



Thursday, February 18, 2021


PETITION FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Surendran K Pattel Of Rosenberg

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 Submission Date 	T Name 	 Date 	 Bar Card # 	T Signature 
Feb 18, 2021	Yvonne Bonier	Feb 18, 2021	00791260	
Feb 18, 2021	TyaNeka Edwards	Feb 18, 2021	24045826	
Feb 18, 2021	Derek Anderson	Feb 18, 2021	24040430	
Feb 18, 2021	Robert Bennett	Nov 1, 1947	02150500	
Feb 18, 2021	James Boanerges	Feb 18, 2021	02523700	
Feb 18, 2021	Charles Kinsey	Feb 18, 2021	11489700	
Feb 18, 2021	JESSICA JARAMILLO-...	Feb 18, 2021	24078733	
Feb 18, 2021	armen merjanian	Feb 18, 2021	24072848	
Feb 18, 2021	Frank Fraley	Feb 18, 2021	07350350	
Feb 18, 2021	Shahara Menchan	Feb 18, 2021	24004398	
Feb 18, 2021	Timothy Quill	Feb 18, 2021	16430550	
Feb 18, 2021	Alexander Hunt	Feb 18, 2021	24082272	
Feb 18, 2021	Walat Aqrawi	Jul 17, 1973	24094514	
Feb 18, 2021	Lakshmi Ramakrishnan	Feb 18, 2021	24037324	
Feb 18, 2021	Shari Glover	Feb 18, 2021	00798207	
Feb 18, 2021	Linda Bovasso	Oct 4, 1960	16424620	
Feb 18, 2021	Dylan Russell	Feb 18, 2021	24041839	



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Feb 18, 2021	Shannon Fleming	Feb 18, 2021	24048466	
Feb 19, 2021	Sonia Rash	Feb 18, 2021	24045472	
Feb 19, 2021	Robert Peltier	Feb 19, 2021	15732880	
Feb 19, 2021	Husein Hadi	Feb 19, 2021	24067641	
Feb 19, 2021	Walter Romano	Feb 19, 2022	00797344	
Feb 19, 2021	Joseph Jaroudi	Feb 19, 2021	24107391	
Feb 19, 2021	Orjanel Lewis	Feb 19, 2021	24083667	
Feb 19, 2021	William Hemby	Feb 19, 2021	24046054	
Feb 19, 2021	brandon sims	Feb 19, 2021	24049807	
Feb 19, 2021	James Robertson	Feb 19, 2021	17059100	
Feb 19, 2021	DereK Obialo	Feb 19, 2021	24060354	
Feb 19, 2021	Katie Wilson	Feb 19, 2021	24108295	
Feb 19, 2021	Simone Bray	Feb 19, 2021	24101038	
Feb 19, 2021	David Hunter	Feb 19, 2021	10296700	
Feb 19, 2021	Greg Hill	Feb 19, 2021	24042990	
Feb 19, 2021	Bryan Lane	Feb 19, 2021	24083353	
Feb 19, 2021	Steve Okoroha	Feb 19, 2021	24072830	
Feb 19, 2021	Morris Belt	Feb 19, 2021	02110000	
Feb 19, 2021	JA Davis	Feb 19, 2021	24005714	



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Feb 19, 2021	David Perwin	Oct 11, 1962	50511928	
Feb 19, 2021	Overzenia Ojuri	Feb 19, 2021	24067417	
Feb 19, 2021	Anindita (Annie) Banerjee	Feb 19, 2021	798046	
Feb 19, 2021	Juli Mathew	Feb 19, 2021	24053516	
Feb 19, 2021	Briab Tagtmeier	Feb 19, 2021	00785078	
Feb 19, 2021	Nyanza Moore	Feb 19, 2021	24012038	
Feb 19, 2021	Larry Dunham	Feb 18, 2021	24050538	
Feb 19, 2021	Michael Moore	Jul 9, 1971	24102237	
Feb 19, 2021	Argie Brame	Feb 19, 2021	24063874	
Feb 20, 2021	Oscar Telfair	Feb 20, 2021	19764280	
Feb 20, 2021	Farah Kamal	Feb 20, 2021	24067697	
Feb 20, 2021	Charles Kinsey	Feb 18, 2021	11489700	
Feb 20, 2021	Oyebamiji Adebayo	Sep 24, 1963	24040391	
Feb 20, 2021	Rachel Aguilar	Feb 20, 2021	24082604	
Feb 20, 2021	Susan Criss	Feb 27, 1961	96630475	
Feb 21, 2021	Eraka Childs	Feb 21, 2021	24001879	
Feb 21, 2021	Ryon Adms	Feb 21, 2021	90001497	
Feb 21, 2021	Shreedhar Patel	Feb 21, 2021	24074864	
Feb 21, 2021	Christina Thomas	Feb 21, 2021	24060715	



