

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

How do you verify the residency, is it based on voter registration card or how do you verify?

## **Bexar County Elections Office**

Do you verify the address on the application?

## Yes

Being a board member and holding a job, how does it work with attending board meetings and required board trainings?

Personal time management balance, regular board meetings are in board policy to be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. There may be times that a board member cannot attend all board meetings but the open communication between the board and the superintendent is important.

Most of the time the trainings are after 5 p.m. Are they in person or online?

A lot of the trainings are done at Region 20 and most are online. There are some that are in the evening and are located at Region 20. Trainings are communicated in advance so a board member knows.

Is there a separate policy for board appointments?

We currently do not have a policy. The Board worked together to appoint someone.

Texas Education Code - EDUC § 11.060. Vacancies

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- (a) If a vacancy occurs on the board of trustees of an independent school district, the remaining trustees may fill the vacancy by appointment until the next trustee election.
- (b) If the board is appointed by the governing body of a municipality, a trustee appointed by the governing body to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term.
- (c) Instead of filling a vacancy by appointment under Subsection (a) or (b), the board or municipal governing body may order a special election to fill the vacancy. A



special election is conducted in the same manner as the district's general election except as provided by the Election Code.

(d) If more than one year remains in the term of the position vacated, the vacancy shall be filled under this section not later than the 180th day after the date the vacancy occurs.

Would they still need to follow policy of the guidelines of running on the board?

https://www.texastribune.org/2018/06/04/texas-legislators-residency-districts-november-general-election/

Under state law, a candidate has to live in the district he or she hopes to represent for a year before election day. For most local offices, like a city council or school board seat, candidates have to live in the district for at least six months prior to election day.

But if a candidate wants to file suit claiming his or her opponent doesn't live in the district, the case is notoriously hard to prove.

That's because residency is legally defined as a state of mind rather than a physical presence, Cook said. – quoted from article

Who decides which board member serves on a committee?

The board president appoints the board member after talking with them. This is the norm with most districts.

Do the trustees request to be on a committee or is it based on experience?

The board president looks at the needs on that committee and the board member experience and value they would bring to the committee.

When will the election packet be available?

Every district follows the Secretary of State of Texas, there are dates we have to follow. That information will be posted on our district website.

Will that also be posted on social media?

Yes, applications will be posted in person at central office and online.