



Vacant Seat

Question:

We have a trustee position in a zone that was up for election. The current trustee chose not to seek re-election and no candidates declared by petition or by write-in. As the board clerk, what is my next step?

Answer:

First of all, the position is not officially open until July 1, when the current trustee's term ends. At that time, the school board will need to declare the seat vacant. Once declared vacant, the board has 90 days to fill the seat from within the zone. If no one steps forward within that 90 day time frame, then the board can look outside the zone to see if anyone outside the zone would be willing to fill the seat. They have 30 days to do that. Finally, if that doesn't work, it is then forwarded to the County Commissioners who will appoint someone to the seat. Anyone appointed to fill the vacant seat would serve out the term. In your case, it would be the full four years. Even though you may know in advance that the seat will be vacant, you cannot declare the seat vacant until July 1.

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