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Feb 21, 2021	Stacy Dickson	Feb 21, 2021	00790590	
Feb 21, 2021	Ashitha Shiaz	Feb 21, 2021	24102496	
Feb 21, 2021	Jennifer Chau	Feb 21, 2021	24069094	
Feb 21, 2021	Wendy Siceloff	Jan 7, 1957	18339250	
Feb 22, 2021	Christian Becerra	Jun 29, 1970	24006820	
Feb 22, 2021	John Brown	Feb 22, 2021	24005195	
Feb 22, 2021	Cindy Aguirre	Feb 22, 2021	24030879	
Feb 23, 2021	Carlos Peniche	Feb 23, 2021	15748300	
Feb 23, 2021	David Nguyen	Feb 23, 2021	24041874	
Feb 23, 2021	Amar Patel	Feb 23, 2021	24085870	
Feb 23, 2021	Pimal Patel	Feb 23, 2021	24102335	
Feb 23, 2021	Liza Greene	Feb 23, 2021	14547800	
Feb 24, 2021	Teana Watson	Feb 24, 2021	20585570	
Feb 24, 2021	Nabila Mansoor	Feb 24, 2021	24039031	
Feb 24, 2021	Kristin Munkittrick	Feb 24, 2021	24099740	
Feb 24, 2021	John Floyd	Feb 24, 2021	00790700	
Feb 24, 2021	Allen Woodward	Feb 24, 2021	24110552	
Feb 24, 2021	Christine Mangle	Feb 24, 2021	00789467	
Feb 24, 2021	Emem Washington	Feb 24, 2021	24036118	



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Feb 24, 2021	Ahmad Azam	Feb 24, 2021	24071775	
Feb 24, 2021	Wilvin Carter	Feb 24, 2021	24045622	
Feb 25, 2021	Gerald Moton	Mar 27, 1949	14596350	
Feb 25, 2021	Joyce Phoenix	Feb 25, 2021	19708150	
Feb 25, 2021	Eric Ashford	Feb 25, 2021	00796142	
Feb 25, 2021	Paul Tu	Feb 25, 2021	24045197	
Feb 25, 2021	Paul Tu	Feb 25, 2021	24045197	
Feb 25, 2021	Ashley Green	Feb 25, 2021	24095887	
Feb 25, 2021	Vincent Vu	Feb 25, 2021	24072408	
Feb 25, 2021	Jason Scofield	Feb 25, 2021	24060578	
Feb 25, 2021	Michael Clay	Feb 25, 2021	04331750	
Feb 25, 2021	John Paul Cedillo	Jan 22, 1984	24090626	
Feb 25, 2021	Tiffany Hill	Feb 25, 2021	24073366	
Feb 25, 2021	Kasey Doggett	Feb 25, 2021	24050522	
Feb 25, 2021	Khoa Nguyen	Feb 25, 2021	24061224	
Feb 25, 2021	Stephanie Wellner	Feb 25, 2021	24060812	
Feb 25, 2021	Barbara Hudson	Jan 25, 1056	10454200	
Feb 25, 2021	Nazanin Salehi	Feb 25, 2021	24103913	



