anger among constituents.

Candidates should be careful when making any promises during a campaign. A school board can only take official action as a body corporate. It is unethical to make promises that may appear to bind or commit the entire board. If you must make promises, commit to attending meetings regularly, studying issues carefully, taking your role as a trustee seriously, and doing what you believe is best for public education and all students.

### 4. Share your goals and values with your community

During your campaign, you want to show constituents what makes you the best person for the job and how your values align with the role of a trustee. When you focus on the issues and share your values, voters begin to understand what you stand for and believe in. Knowing the issues facing your district will help you present a clear picture of who you are as a candidate, allowing you to stay focused on your key priorities during the campaign.

Running for school board is an important decision but also rewarding. For anyone who cares about public education and student success, school board service is an excellent way to make a difference for the children and families in your community.

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TASB's School Board Candidate Resources

If you're considering a run for your local school board or getting ready to seek reelection, TASB has a wealth of resources to help you out.

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### APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

### FORM CTA PG 1

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P.O. Box 12070

Austin, TX 78711-2070

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	Pledgor address; City; Sta	ate; Zip Code		 	
			Check if travel outs	ide of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	
Principal occu	upation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See	Instructions)		
Date	Full name of pledgor	)	Amount of Pledge \$	In-kind contribution description	
	Pledgor address; City; Sta	ate; Zip Code		i I	
			Check if travel outs	    ide of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	
Principal occ	upation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See	Instructions)		
Date	Full name of pledgor Out-of-state PAC (ID#:	)	Amount of Pledge \$	In-kind contribution description	
	Pledgor address; City; State;	Zip Code		I I	
			Check if travel outs	    ide of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	
Principal occu	upation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See	Instructions)		
	ATTACH ADDITIONAL COPIES (	OF THIS SCHEDU	LE AS NEEDED		

If contributor is out-of-state PAC, please see Instruction guide for additional reporting requirements.

#### LOANS SCHEDULE E If the requested information is not applicable, DO NOT include this page in the report. 1 Total pages Schedule E: The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form. 2 FILER NAME 3 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) TOTAL OF UNITEMIZED LOANS Name of lender Date of loan out-of-state PAC (ID#:\_\_\_ 9 Loan Amount (\$) 10 Interest rate Is lender 8 Lender address; City; State: Zip Code a financial Institution? 11 Maturity date 13 Employer (See Instructions) **12** Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) 15 14 Description of Collateral Check if personal funds were deposited into political account (See Instructions) none 17 Name of guarantor **16** GUARANTOR 19 Amount Guaranteed (\$) INFORMATION 18 Guarantor address; City; State; Zip Code not applicable 20 Principal Occupation (See Instructions) 21 Employer (See Instructions) Loan Amount (\$) Date of loan out-of-state PAC (ID#:\_\_\_\_ Name of lender Interest rate Is lender Lender address; City; State; Zip Code a financial Institution? Maturity date Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Employer (See Instructions) Description of Collateral Check if personal funds were deposited into political account (See Instructions) none **GUARANTOR** Name of guarantor Amount Guaranteed (\$) INFORMATION Guarantor address; City; State; Zip Code not applicable Principal Occupation (See Instructions) Employer (See Instructions) ATTACH ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS SCHEDULE AS NEEDED If lender is out-of-state PAC, please see Instruction guide for additional reporting requirements.

## POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE F1

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#### **EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 8(a)**

Advertising Expense
Accounting/Banking
Consulting Expense
Contributions/Donations Made By
Candidate/Officeholder/Political Committee
Credit Card Payment

Event Expense Fees Food/Beverage Expense Gift/Awards/Memorials Expense Legal Services

Loan Repayment/Reimbursement Office Overhead/Rental Expense Polling Expense Printing Expense Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor Solicitation/Fundraising Expense Transportation Equipment & Related Expense Travel In District Travel Out Of District

Other (enter a category not listed above)

Credit Card Payment	The Instruction Guide explains how to com	plete this form.	
<b>1</b> Total pages Schedule F1:	2 FILER NAME		3 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)
4 Date	5 Payee name		
<b>6</b> Amount (\$)	7 Payee address;	City;	State; Zip Code
8 PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	(a) Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)	(b) Description	
	(c) Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Austir	n, TX, officeholder living expense
<b>9</b> Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/C	Candidate / Officeholder name DH	Office sought	Office held
Date	Payee name		
Amount (\$)	Payee address;	City;	State; Zip Code
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)	Description	
	Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Aust	in, TX, officeholder living expense
Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/C	Candidate / Officeholder name DH	Office sought	Office held
Date	Payee name		
Amount (\$)	Payee address;	City;	State; Zip Code
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)	Description	
	Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Aust	in, TX, officeholder living expense
Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/C	Candidate / Officeholder name DH	Office sought	Office held
	ATTACH ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS	SCHEDULE AS NE	EDED

### **UNPAID INCURRED OBLIGATIONS**

### SCHEDULE F2

If the requested information is not applicable, DO NOT include this page in the report.

#### **EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 10(a)**

Advertising Expense Accounting/Banking
Consulting Expense
Contributions/Donation

Fees
Food/Beverage Expense
Giff/Awards/Memorials Fo

Loan Repayment/Reimbursement Office Overhead/Rental Expense Polling Expense

Solicitation/Fundraising Expense Transportation Equipment & Related Expense Travel In District Travel Out Of District

Candidate/Officeholder/Politica	Committee Legal Services		ges/Contract Labor	Other (enter a category r	not listed above)
	The mstruction	on Guide explains now to con	ipiete tilis form.		
1 Total pages Schedule F2:	2 FILER NAME			3 Filer ID (Ethics Comm	mission Filers)
4 TOTAL OF UNITEM	IIZED UNPAID INCURI	RED OBLIGATIONS		\$	
5 Date	<b>6</b> Payee name				
7 Amount (\$)	8 Payee address;		City;	State;	Zip Code
9 TYPE OF EXPENDITURE	Political	Non-Polit	ical		
10	(a) Category (See Categories list	ted at the top of this schedule)	(b) Description		
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE		,	. , ,		
EXPENDITURE	(c) Check if travel outside	of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Austi	in, TX, officeholder living expe	ense
11 Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/C	Candidate / Officehol PH	lder name Off	ice sought	Office held	
Date	Payee name				
Amount (\$)	Payee address;		City;	State;	Zip Code
TYPE OF EXPENDITURE	Political	Non-Poli	tical		
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See Categories li	isted at the top of this schedule)	Description		
	Check if travel outsi	ide of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if A	ustin, TX, officeholder living ex	pense
Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/C	Candidate / Officehol	lder name Off	ice sought	Office held	
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## PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE F3

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	The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.	1	1 Total pages Schedule F3:			
2 FILER NA	ME	3	Filer ID	(Ethics Commission	on Filers)	
<b>4</b> Date	5 Name of person from whom investment is purchased					
	6 Address of person from whom investment is purchased;	City;		State;	Zip Code	
	7 Description of investment					
	8 Amount of investment (\$)					
Date	Name of person from whom investment is purchased					
	Address of person from whom investment is purchased;	City;		State;	Zip Code	
	Description of investment					
	Amount of investment (\$)					
	<b>'</b>					
	ATTACH ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS SCHED	ULE AS	S NEEDI	ED		

### **EXPENDITURES MADE BY CREDIT CARD**

#### SCHEDULE F4

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#### **EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 10(a)**

Advertising Expense
Accounting/Banking
Consulting Expense
Contributions/Donations Made By
Candidate/Officeholder/Political Committee

Event Expense Fees Food/Beverage Expense Gift/Awards/Memorials Expense Loan Repayment/Reimbursement Office Overhead/Rental Expense Polling Expense Printing Expense Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor

