SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

February 11, 2021

Dear South Plains College Board of Regents Candidate:

We appreciate your interest in South Plains College and the Board of Regents election process. Enclosed in this folder are forms and information relating to the May 1, 2021 Board of Regents Election.

The appropriate forms must be completed and returned by each potential candidate no later than March 1, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

IT IS THE DUTY OF THE CANDIDATE TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE RULES AND FORMS SET FORTH BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.

There are (at a minimum) two forms required to be accurately filed in order for a candidate to secure a position on the ballot for the South Plains College Board of Regents election.

1. Application for Place on the South Plains College General Election Ballot – This for must be completed by the candidate and filed with the appropriate South Plains College election official. It is notable that the signature on the form must be signed in the presence of a notary. Under normal conditions, a notary is present at South Plains College.

2. Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate (Form CTA) – This form must be completed by a candidate applying for a position on the ballot. Most candidates will be in compliance with regard to a campaign finance by completing the CTA form pages 1 and 2. In the event more than $500 in contributions are received or $500 spent on a campaign, then additional reporting requirements come into play.

So you are aware, Texas Elections are governed by the Texas Election Code and the Texas Administrative Code which are available at this website:
http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/resources_legal.shtml.

Again, thank you for your interest in South Plains College. Please feel free to contact me at 806.716.2246 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Watkins
Dean of Administrative Services

South Plains College Board of Regents 2021 Election

Early Voting – April 19-27 **Election Day – May 1, 2021**

Location

- Hockley County Courthouse Annex (also early voting location)

First Day to File-for a Place on the Ballot - Friday, February 12, 2021

Deadline to File for Candidacy - Monday, March 1, 2021

Applications can be picked up at 1401 S. College Ave. in the Administration Building Business Office from the office of Ronnie Watkins or printed from this LINK.

SPC Contact

Ronnie Watkins – Dean of Administrative Services
1401 S. College Ave
Levelland, Texas 79336

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Positions Open for General Election

- Position 5

Eligibility and Qualifications for serving on the Board of Regents

To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, the office of College District Regent, a person must:

1. Be a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older;
2. Be a qualified (registered) voter
3. Reside in the College District.
4. Must not have been determined mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law
5. Must not have been finally convicted of a felony, or if so convicted has fully discharged his or her sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision; has completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or has been pardoned or otherwise released from the felony charge(s).
6. Must sign a statement swearing to defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Texas.
7. Must sign a statement of awareness of the nepotism law.
8. Must not be in violation of applicable nepotism laws.

If an individual seeks election to the office of Regent by having his or her name placed on the ballot, he or she must also:

1. Have been a resident of the state for twelve months prior to the last date on which the candidate could file to be listed on the ballot.
2. Have been a resident of the South Plains Junior College District for six months prior to the last date of which the candidate could file to be listed on the ballot.

If an individual seeks election to the office of Regent by write-in vote, he or she must also:

1. Have been a resident of the state for twelve months prior to the day of the election.
2. Have been a resident of the South Plains Junior College District for six months prior the day of the election.

If an individual is appointed to the office of Regent, he or she must also:

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Prescribed by Secretary of State
Section 141.031, Chapters 143 and 144, Texas Election Code
1/2017

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED OPTIONAL

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board

I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.

OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)	**INDICATE TERM** ☐ FULL ☐ UNEXPIRED
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)	**PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT**[1]
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe the address at which you receive personal mail and location of residence.)	**PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS** (Campaign mailing address, if available.)

CITY	**STATE**	**ZIP**	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP**

PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available)	**OCCUPATION** (Do not leave blank)	**DATE OF BIRTH**	**VOTER REGISTRATION VUID NUMBER** (Optional)[2]
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TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)	**LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN**	
	IN STATE	**IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED**[3]
Home: Work: Cell:	_____ year (s) _____ month(s)	_____ year (s) _____ month(s)

If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name)_____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:

"I, (name) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.

I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."

X _____

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the _____ day of _____, _____.

SEAL

_____ _____

Signature of Officer Administering Oath[4] Title of Officer Administering Oath

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:
(See Section 1.007)

_____ _____

Date Received Signature of Secretary

Voter Registration Status Verified ☐

INSTRUCTIONS

An application to have the name of a candidate placed on the ballot for any general election may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline prescribed by this code for filing the application. An application filed before that day is void. All fields **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

The general election filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. 78 days prior to election day for any uniform election date.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:
(1) First degree: parent, child;
(2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
(3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption. Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:
(1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
(2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

FOOTNOTES

[1]For rules concerning the form of a candidate's name or nickname on the ballot, see Subchapter B, Chapter 52 of the Texas Election Code.
[2]Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml
[3]This refers to the length of residence inside the district or territory from which the office is elected. For example, length of residence in a school district, for a school trustee office elected at large. This field **MUST BE COMPLETED.**
[4]All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas.