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Feb 26, 2021	Farha Ahmed	Feb 26, 2021	941150	
Feb 26, 2021	David Green II	Feb 26, 2021	24107088	
Feb 27, 2021	Steven Martinez	Feb 27, 2021	24046361	
Feb 27, 2021	Kymberly McMorries	Feb 27, 2021	24044714	
Feb 27, 2021	Erma Hart	Feb 27, 2021	00797007	
Feb 27, 2021	Abdul Farukhi	Feb 27, 2021	24065220	
Feb 27, 2021	Sam Dick	Feb 27, 2021	05813600	
Feb 27, 2021	Michael Burg	Feb 27, 2021	03375500	
Feb 28, 2021	Rehan Alimohammad	Feb 28, 2021	24031814	
Feb 28, 2021	Michael Clay	Feb 25, 2021	04331750	
Feb 28, 2021	Dwayne Simpson	Feb 28, 2021	24090392	
Feb 28, 2021	Grace Nwanguma	Dec 15, 1961	24011046	
Feb 28, 2021	Julius Junker	Feb 28, 2021	24064146	
Feb 28, 2021	Taniya Al-Amin	Feb 28, 2021	24072146	
Feb 28, 2021	Blair Parker	Feb 28, 2021	24075829	
Feb 28, 2021	Julia Bella	Feb 28, 2021	24035099	
Mar 1, 2021	Elizabeth Rahwan	Mar 1, 2021	24074925	
Mar 1, 2021	William Zorn	Mar 1, 2021	22286200	
Mar 1, 2021	Anthony Segura	Mar 1, 2021	00791633	



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Mar 1, 2021	Grace Nwanguma	Dec 15, 1961	24011046	
Mar 1, 2021	Shawn McDonald	Mar 1, 2021	24029715	
Mar 1, 2021	Amit Misra	Mar 1, 2021	00795534	
Mar 1, 2021	Michael Njoku	Mar 1, 2021	15045500	
Mar 1, 2021	Ralph Gonzalez	Mar 1, 2021	08120400	
Mar 1, 2021	COLLEEN MIGL	Mar 1, 2021	24094673	
Mar 1, 2021	Adam Capetillo	Mar 1, 2021	24080178	
Mar 1, 2021	Tracy Middleton	Mar 1, 2021	24050075	
Mar 1, 2021	Dean Zand	Mar 1, 2021	24058614	
Mar 1, 2021	Fiza Syed	Mar 1, 2021	24088496	
Mar 1, 2021	Carl Dore	Mar 1, 2021	06000600	
Mar 1, 2021	Frederick Forlano	Mar 1, 2021	07258700	
Mar 1, 2021	SHERAZ ABBASI	Mar 1, 2021	24085684	
Mar 1, 2021	Dean Hrbacek	Mar 1, 2021	10128800	
Mar 1, 2021	Tim Swanson	Mar 1, 2021	24063665	
Mar 1, 2021	Robert LeBoeuf	Mar 1, 2021	12099500	
Mar 1, 2021	Korinthia Miller	Mar 1, 2021	24070277	
Mar 1, 2021	Kourtney Malone-Parker	Mar 1, 2021	24104590	
Mar 1, 2021	Carey Worre	Mar 1, 2021	24042197	
Mar 1, 2021	Austin Whiteley	Mar 10, 1993	24115946	
Mar 1, 2021	Elizabeth Ponce	Mar 1, 2021	24095616	
Mar 1, 2021	Mark Andrus	Mar 1, 2021	01256020	

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MEMORANDUM

To: Trey Apffel

From: Karen Rebernak
Membership Department Director

Re: Correction to Petitioner's Eligibility report for Surendran Pattel, BC# 24070077

Date: March 8, 2021

Upon further review of Mr. Pattel's petition signatures, it was discovered that two attorneys signed the petition but inadvertently listed incorrect bar numbers. The bar card numbers they listed were for two other attorneys who did not sign the petition.

The eligibility of petition signers is determined by their bar numbers. The Petitioner's Eligibility Report for Mr. Pattel reflected the two incorrect bar numbers, causing both signers to be ineligible.

We have found that one of attorneys who listed an incorrect bar number was actually an eligible signer in District 5. The net effect is that Mr. Pattel has 84 eligible signatures on his petition, instead of the 83 eligible signatures indicated on the original Petitioner's Eligibility Report.