Solicitation/Fundraising Expense
Transportation Equipment & Related Expense
Travel In District
Travel Out Of District
Other (enter a category not listed above)

Consulting Expense Contributions/Donations Made By Candidate/Officeholder/Politica		Printing Expense Printing Expense Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor	Travel In District Travel Out Of District Other (enters enters up the listed above)		
Oarididate/Officeriolder/i Officea	ŭ	nins how to complete this form.	Other (enter a category not listed above)		
<b>1</b> Total pages Schedule F4:	2 FILER NAME	·	3 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)		
4 TOTAL OF UNITEM	IIZED EXPENDITURES CHARG	ED TO A CREDIT CARD	\$		
<b>5</b> Date	6 Payee name				
7 Amount (\$)	8 Payee address;	City;	State; Zip Code		
9 TYPE OF EXPENDITURE	Political	Non-Political			
10	(a) Category (See Categories listed at the top of th	is schedule) (b) Description			
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE					
	(c) Check if travel outside of Texas. Complet	e Schedule T. Check if Au-	stin, TX, officeholder living expense		
11 Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH	Candidate / Officeholder name	Office sought	Office held		
Date	Payee name				
Amount (\$)	Payee address;	City;	State; Zip Code		
TYPE OF EXPENDITURE	Political	Non-Political			
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See Categories listed at the top of t	his schedule) Description			
	Check if travel outside of Texas. Compl	ete Schedule T. Check if A	Austin, TX, officeholder living expense		
Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH	Candidate / Officeholder name	Office sought	Office held		
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### POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM **PERSONAL FUNDS**

SCHEDULE G

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#### **EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 8(a)**

Advertising Expense Accounting/Banking Consulting Expense
Contributions/Donations Made By
Candidate/Officeholder/Political Committee Credit Card Payment

Event Expense Food/Beverage Expense Gift/Awards/Memorials Expense Legal Services

Loan Repayment/Reimbursement Office Overhead/Rental Expense Polling Expense Printing Expense
Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor

Solicitation/Fundraising Expense Transportation Equipment & Related Expense Travel In District

Travel Out Of District Other (enter a category not listed above)

	The Instruction Guide explains how to compl	lete this form.
1 Total pages Schedule G:	2 FILER NAME	3 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)
<b>4</b> Date	5 Payee name	
6 Amount (\$)	7 Payee address;	City; State; Zip Code
Reimbursement from political contributions intended		
8 PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	(a) Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)	b) Description
	(c) Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense
9 Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH	Candidate / Officeholder name O	ffice sought Office held
Date	Payee name	
Amount (\$)	Payee address;	City; State; Zip Code
Reimbursement from political contributions intended		
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)	Description
EXPENDITORE	Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense
Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/Oh	Candidate / Officeholder name O	iffice sought Office held
Date	Payee name	
Amount (\$)	Payee address;	City; State; Zip Code
Reimbursement from political contributions intended		
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)	Description
	Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense
Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH	Candidate / Officeholder name O	ffice sought Office held
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## PAYMENT MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BUSINESS OF C/OH

#### SCHEDULE H

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#### **EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 8(a)**

Advertising Expense
Accounting/Banking
Consulting Expense
Contributions/Donations Made By
Candidate/Officeholder/Political Committee
Credit Card Payment

Event Expense Fees Food/Beverage Expense Gift/Awards/Memorials Expense Legal Services

Loan Repayment/Reimbursement Office Overhead/Rental Expense Polling Expense Printing Expense Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor Solicitation/Fundraising Expense Transportation Equipment & Related Expense Travel In District Travel Out Of District Other (enter a category not listed above)

