

Board Members: *Elections and Reapportionment*

Term—

The term of office for an elected member shall be four years, except as required because of reapportionment as set forth below, and begins on the first Monday in January following the election.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-203\(2\) \(2016\)](#)

Candidacy—

An individual may become a candidate for election to the Board as follows:

By paying the fee described in [Utah Code § 20A-9-202](#), and

In a general election held after 2016, by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county clerk on or after the second Friday in March, and before the third Thursday in March, before the next regular general election.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-203\(1\) \(2016\)](#)

Elections—

[Option for 5 member boards] No more than three (3) members may be elected to the board in any election year, unless otherwise required as a consequence of reapportionment, as set forth below, or to fill a vacancy by election under Policy BBC.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-202\(1\)\(g\) \(2019\)](#)

[Option for 7 member boards] No more than five (5) members may be elected to the board in any election, unless otherwise required as a consequence of reapportionment, as set forth below, or to fill a vacancy by election under Policy BBC.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-202\(1\)\(g\) \(2019\)](#)

Reapportionment does not cut short board member terms—

Reapportionment does not affect the right of any school board member to complete the term for which the member was elected.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-201\(3\)\(a\) \(2021\)](#)

Representation of school board districts after reapportionment—

- 1) If after reapportionment only one board member whose term extends beyond reapportionment lives within a reapportioned school board district, that board member shall represent that school board district.

- 2) If after reapportionment two or more members whose terms extend beyond reapportionment live within a reapportioned school board district, the members involved shall select one member by lot to represent that school board district.
 - a) The other members shall serve at-large for the remainder of their terms.
 - b) Notwithstanding the number of board members otherwise established by law, the at-large board members shall serve in addition to the designated number of board members for the board in question for the remainder of their terms.
- 3) If after reapportionment there is no board member living within a school board district whose term extends beyond reapportionment, the seat for that school board district shall be treated as vacant and filled as provided in policy BBC.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-201\(3\)\(b\) \(2021\)](#)

Adjustment of term lengths because of reapportionment—

If, before an election affected by reapportionment, the county or municipal legislative body that conducted the reapportionment determines that one or more members must be elected to terms of two years to meet this part's requirements for staggered terms, the legislative body shall determine by lot which of the reapportioned local school board districts will elect members to two-year terms and which will elect members to four-year terms. All subsequent elections are for four-year terms.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-201\(4\) \(2021\)](#)