Petitioners Eligibility

SBOT Election

Candidate: - Surendran Pattel (24070077)

Date Imported: 03/02/2021

	Name	Import Status	Eligibility
Eligible (83)			
	Adams, Ryon	Imported.	Eligible
	Adebayo, Oyebamiji	Imported.	Eligible
	Aguilar, Rachel	Imported.	Eligible
	Aguirre, Cindy Mayela	Imported.	Eligible
	Ahmed, Farha	Imported.	Eligible
	Akpaffiong, Emem	Imported.	Eligible
	Al-Amin, Taniya	Imported.	Eligible
	Alimohammad, Rehan Shams	Imported.	Eligible
	Anderson, Derek Roshawn	Imported.	Eligible
	Andrus, Mark Harold	Imported.	Eligible
	Azam, Ahmad	Imported.	Eligible
	Becerra, James	Imported.	Eligible
	Bella, Julia	Imported.	Eligible
	Belt, Morris E.	Imported.	Eligible
	Boanerges, James	Imported.	Eligible
	Bonier, Yvonne	Imported.	Eligible
	Brame, Argie	Imported.	Eligible
	Capetillo, Adam	Imported.	Eligible
	Cedillo, John	Imported.	Eligible
	Chau, Jennifer	Imported.	Eligible
	Criss, Susan Elizabeth	Imported.	Eligible
	Dick, Sam	Imported.	Eligible
	Doggett, Kasey	Imported.	Eligible
	Dunham, Larry	Imported.	Eligible
	Fleming, Shannon Lynne	Imported.	Eligible
	Forlano, Frederick P.	Imported.	Eligible
	Fraley, Frank Jerome	Imported.	Eligible
	Gonzalez, Ralph L.	Imported.	Eligible
	Green, David	Imported.	Eligible
	Hemby, William	Imported.	Eligible
	Hrbacek, Dean Allen	Imported.	Eligible
	Hunt, Alexander	Imported.	Eligible
	Hunter, David S	Imported.	Eligible
	Jaramillo-Moreno, Jessica	Imported.	Eligible
	Johnson, Kathy Jo	Imported.	Eligible
	Junker, Julius	Imported.	Eligible
	Khawaja, Ibrahim Elias	Imported.	Eligible
	Kinsey, Charles M.	Imported.	Eligible
	Leboeuf, Robert L.	Imported.	Eligible
	Lee, Chung	Imported.	Eligible
	Lewis, Orjanel	Imported.	Eligible
	Malone-Parker, Kourtney	Imported.	Eligible
	Mangle, Christine L.	Imported.	Eligible
	Mansoor, Nabila	Imported.	Eligible
	Martin, Erma Yvette	Imported.	Eligible
	Martinez, Steven	Imported.	Eligible
	Mathew, Juli	Imported.	Eligible

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Name	Import Status	Eligibility
Mathews, Nisha	Imported.	Eligible
McDonald, Shawn Moody	Imported.	Eligible
McDougal, Larry	Imported.	Eligible
McDougal, Larry P.	Imported.	Eligible
McMorries, Kymberly	Imported.	Eligible
Menchan, Shahara	Imported.	Eligible
Middleton, Brian Marcus	Imported.	Eligible
Moore, Michael	Imported.	Eligible
Moore, Nyanza	Imported.	Eligible
Moton, Gerald C.	Imported.	Eligible
Njoku, Michael Ndubuisi	Imported.	Eligible
Nwanguma, Grace Ngozi	Imported.	Eligible
Ojuri, Overzenia	Imported.	Eligible
Parker, Blair	Imported.	Eligible
Patel, Amar	Imported.	Eligible
Patel, Shreedhar	Imported.	Eligible
Perwin, David	Imported.	Eligible
Phoenix, Joyce M. Taylor	Imported.	Eligible
Quill, Timothy M.	Imported.	Eligible
Rahwan, Elizabeth	Imported.	Eligible
Russell, Dylan Benjamin	Imported.	Eligible
Segura, Anthony Ray	Imported.	Eligible
Shiaz, Ashitha	Imported.	Eligible
Sims, Brandon	Imported.	Eligible
Swanson, Timothy	Imported.	Eligible
Syed, Fiza	Imported.	Eligible
Thomas, Christina	Imported.	Eligible
Tu, Paul	Imported.	Eligible
Watson, Eraka	Imported.	Eligible
Watson, Teana Viltz	Imported.	Eligible
Whiteley, Austin	Imported.	Eligible
Wilson, Kathryn	Imported.	Eligible
Woodward, Allen	Imported.	Eligible
Worrell, Carey Ann Dempsey	Imported.	Eligible
Zand, Dean	Imported.	Eligible
Zorn, William C.	Imported.	Eligible
Not Eligible (57)		
Abbasi, Sheraz	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Aqrawi, Walat	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Ashford, James Eric	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Banerjee, Anindita	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Behrana, Sonia Mehelli	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Bennett, Robert S.	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Bovasso, Linda B.	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Bray, Simone	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Burg, Michael Steven	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Carter, Wilvin Jamar	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Clay, Michael Duwayne	Imported.	Wrong District (04)

