Joe Don Bobbitt Executive Director Chief Appraiser



September 2, 2025

Presiding Officer Entity in Tarrant County

RE: Nomination and Appointment to TAD Board of Directors

Dear Presiding Officer:

The current terms of two appointed members of the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors will expire on December 31, 2025. As required by Section 6.03 of the Property Tax Code, the first step in appointing voting members for the term beginning January 1, 2026, is calculating the number of votes to which the participating taxing units are entitled (see enclosure).

This year, the Conservation/Reclamation districts are participating according to Section 6.03(c) of the Property Tax Code which states, "Conservation and reclamation districts are not entitled to vote unless at least one conservation and reclamation district in the district delivers to the chief appraiser a written request to nominate and vote on the board of directors by June 1 of each odd-numbered year."

We received written request from the Tarrant Regional Water District on May 23rd, 2025. The other eligible districts in Tarrant County are Far North Fort Worth MUD, Karis MMD, Live Oak Creek MUD, Trophy Club MUD and Viridian MMD. These nominations are under an earlier timeline, and one nomination has been made. These entities participate in the voting process on the regular timeline.

The **next step** is nomination of other candidates. Taxing units are not required to submit any nominations but, if they choose to do so, the **nominations may be made only by a resolution** adopted by the governing body and the presiding officer of the governing body must submit the names of the nominees to TAD *BEFORE* October 15, 2025, which means the nominations must be received by our office no later than October 14, 2025.

To be eligible to serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors, an individual must have resided in Tarrant County for at least two years immediately preceding January 1, 2026. An individual who is otherwise eligible is not ineligible because he or she is a member of the government body of a taxing unit. Texas law restricts eligibility and conduct of members of governmental bodies such as appraisal districts' board of directors. In consultation with your attorneys, please review the Property Tax Code and other applicable laws carefully for the details of those restrictions, including definitions of "substantial interest", "business entity", "deferred", "abated", and other terms used below and for the potential criminal consequences of violating certain restrictions. In summary, the Property Tax Code provides that the following are ineligible to serve as voting members of the Board of Directors:

• An individual who has been an employee of the Tarrant Appraisal District at any time during the preceding three years;

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- An individual who has served as a voting member of the Board of Directors for all or part of five terms since January 1, 2022
- An individual who is an employee of a taxing unit that participates in Tarrant Appraisal District unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the District;
- An individual who, directly or through a business entity in which he or she has a substantial interest, is a party to a contract with Tarrant Appraisal District or a taxing unit that participates in the District, if the contract relates to the performance of any activity governed by the Property Tax Code;
- An individual who has engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Property Tax Code at any time during the preceding three years;
- An individual who has engaged in the business of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under the Property Tax Code in Tarrant County at any time during the preceding three years;
- An individual who is related by blood or marriage to an individual who is engaged in the
 business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Property Tax
 Code or of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under the Property
 Tax Code in Tarrant County, if the relationship is within the 1st or 2nd degrees on the following
 chart;

Degrees of Consanguinity and Affinity

1st	2nd	3rd
degree	2degree	degree
By Consanguinity Parents Children By Affinity Spouses of relatives listed under first degree consanguinity Spouse Spouse's parents Spouse's children Stepparents Stepchildren	By Consanguinity Grandparents Grandchildren Brothers & sisters By Affinity Spouses of relatives listed by second degree consanguinity Spouse's grandparents Spouse's grandchildren Spouse's brothers & sisters	By Consanguinity Great grandparents Great grandchildren Nieces & nephews Aunts & uncles By Affinity No prohibitions

 an individual who owns property on which delinquent taxes have been owed to a taxing unit for more than 60 days after the date the individual knew or should have known of the delinquency unless the delinquent taxes, penalty, and interest are being paid under an installment plan or a suit to collect the delinquent taxes is deferred or abated.



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When submitting nominations to <u>jwooddell@tad.org</u>, please include the full name of each candidate, his or her complete residence address, and a current biography. From timely submitted nominations, the ballot will be distributed before October 30th to each taxing unit entitled to participate in the appointment process, which may be summarized as follows:

before October 01, 2025	Chief Appraiser calculates numbers of votes
before October 01, 2023	11
	and notifies taxing units
before October 15, 2025	Governing bodies of taxing units nominate
	candidates by resolution and send names to
	Chief Appraiser
before October 30, 2025	Chief Appraiser prepares ballot and sends it
	to taxing units
<i>before</i> December 15, 2025 for most taxing	Governing bodies of taxing units determine
units but see the different requirements in	their votes by resolution and send votes to
section 6.03(k-1) that applies only to "each	Chief Appraiser
taxing unit entitled to cast at least five	
percent of the total votes", which in this	
appointment cycle means 100 or more votes	
on the enclosed list	
before December 31, 2025	Chief Appraiser counts votes, determines
, ,	which 2 candidates received the most votes,
	and submits results to taxing units
January 01, 2026	new term begins

Copies of the Nomination Letter, the Ballot Letter, and the Results Letter and enclosures will be posted at www.tad.org/Board-Appointment-Process for your convenience. Entity nominations, nominee biographies, and entity votes will be uploaded as submitted. Please bookmark this communication tool in lieu of PIA requests. If you have any questions, please call 817.284.0024.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Voting Allotment