Credit Card Payment	The Instruction Guide explains how to co	omplete this form.	, , , ,	•
1 Total pages Schedule H:	2 FILER NAME		3 Filer ID (Ethics Comm	nission Filers)
4 Date	5 Business name			
6 Amount (\$)	7 Business address;	City;	State;	Zip Code
8 PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	(a) Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)	(b) Description		
	(c) Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Austin,	TX, officeholder living expense	
9 Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/	Candidate / Officeholder name OH	Office sought	Offi	ice held
Date	Business name			
Amount (\$)	Business address;	City;	State;	Zip Code
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)	Description		
-	Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Austin	n, TX, officeholder living expens	e
Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/	Candidate / Officeholder name OH	Office sought	Offi	ce held
Date	Business name			
Amount (\$)	Business address;	City;	State;	Zip Code
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)	Description		
	Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Check if Austir	n, TX, officeholder living expens	ee
Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/	Candidate / Officeholder name OH	Office sought	Offi	ice held
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## NON-POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

#### SCHEDULE I

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The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.					
1 Total pages Schedule I:	2 FILER NAME		3 Filer ID	(Ethics Cor	nmission Filers)
<b>4</b> Date	<b>5</b> Payee name				
<b>6</b> Amount (\$)	7 Payee address;	City		State	Zip Code
8 PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	(a) Category (See instructions for examples of acceptable categories.)	(b) Description (See insrequired.)	structions regardin	g type of inform	nation
Date	Payee name				
Amount (\$)	Payee address;	City		State	Zip Code
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See instructions for examples of acceptable categories.)	Description (See ins required.)	structions regarding	type of informa	tion
Date	Payee name				
Amount (\$)	Payee address;	City		State	Zip Code
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See instructions for examples of acceptable categories.)	Description (See ins required.)	structions regarding	type of informa	tion
Date	Payee name				
Amount (\$)	Payee address;	City		State	Zip Code
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Category (See instructions for examples of acceptable categories.)	Description (See ins required.)	structions regarding	type of informa	tion
	ATTACH ADDITIONAL COPIES OF TH	IS SCHEDULE AS NE	EDED		

## INTEREST, CREDITS, GAINS, REFUNDS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS RETURNED TO FILER

### SCHEDULE K

If the requested information is not applicable, **DO NOT include this page in the report.** 

т	he Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.	1 Total pages Schedule	K:
2 FILER NAME		3 Filer ID (Ethics Com	nmission Filers)
4 Date	5 Name of person from whom amount is received		8 Amount (\$)
	6 Address of person from whom amount is received; City; Sta	te; Zip Code	
	7 Purpose for which amount is received Check if	political contribution re	eturned to filer
Date	Name of person from whom amount is received		Amount (\$)
	Address of person from whom amount is received; City; Sta	ate; Zip Code	
	Purpose for which amount is received Check if	political contribution re	eturned to filer
Date	Name of person from whom amount is received		Amount (\$)
	Address of person from whom amount is received; City; Sta	te; Zip Code	
	Purpose for which amount is received Check if	political contribution re	eturned to filer
Date	Name of person from whom amount is received		Amount (\$)
	Address of person from whom amount is received; City; Sta	ate; Zip Code	
	Purpose for which amount is received Check if	political contribution re	eturned to filer
	ATTACH ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS SCHEDULE	E AS NEEDED	

### IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS OR POLITICAL EXPENDITURES FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF TEXAS