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Name	Import Status	Eligibility
Davis, John Aubry	Imported.	Wrong District (10)
Dickson, Stacy	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Dore, P. Carl	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Edwards, Tyaneka Nicole	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Esposito, Ronald Keith	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Farukhi, Abdul	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Floyd, John	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Garcia, Juan Carlos	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Glover, Shari Lynn	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Gonzalez, Sergio	Imported.	Wrong District (17)
Green, Ashley	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Greene, Liza Alice	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Hadi, Husein	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Hill, Terance	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Hill, Tiffany	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Hudson, Barbara Jackson	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Jaroudi, Joseph	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Johnson, Christine	Imported.	Wrong District (06)
Johnson, John	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Kamal, Farah	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Lane, Bryan	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Merjanian, Armen	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Middleton, Tracy	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Migl, Colleen	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Miller, Korinthia	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Misra, Amit Kumar	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Munkittrick, Kristin	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Nguyen, Khoa	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Obialo, Derek	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Okoroha, Ejikeme	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Patel, Pimal	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Peltier, Robert	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Peniche, Carlos A.	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Ponce, Elizabeth	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Ramakrishnan, Lakshmi	Imported.	Wrong District (12)
Romano, Walter Joseph	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Salehi, Nazanin	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Scofield, Jason	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Siceloff, Wendy Elaine	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Simpson, Dwayne	Imported.	Wrong District (03)
Tagtmeier, Brian James	Imported.	Wrong District (09)
Telfair, Oscar Matthew	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Torres, Rene Lauro	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Vu, Vincent	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Wadhawan, Manik	Imported.	Wrong District (04)
Wellner, Stephanie Jo	Imported.	Wrong District (04)

Not Imported (4)

Clay, Michael Duwayne	Duplicate: Already Processed
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Kinsey, Charles M.	Duplicate: Already Processed	
Nwanguma, Grace Ngozi	Duplicate: Already Processed	
Tu, Paul	Duplicate: Already Processed	

STATE BAR RULES

ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Board of Directors; Duties

- A.** The State Bar shall be governed by a board which shall enforce the Act and these Rules.
- B.** The term of office for each elected, public, and at-large director shall be three (3) years. The terms of elected and public directors shall be staggered with one-third (1/3) of such directors elected or appointed each year. The terms of at-large directors shall be staggered with as near to one-third (1/3) as possible appointed each year.
- C.** The regular term of office of an elected, public, or at-large director shall commence on adjournment of the annual meeting of the State Bar next following election or appointment and continue until the adjournment of the third annual meeting next following election or appointment.
- D.** The board shall take such action and adopt such regulations and policies, consistent with the Act or these Rules, as shall be necessary and proper for the administration and management of the affairs of the State Bar, for the protection of the property of the State Bar and for the preservation of good order.

Section 2. Meetings of the Board

- A.** The board shall meet regularly at least four (4) times annually, and may meet specially, at such times and places as the board shall determine. All meetings, however, shall be held within the State of Texas.
- B.** Meetings of the board shall be in person unless:
1. an emergency or public necessity exists within the meaning of Texas Government Code Chapter 551; and
 2. the convening at one location of a quorum of the governmental body is difficult or impossible.

Section 3. Composition of the Board

The board shall be composed of the officers of the State Bar, the president, president-elect, and immediate past president of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, not more than thirty (30) members of the State Bar elected by the membership from their district as may be determined by the board, six (6) persons who are not licensed attorneys, known as public directors, who do not have, other than as consumers, a financial interest in the practice of law, and four (4) at-large directors appointed by the president and confirmed by the Board. The Board may, in its discretion, also include other members who shall be ex officio or non-voting board members.

Section 4. Chairperson of the Board

The board shall elect annually from its membership, under such procedures as it shall prescribe, a chairperson to serve for the next succeeding organizational year. Such person shall be elected from the class of directors then serving the second year of their terms.