DEBE PROPORCIONARSE LA INFORMACIÓN REQUERIDA A MENOS QUE SE INDIQUE QUE ES OPCIONAL

SOLICITUD PARA FIGURAR EN LA BOLETA DE _____ ELECCIÓN GENERAL

A: Secretario(a) de la Ciudad/ Secretario del Consejo

Solicito que mi nombre figure en la boleta oficial indicada más arriba como candidato/a al cargo a continuación.

PUESTO OFICIAL SOLICITADO (Incluya cualquier número de cargo u otro número distintivo, si el cargo lo tiene.)	**INDIQUE TÉRMINO** ☐ TÉRMINO COMPLETO ☐ TÉRMINO INCOMPLETO
NOMBRE COMPLETO (Primer nombre, segundo nombre, apellido)	**ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE FIGURE EN LA BOLETA**[1]
DIRECCIÓN RESIDENCIAL PERMANENTE (No incluya una casilla postal o una ruta rural. Si usted no tiene una dirección residencial, describa el lugar en que recibe correspondencia personal y la ubicación de su residencia.)	**DIRECCIÓN POSTAL PÚBLICA** (Dirección en la que recibirá correspondencia relacionada a su campaña, si es disponible.)

CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL	CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO PÚBLICO (Si está disponible.)	EMPLEO (No deje este espacio en blanco.)	FECHA DE NACIMIENTO	VUID – NÚMERO UNICO DE IDENTIFICACION DE VOTANTE (Opcional)[2]
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INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO (Opcional)	DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA AL MOMENTO DE JURAMENTAR ESTA SOLICITUD	
Tel. residencial:	EN EL ESTADO	EN EL TERRITORIO POR EL CUAL SERIA ELECTO/A[3]
Tel. laboral:	_____ año(s) _____ mes(es)	_____ año(s) _____ mes(es)
Tel. celular:		

En caso de usar un apodo como parte de su nombre en la boleta, usted también firma y jura lo siguiente: Asimismo, juro que mi apodo no constituye un lema político ni tampoco es una indicación de mis creencias o afiliaciones políticas, económicas, sociales o religiosas. Se me ha conocido por este apodo durante al menos tres años antes de esta elección.

Ante mí, la autoridad suscrita, compareció (nombre)_____, quien frente a mí y bajo juramento debido, declara:

"Yo, (nombre)_____, del condado de _____, Texas, siendo candidato para el cargo oficial de _____, juro solemnemente que apoyaré y defenderé la Constitución y las leyes de los Estados Unidos y del Estado de Texas. Soy ciudadano de los Estados Unidos elegible para ocupar tal cargo oficial bajo la Constitución y las leyes de este Estado. No se me ha condenado por un delito mayor por el cual no haya sido absuelto o por el cual no se me hayan restituido enteramente mis derechos de ciudadanía por medio de otra acción oficial. No existe un fallo final de un tribunal testamentario que me declare total o parcialmente incapacitado mentalmente sin derecho a votar. Yo tengo conocimiento de la ley sobre el nepotismo según el Capítulo 573 del Código de Gobierno.

Además, juro que las declaraciones anteriores que incluyo en mi solicitud son verdaderas y correctas".

X _____

FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO

Jurado y suscrito ante mí en _____, este día _____ de _____, _____.

SELLO

_____ _____

Firma del oficial que administra el juramento[4] Título del oficial que administra el juramento

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:

(See Section 1.007)

_____ _____

Date Received Signature of Secretary

Voter Registration Status Verified ☐

INSTRUCCIONES

La solicitud para que el nombre de un candidato figure en la boleta para cualquier elección general no deberá registrarse antes de los treinta (30) días previos a la fecha límite para registrar la solicitud, según lo prescribe este código. Cualquier solicitud registrada antes de esa fecha se declarará inválida. Todos los campos **deben ser completados** a menos que se indique específicamente marcados como opcional.

El último día para registrarse es a las 5 de la tarde setenta y ocho (78) días antes del día de la elección en el caso de elecciones uniformes.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la división de elecciones del Secretario de Estado al 800-252-8683.

