



# KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: KISD Board of Trustees  
From: Eric Penrod, Deputy Superintendent  
Subject: Killeen ISD Board of Trustee Place #6  
Date: March 2, 2021

The Secretary of State's office informed Killeen ISD on March 1, 2021 that an application for the Killeen ISD Board of Trustee Place #6 must be rejected due to the candidate not completing the entire application. The section "length of residence in the territory the office is elected" was left blank, this is a "fatal error" as referenced in the Texas Election Code section 52.031.

The footnote under the information headline that was not filled out states: "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.**" Therefore, the Secretary of State's Office is requiring Killeen ISD to reject the application from Mr. David Michael Jones for the May 2021 Local Election for the Killeen Independent School District Board of Trustee Place #6.

All candidates are provided a 200-page packet with instructions on how to fill out the packet, required fields, required documentation, and due dates. When KISD inquired about the use of "Rev. Jones" and its usability on ballot language, the Secretary's office stated,

Sec. 52.031. FORM OF NAME ON BALLOT. (a) A candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot with the given name or initials first, followed by a nickname, if any, followed by the surname, in accordance with this section. 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.

Moreover, The Secretary's office stated, "As a follow-up, we notice that the length of residence in the territory the office is elected from is blank. This is a fatal defect in form, content, or procedure. Section 141.031. Presuming you have not mailed ballots out, this is fatal, and the application must be rejected. Section 141.034. All references are to the Texas Election Code (unless otherwise cited) available here: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Index.aspx>."

Due to procedural error the Secretary of State's Office has rejected an application for a Killeen ISD Board of Trustee Place 6 candidate. The new ballot placement for Place #6 will be as follows:

1. Cullen Mills
2. Riakos "Rock" Adams

This will ensure Killeen ISD remains in compliance with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Penrod", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Eric Penrod, Ed.D.