Section 5. Qualifications of Officers and Directors

- A.** Qualifications for Serving as Director. The board is the judge of a candidate's qualifications.
1. *All directors.* A director must not be an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a Texas trade association or the spouse of one. Texas trade association is defined in Section 81.028, Government Code.
 2. *Attorney directors.* A director who is an attorney also:
 - a. must be an active member in good standing;
 - b. must never have been disbarred or resigned in lieu of discipline; and
 - c. if ever suspended for professional misconduct, must have been reinstated at least ten years before the term as director begins.
 3. *Elected directors.* An elected director also:
 - a. must have their principal place of practice in the district from which the director is elected;

- b. must not have their principal place of practice in the same county as the last director from the district – but this requirement does not apply to a director from a Metropolitan County or El Paso County, and the board may disregard the requirement if necessary to rebalance the board membership under section 8;
- c. must not have served one and one-half years or more of the prior director's term; and
- d. must not be an elected official paid by the State of Texas.

4. *Public directors.* A public director also:

- a. must not have a financial interest in the practice of law, other than as a consumer; and
- b. must be confirmed by the senate.

5. *At-large directors.* An at-large director also must not be an elected official paid by the State of Texas.

6. *Ex officio directors.* An ex officio director also must not be an elected official paid by the State of Texas.

B. Other requirements. A director must:

- 1. take the oath of office by the second regularly scheduled board meeting of the first year of the director's term; and
- 2. attend at least half of the regularly scheduled board meetings each calendar year – but a majority of the board may excuse a director's absence.

C. The board must provide a training program for board members that meets the requirements of Section 81.201, Government Code. An elected or appointed director cannot participate at a board meeting or vote before completing the training program.

Section 6. How Directors Shall Be Elected

Elected directors shall be elected by a majority of the active and emeritus members of the State Bar voting who have their principal place of practice in the same Bar district as that of the candidate. If no candidate receives a majority, a run off shall be held at such time as the board shall prescribe between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes.

Section 7. Nominees for Office of Elected Director

A. An active member's name may be placed in nomination for the office of elected director by a written petition in form prescribed by the board and signed by the lesser of five percent (5%) of the active members whose principal place of practice is within the district to be represented by the nominee if elected, or one hundred (100) of such members, which petition must be received in the office of the executive director on or before March 1 of the year of the election. A petition signature is invalid if it is not dated or the signer signed the petition before September 1 of the year before the election. The executive director shall promptly review the petition to verify the eligibility of the nominee. If from the petition it appears the nominee is eligible, that person's name shall be listed upon the ballot. If from the petition the executive director finds the nominee to be ineligible, that fact shall immediately be communicated to the nominee. Any nominee desiring to appeal the findings of the executive director shall promptly notify the executive director, who shall promptly convene the executive committee to hear and determine the matter. The executive committee shall have final authority to determine questions of eligibility of the nominee and the validity of the nominating petition and shall do so within ten (10) days of the notice to the executive director.

B. The petitions may be in counterparts, and it shall be sufficient that the signatures on all the counterparts aggregate the required number of signatures.

C. If no valid petition nominating an eligible person shall have been received by the executive director by March 1 in respect to a district in the year in which such district is to elect a director, or if all persons who have been nominated in the foregoing manner shall have died or become disqualified from serving at any time prior to the printing of the ballot in such election, then the president of the State Bar with the advice of the person then serving as elected director from that district shall name a qualified person to stand for election as director from that district.

D. If an elected director fails to qualify, such position shall be deemed vacant.

State Bar Board Policy Manual-Excerpts

1.03 Elected Directors

1.03.01 General. Elected Directors shall be elected by a majority of the active and emeritus members of the State Bar voting who have their principal place of practice in the same bar district as the candidate. If no candidate receives a majority, a runoff between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be held at a time the Board prescribes. The provisions of this Policy Manual concerning State Bar District Director Campaigns shall apply to the Campaign activities of the Director run-off candidates.

103.02 Term. Each person elected as a Director shall serve a three-year term.

1.03.03 Nominations. An active member's name may be placed in nomination for the office of Elected Director by a written petition in the form prescribed by the Board.

