This article addresses common questions that arise for individuals seeking election election to a school board of trustees. For more extive information on issues related to candidacy and the election process, see TASB Policy BB series; the TASB School Law Edection expage TASB

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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:

or on the date of appointment, as applicable;

- 3. has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally metally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- 4.

- reject the application and immediately deliver to the candidate written notice of the reason for the rejection candidate may be able to correct mistakes as to form or content by filing a new application to the filing deadline. Tex. Elec. Code § .042.
- 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 appoint a campaign treasure, 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

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 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 usehoosdistrict employee time, no matter how minimal, is prohibited, as is any use of school district facilities. See e.g., d Æ X š Z] • } u u [v K % X E } X ð ð ï ~ î ì î î • ~ } v o μ] v Election Code section 255.003 would be violated by using a school empthopolace a š Œ μ • š [• u %] P v (o Ç Œ •] v š Z š Z Œ • [o } μ v P • X & μ Œ š Z 255.0031 specifically prohibits an officer or employee of a political subdiv 0.0 5aPilce8d 0.0000