LEY SOBRE EL NEPOTISMO

El candidato deberá firmar esta declaración para indicar que tiene conocimiento sobre la ley sobre el nepotismo. A continuación figuran las prohibiciones del nepotismo según el capítulo 573 de Código Gobierno:

Ningún funcionario podrá nombrar, votar por o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de ninguno de sus parientes en segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o en tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre), o de los parientes de cualquier otro integrante del cuerpo directivo o tribunal en que el funcionario celebre sesión cuando la compensación para esa persona se pagare con fondos públicos u honorarios de su puesto oficial. Sin embargo, la ley no prohíbe el nombramiento, el votar por o la confirmación de ninguna persona que haya trabajado en la oficina de manera continua o el empleo para el siguiente período antes de la elección o el nombramiento del funcionario o miembro emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el funcionario o miembro se elige en una elección general de funcionarios de estado y condado.

Ningún candidato podrá influir sobre un empleado relacionado al puesto oficial al cual el candidato aspira o un empleado o funcionario del cuerpo fiscal al cual el candidato aspira respecto del nombramiento o el empleo de un pariente del candidato en un grado prohibido según se indica arriba. Esta restricción no se dirige a las acciones de un candidato respecto de una clase o categoría de empleados o posibles empleados de buena fe.

Los ejemplos de parentesco en tercer grado por consanguinidad son los siguientes:
(1) Primer grado: padre, madre, hijo(a);
(2) Segundo grado: hermano(a), abuelo(a), nieto(a);
(3) Tercer grado: bisabuelo(a), bisnieto(a), tío(a), sobrino(a).

Los siguientes incluyen parentescos de consanguinidad, medios hermanos y adopción legal. Los ejemplos de parentescos en segundo grado por afinidad son los siguientes:
(1) Primer grado: cónyuge, suegro(a), yerno, nuera;
(2) Segundo grado: cuñado(a), abuelo(a) del cónyuge.

Las personas que están emparentadas por afinidad (matrimonio) incluyen los cónyuges de parientes emparentados por consanguinidad, y, si casados, el cónyuge y los parientes del cónyuge por consanguinidad. No todos estos ejemplos son inclusivos.

NOTAS

[1]Para reglas sobre la forma del nombre de un candidato o apodo en la boleta electoral, vea el subcapítulo B, Capítulo 52 del Código Electoral de Texas.
[2]La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Ingles) es opcional. Sin embargo, para muchos candidatos, es un requisito estar registrados como votantes en el territorio por el cual serían electos a partir de la fecha límite de la solicitud. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre el requisito de registro de votante en nuestra página: http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml
[3]Esto se refiere a la duración de la residencia dentro del distrito o territorio de que se elige la oficina. Por ejemplo, la duración de residencia en un distrito escolar, para una oficina del consejero escolar elegida en general. Este campo **DEBE SER COMPLETADO.**
[4]Los juramentos, las declaraciones juradas o las afirmaciones que se efectúen dentro de este Estado podrán ser administradas por un juez, escribano o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, por un notario público, un juez de paz, un secretario de la ciudad o el Secretario de Estado de Texas, quienes cuentan con la capacidad de proporcionar un certificado del hecho.

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

FORM **CTA**
PG **1**

See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.

1 Total pages filed:

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Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked

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Date Processed

Date Imaged

2 CANDIDATE NAME	MS / MRS / MR	FIRST			MI	
	NICKNAME	LAST			SUFFIX	
3 CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS / PO BOX;	APT / SUITE #;	CITY;	STATE;	ZIP CODE	
4 CANDIDATE PHONE	AREA CODE ( )	PHONE NUMBER		EXTENSION		
5 OFFICE HELD (if any)						
6 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)						
7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME	MS/MRS/MR	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME	LAST	SUFFIX
8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX PLEASE);	APT / SUITE #;	CITY;	STATE;	ZIP CODE	
9 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE	AREA CODE ( )	PHONE NUMBER		EXTENSION		

10 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code.

I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code.

I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.

Signature of Candidate

Date Signed

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CANDIDATE MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION

11 CANDIDATE NAME	
12 MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION	**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING** **•• This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before the first election to which the declaration applies. ••** **•• The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. ••** (An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs.) **•• Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party may NOT choose modified reporting. ••** I do not intend to accept more than $500 in political contributions or make more than $500 in political expenditures (excluding filing fees) in connection with any future election within the election cycle. I understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I will be required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a runoff report. _____ Year of election(s) or election cycle to which declaration applies _____ Signature of Candidate

This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.

TEC Filers may send this form to the TEC electronically at treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us
or mail to
Texas Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 12070
Austin, TX 78711-2070

Non-TEC Filers must file this form with the local filing authority
DO NOT SEND TO TEC

For more information about where to file go to:
https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/QuickFileAReport.php