(A) The petition shall be signed by the lesser of five percent (5%) of the active members whose principal place of practice is within the district to be represented by the nominee if elected or one hundred of such members. A petition signature is invalid if it is not dated or the signer signed the petition before September 1 of the year before the election.

(B) The petition must be received in the office of the Executive Director on or before March 1 of the year of election.

(C) The Executive Director shall promptly review the petition to verify the eligibility of the nominee.

(D) If from the petition it appears the nominee is eligible, the Executive Director shall certify such eligibility, and that nominee's name shall be listed on the ballot. If from the petition the Executive Director finds the nominee to be ineligible, that fact shall immediately be communicated to the nominee.

(E) Any nominee desiring to appeal the findings of the Executive Director shall promptly notify the Executive Director, who shall promptly convene the Executive Committee to hear and determine the matter.

(F) The Executive Committee shall have final authority to determine questions of the eligibility and certification of the nominee and the validity of the nominating petition and shall do so within ten days of the notice to the Executive Director.

(G) The petitions may be in counterparts and signatures on counterparts are permissible.

(H) If no valid petition nominating an eligible person in a district in the year in which such district is to elect a Director has been received by the Executive Director by March 1, or if all persons who have been nominated shall have died or become disqualified from serving at any time before the election ballot is printed, then the President, with the advice of the person then serving as Elected Director or Directors from that district, shall name a qualified person to stand for election as Director from that district.

1.03.04 Candidate Certification Form. Candidates for Elected Director shall be required to sign a candidate certification form, which must be received in the office of the Executive Director at the same time as the petition. The certification form shall set forth the eligibility requirements and shall contain the following:

"As a candidate for the office of director, I, _____, certify that I understand the following criteria as contained in the State Bar Rules, Article IV, §5(A), relating to serving as a director of the State Bar of Texas, and that after reviewing the criteria, I am eligible to serve as a director. I further certify that I have read and agree to be bound by the provisions of the State Bar Board of Directors Policy Manual regarding the guidelines relating to campaigns for the office of director and regarding the role of the Nominations and Elections Subcommittee in such campaigns.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

1.03.05 Qualifications of Officers and Directors. No person may serve as an Officer or member of the Board who does not meet the qualifications to serve as set forth in the State Bar Rules Article IV, sections 5 and 10. The Board is the judge of a candidate's qualifications.

1.03.06 Failure to Qualify. If an Elected Director fails to qualify, the Elected Director shall be deemed to have vacated the position.

1.03.07 Sample Petition Form

PETITION FOR ELECTION

We, the undersigned, being at least five percent of the members of the State Bar whose principal place of practice is in the _____ bar district, or one hundred of such members, whichever is less, do hereby nominate _____ of _____ as a candidate for director of the State Bar of Texas from that district and request that his or her name be placed on the official ballot for (year), pursuant to Article IV, §7 of the State Bar Rules.

The proposed candidate meets the requirements for director as stipulated in Article IV – Administration, §5, Qualifications of Officers and Directors of the State Bar Rules.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Bar Card Number: _____

Date: _____

From: [Karen Rebernak](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Chelsey Barber](#); [Ray Cantu](#)
Subject: RE: Petition for State Bar Director- District 5
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:31:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good evening, Surendran.

Thank you for your message. The Executive Director will be in touch tomorrow regarding your eligibility.

Hope you have a good night.

Karen

Karen Rebernak
Membership Department Director
State Bar of Texas
Phone: 512.427.1383
karen.rebernak@texasbar.com

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From: Surendran K. Pattel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:42 PM
To: Karen Rebernak <Karen.Rebernak@TEXASBAR.COM>
Subject: Re: Petition for State Bar Director- District 5

The report is not correct. Even attorneys working in the fort bend county district attorney's office are marked as ineligible.

Sincerely,

[Surendran K. Pattel](#)
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On Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 8:25 PM Karen Rebernak <Karen.Rebernak@texasbar.com> wrote:

He has 78 eligible signatures in District 5, an additional 58 in wrong districts, and 4 duplicates. I've attached the updated reports. Since he changed his address, the new Candidate Eligibility Report shows him Eligible to run in District 5.

