

COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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Board of Director Eligibility Requirements

The appraisal district appraises all property in the county for ad valorem tax purposes. The board of directors is the governing body for the district.

The board employs the chief appraiser, sets general policies for the district, and adopts the budget for the district. By law, board members cannot communicate with the chief appraiser regarding appraisals, except in: (1) an open meeting of the appraisal district board of directors or another public forum; or (2) a closed meeting of the board of directors held to consult with the board's attorney about pending litigation, in accordance with Tax Code Section 6.15.

To be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, an individual must be a resident of Comal County and must have resided in the county for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a participating taxing unit.

An individual is not eligible to be appointed or to serve on the Board of Directors of an appraisal district if the individual or business entity in which the individual has a substantial interest is a party to a contract with the appraisal district. An individual is not eligible to be appointed or serve on the Board of Directors if the individual or business entity in which the individual has a substantial interest is a party to a contract with a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district, and the contract relates to the performance of an activity governed by the Texas Property Tax Code. An individual is deemed to have a substantial interest in a business entity if the combined ownership of the individual and the individual's spouse is at least 10 percent of the voting stock or shares of the business entity, or the individual or the individual's spouse is a partner, limited partner, or officer of the business entity.

An individual is ineligible to serve on the Board of Directors and is disqualified from employment as Chief Appraiser if the individual is related within the second degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to an individual who is engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code or of representing owners for compensation in proceedings in the appraisal district.

An individual is ineligible to serve on the board of directors of an appraisal district if the individual has served as a member of the board of directors for all or part of five terms, unless the individual was the county assessor-collector at the time the individual served as a board member or has been an employee of the appraisal district at any time during the preceding three years, according to Tax Code Section 6.035(a-1).

An individual is ineligible to serve if they own property in which taxes are delinquent for more than 60 days unless there is a written installment agreement for payment of taxes and any penalty and interest or a suit to collect the delinquent taxes has been abated or deferred.

Members of the board may not receive compensation for service on the board but are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in their performance of duties and as provided by the budget adopted by the Board.