### SCHEDULE T

If the requested in	nformation i	s not appl	icable, <b>DO NOT</b>	include this page	e in the report.	
The Ins	truction Guid	e explains l	now to complete th	is form.	1 Total pages Schedule T:	
2 FILER NAME					3 Filer ID (Ethics Commission	n Filers)
4 Name of Contributor /	Corporation c	r Labor Org	anization / Pledgor	/ Payee		
5 Contribution / Expend	iture reported	on.				
Schedule A2		edule B	Schedule B(J)	Schedule C2	Schedule D	Cabadula E1
Schedule F2		edule F4	Schedule G	Schedule H	Schedule COH-UC	Schedule F1 Schedule B-SS
6 Dates of travel	7 Name of	person(s) tr	aveling			
	8 Departur	e city or nar	ne of departure loc	ation		
	9 Destinati	on city or na	ame of destination I	ocation		
10 Means of transportat	ion	<b>11</b> Purpos	e of travel (includir	g name of conference,	seminar, or other event)	
Name of Contributor	/ Corporation	or Labor Oı	ganization / Pledgo	or / Payee		
Contribution / Expend	diture reported	d on:				
Schedule A2	Sche	edule B	Schedule B(J)	Schedule C2	Schedule D	Schedule F1
Schedule F2	Sch	edule F4	Schedule G	Schedule H	Schedule COH-UC	Schedule B-SS
Dates of travel	avel Name of person(s) traveling					
	Departu	re city or na	me of departure lo	cation		
	Destination city or name of destination location					
Means of transporta	tion	Purpos	e of travel (includir	ng name of conference,	, seminar, or other event)	
Name of Contributor	/ Corporation	or Labor Or	ganization / Pledgo	or / Payee		
Contribution / Expend	diture reported	on:				
Schedule A2	Schedu	ıle B	Schedule B(J)	Schedule C2	Schedule D	Schedule F1
Schedule F2	Schedu	ıle F4	Schedule G	Schedule H	Schedule COH-UC	Schedule B-SS
Dates of travel	of travel Name of person(s) traveling					
	Departu	re city or na	me of departure lo	cation		
	Destinat	ion city or n	ame of destination	location		
Means of transporta	tion	Purpos	se of travel (includir	ng name of conference,	, seminar, or other event)	
	AT	TACH ADI	DITIONAL COPIE	S OF THIS SCHEDU	LE AS NEEDED	

## CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER REPORT: DESIGNATION OF FINAL REPORT

FORM C/OH - FR

	The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.
	•• Complete only if "Report Type" on page 1 is marked "Final Report" ••
C/OH N	2 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)
SIGNA	TURE
designa	expect any further political contributions or political expenditures in connection with my candidacy. I understand that ating a report as a final report terminates my campaign treasurer appointment. I also understand that I may not accept any gn contributions or make any campaign expenditures without a campaign treasurer appointment on file.
	Signature of Candidate / Officeholder
	WHO IS NOT AN OFFICEHOLDER  olete A & B below <i>only</i> if you are not an officeholder. ••
A.	CAMPAIGN FUNDS
Chec	k only one:
	I do not have unexpended contributions or unexpended interest or income earned from political contributions.
	I have unexpended contributions or unexpended interest or income earned from political contributions. I understand that I may not convert unexpended political contributions or unexpended interest or income earned on political contributions to personal use. I also understand that I must file an annual report of unexpended contributions and that I may not retain unexpended contributions or unexpended interest or income earned on political contributions longer than six years after filing this final report. Further, I understand that I must dispose of unexpended political contributions and unexpended interest or income earned on political contributions in accordance with the requirements of Election Code, § 254.204.
В.	ASSETS
Chec	k only one:
	I do not retain assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions.
	I do retain assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions. I understand that I may not convert assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions to personal use. I also understand that I must dispose of assets purchased with political contributions in accordance with the requirements of Election Code, § 254.204.
	Signature of Candidate
	EHOLDER  plete this section only if you are an officeholder ••  I am aware that I remain subject to filing requirements applicable to an officeholder who does not have a campaign treasurer on file. I am also aware that I will be required to file reports of unexpended contributions if, after filing the last required report as an officeholder, I retain political contributions, interest or other income from political contributions, or assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions.
	Signature of Officeholder

### CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER REPORT OF UNEXPENDED CONTRIBUTIONS

# FORM C/OH-UC COVER SHEET PG 1

The C/OH-UC	Instruction Guide explains h	ow to complete this	form.	1 Filer ID (Ethics C	Commission Filers)
2 CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER NAME	MS/MRS/MR FIRST		MI	OFFICE Date Received	USE ONLY
TVAIVIL	NICKNAME LAST		SUFFIX		
3 CANDIDATE /	ADDRESS / PO BOX; APT / SUITE #;	CITY; ST	TATE; ZIP CODE		
OFFICEHOLDER ADDRESS				Date Hand-delivered	or Date Postmarked
change of address				Receipt #	Amount \$
4 REPORT TYPE	Annual	Final Disposition		Date Processed	
5 PERIOD COVERED	Month Day Year	Month	Day Year	Date Imaged	
6 TOTALS	TOTAL AMOUNT OF UNEXPENDED     DECEMBER 31 OF THE PREVIOU		NS AS OF	\$	
	2. TOTAL AMOUNT OF INTEREST ANI UNEXPENDED POLITICAL CONT			\$	
		Siç	gnature of Candida	ite/Officeholder	
(1) Affidavit	Please co	omplete either o	ption below:	:	
NOTARY STAMP / SEA	L				
Sworn to and subscribed I	pefore me by		this the	day of	
20, to certify v	vhich, witness my hand and seal of of	fice.			
Signature of officer administeri	ng oath Printed name	of officer administering oath	1	Title of office	r administering oath
(2) Unsworn Declaration	on.	OR			
			date of birth is		
My address is	(street)		city) (stat	e) (zip code)	(country)
Executed in	County, State of				
			(month)	(year)	
		Sigr	nature of Candidate	/Officeholder (Decl	arant)

	ITURES	PG 2
C/OH NAME	<b>Ξ</b>	9 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)
<b>0</b> Date	11 Payee name	13 Amount (\$)
	12 Payee address; City; State; Zip Code	
	penditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)	Is expenditure a contribution to a candidate, officeholder, or political committee?
	if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Amount
Date	Payee name	(\$)
	Payee address; City; State; Zip Code	
Purpose of exper	nditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)	
┌── Check	if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Is expenditure a contribution to a candidate, officeholder, or political committee?
Date	Payee name	Amount (\$)
		(Φ)
	Payee address; City; State; Zip Code	
Purpose of exper	nditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)	
		Is expenditure a contribution to a candidate, officeholder, or political committee?
	if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	
Date	Payee name	Amount (\$)
	Payee address; City; State; Zip Code	
Purpose of exper	nditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)	
	nditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)  if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.	Is expenditure a contribution to a candidate, officeholder, or political committee?

# CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

# FORM CFCP COVER SHEET

				OFFICE	USE ONLY
Pursuant to chapter 258 of political committee is enco Campaign Practices. The Cauthority upon submission form. Candidates or polit current campaign treasurer 1997, may subscribe to the	uraged to subscriced may be filed of a campaign ical committees appointment on the subscript of the subscrip	be to the Code of I with the proper fitreasurer appointnate that already have file as of September	Fair ling nent /e a	Date Received  Date Hand-delivered or	Postmarked
Subscription to the Code o	f Fair Campaign Pi	ractices is voluntary.		Date Processed  Date Imaged	
ACCOUNT NUMBER (Ethics Commission Filers)	2 TYPE OF FILER				
(	CANDIDATE [		POLI	TICAL COMMIT	TEE
	If filing as a candidate then read and sign pa	e, complete boxes 3 - 6, age 2.	•	g for a political com 7 and 8, then read	
3 NAME OF CANDIDATE	TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)	FIRST		MI	
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)					
	NICKNAME	LAST		SUFFIX (SR., J	IR., III, etc.)
4 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER		EXTENSION	
5 ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	STREET /PO BOX;	APT / SUITE#; C	ITY;	STATE;	ZIP CODE
6 OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)					
7 NAME OF COMMITTEE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)					
8 NAME OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER	TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)	FIRST		MI	
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	NICKNAME	LAST		SUFFIX (SR., J	IR., III, etc.)
	GO T	O PAGE 2			

### CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGNPRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammeled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

#### THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Signature	Date