Thanks!

k

From: Surendran K. Pattel <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 7:45 PM

To: Chielsey Barber <Chielsey.Barber@TEXASBAR.COM>; Karen Rebernak <Karen.Rebernak@TEXASBAR.COM>; Ray Cantu <Ray.Cantu@TEXASBAR.COM>

Subject: Re: Petition for State Bar Director- District 5

Chielsey Barber:

I am sending more signatures in support of my candidacy for director of District 5. So far, I have submitted more than 137 signatures.

On Friday I received feedback indicating that many of the signatories I submitted were not eligible to sign as their respective offices are not in the district. I am challenging that statement as the rule specifically states that signatories should be attorneys whose principal place of practice shall be within the district, not the office. Principal place of practice means the place where the attorney has most of his/her work, the place from which most of his/her cases emerge.

The signatories have certified that their respective principal practices are in District 5. They may have offices elsewhere, but that does not disqualify them from signing a petition to elect a director in the district of their substantial practice. I am urging you to count every signature signed in support of me. If you reject any of the signatures, I am reserving all my right to challenge such rejection at every level.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

PS: The attached signatures include all the online signatures i received including those that i already submitted. Please consider the in person signature that i submitted on Friday.

Sincerely,

Surendran K. Pattel

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On Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 10:30 AM Surendran K. Pattel < > wrote:

Thanks. Looking forward to hearing your findings.
Sincerely,

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On Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 10:25 AM Chielsey Barber <Chielsey.Barber@texasbar.com> wrote:

Hi Surendran,

I will get back to you with a response and more information.

Thank you,

Chielsey Barber
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From: "Surendran K. Pattel" <[REDACTED]>
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 9:37 AM
To: Chielsey Barber <Chielsey.Barber@TEXASBAR.COM>
Subject: Re: Petition for State Bar Director- District 5

I meant even though my main office location is in district 4, my principal place of practice is in fort bend county which is district 5.

Sincerely,

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On Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 9:21 AM Surendran K. Pattel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning. Even though my office location is in district 5. My main practice is in District 5. Fort Bend county. I also live in Fort Bend county. I set up the office in the middle of Harris and Fort bend county for clients convenience. More than 75% of my practice is in Fort Bend county. You can also see my residential address in the record.

Sincerely,

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On Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 9:17 AM Chielsey Barber <Chielsey.Barber@texasbar.com> wrote:

Hi Surendran,

I was going through your materials and noticed that you submitted for District 5. Our records indicate that you are currently in District 4, which has two place openings: Place 3 & 5. You can view the current certified candidates here: www.texasbar.com/districtdirector

Please let me know if you wish to run for District 4 as well as what place.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,

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From: "Surendran K. Pattel" <[REDACTED]>
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 8:37 AM
To: Chielsey Barber <Chielsey.Barber@TEXASBAR.COM>
Subject: Petition for State Bar Director- District 5

Dear Chielsey Barber:

Please find attached the materials for my candidacy for Texas Bar Director —

District 5.

They include:

1. The Candidate Certification form;
2. The District Director bio form;
3. The Candidate's Form;
4. A 200-word bio; and
5. The District Director Petition Form.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Surendran K. Pattel

Sincerely,

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March 3, 2021

Surendran K. Pattel
618 Stubbs Bend Dr.
Richmond, TX 77469

Dear Mr. Pattel,

On Friday, February 26, 2021, we received your petition for District 5 Director. Subsequently, we received additional signatures from you on Monday, March 1, 2021.

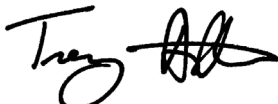
After reviewing the signatures to determine eligibility, our records indicate that 83 of the signatures were eligible to be counted as valid for District 5. The number of signatures required to be submitted for District 5 is 100, and since you did not submit enough valid signatures, you are not certified as a candidate for District Director.

Your petition included signatures that did not qualify toward your signature total. A total of 57 signatures submitted were from individuals outside of District 5. Additionally, there were four duplicate signatures, and two entries with no signatures provided.

Per the State Bar Rules, Article IV Section 7(a), "Any nominee desiring to appeal the findings of the executive director shall promptly notify the executive director, who shall promptly convene the executive committee to hear and determine the matter. The executive committee shall have final authority to determine questions of eligibility of the nominee and the validity of the nominating petition and shall do so within ten (10) days of the notice to the executive director."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,



Trey Apffel

