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2404 Board Member Vacancies and Appointments

A. A Board office becomes vacant immediately upon any of the following events:

1. a Board member's death;
2. a Board member being adjudicated insane or being found to be a legally incapacitated individual by a court of competent jurisdiction;
3. a Board member's resignation;
4. a Board member's removal from office;
5. a Board member's conviction for a felony;
6. a Board member's election or appointment being declared void by a competent tribunal;
7. a Board member's neglect or failure to timely file the acceptance of office, to take the oath of office, or to give or renew an official bond as required by law;
8. a Board member ceasing to possess the legal qualifications for holding office;
9. a Board member moving residence from the District; or
10. a Board member being recalled.

B. Appointments

1. In the event of a vacancy (except a vacancy resulting from a Board member recall), the remaining Board members must fill the vacant Board office by appointment within 30 calendar days after the vacancy occurs, unless a majority of the Board offices are then vacant. If a majority of the Board offices are vacant at the time of a vacancy, or if the remaining Board members fail to fill a vacant Board office by appointment within 30 calendar days after the vacancy occurs, then the ISD board will be authorized to fill the vacant Board office by appointment.
2. The Board may, in its discretion, undertake 1 or more of the following procedures when seeking to fill a vacant Board office:
    a. publicize the vacancy, and the Board's intention to appoint a person to fill the vacant Board office through word-of-mouth, news media, notices posted at school buildings and other locations, postings on the District's website and social media, and other means of communicating with the public;

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b. accept résumés, applications, letters of interest, or other submissions from persons seeking to be appointed to fill the vacant Board office; and

c. interview applicants for the vacant Board office.

i. All interviews must be conducted during open session of a public Board meeting.

ii. The Board may meet in closed session for the limited purpose of reviewing and considering an application for appointment, if any, if the applicant requests that the application remain confidential.

3. Within 3 calendar days after the Board makes an appointment to fill a vacant Board office, the Secretary must provide written notice to the District's election coordinator of the name, address, and Board office of both the Board member who vacated office and the person appointed to fill the vacant Board office.

4. Appointed Board Member's Term of Office

a. An appointed Board member's term of office begins immediately after appointment, once the appointee has filed an acceptance of office with the Secretary and taken the oath of office.

b. An appointed Board member's term of office expires:

i. immediately after the District's regular election at which a successor in office is elected and the successor has qualified for office, if the appointed Board member was appointed to a Board office that was vacated more than 7 calendar days before the nominating petition filing deadline for a District regular election that was not the District's regular election at which a successor in office would have been elected had the Board office not been vacated; or

ii. in all other cases, December 31 immediately after the District's next regular election.

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