

SI 71/1996

## EDUCATION (SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS) REGULATIONS, 1996

### (SECTION 14)

*[Commencement 23rd September, 1996]*

Citation

**1.** These regulations may be cited as the Education (School Board Elections) Regulations, 1996.

Interpretation

**2.** In these regulations —

“candidate” means a person qualified under subsection (2) of section 14 of the Act to be elected as a member of a School Board;

“Parliamentary Commissioner” means the Parliamentary Commissioner appointed under section 12 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1992 and includes any person who is duly authorised in accordance with the provisions of that section to act on his behalf.

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Method of election of members

**3.** The method of election of members of a School Board mentioned in subsection (2) of section 14 of the Act shall be as follows —

(a) The Principal of a school shall provide a copy of the register of parents and guardians of children attending the school to the Minister who shall forthwith provide such copy to the Parliamentary Commissioner.

(b) The Parliamentary Commissioner shall give notice in Form A in the Schedule of the holding of elections of members to the School Board by —

(i) publication in the *Gazette* and in the daily newspapers in general circulation in The Bahamas;

(ii) broadcast on radio and television; and

(iii) posting the notice on some conspicuous part of the school.

(c) A candidate must be nominated in writing in Form B in the Schedule by not less than two persons who are parents or guardians of children attending the school. Nomination papers shall be

Form A  
ScheduleForm B  
Schedule

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and must bear the consent of the nominators. The Parliamentary Commissioner shall fix a date and time for nomination which shall be at least fourteen days before the appointed day of the elections. The Parliamentary Commissioner shall as soon as practicable after the closing date for nominations cause the names of the candidates offering themselves for election and such other information to be in Form C in the Schedule, such form to be —

Form C  
Schedule

- (i) published in the *Gazette* and in the daily newspapers in general circulation in The Bahamas;
  - (ii) broadcast on radio and television; and
  - (iii) posted on some conspicuous part of the school.
- (d) If the number of candidates is the same as the number of vacancies available on the Board, the Parliamentary Commissioner shall declare the nominees duly elected in Form D in the Schedule.
- (e) In the event of there being more candidates than vacancies, election shall be by poll on the appointed day of the elections.
- (f) Such number of scrutineers shall be appointed by the Parliamentary Commissioner at his discretion to conduct the poll. Voting papers shall be in Form E in the Schedule.
- (g) On the appointed day of the election each parent or guardian shall vote in person by placing a cross opposite the name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote. Voting papers shall be null and void where a parent or guardian has voted for more than the full number of members to be elected.
- (h) The decision of the scrutineers on the validity of voting papers shall be final. In the event of a dispute between the scrutineers a decision made by the Parliamentary Commissioner shall be final.

Form D  
Schedule

Form E  
Schedule

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- (i) All voting papers shall be examined and all votes counted in the presence of the Parliamentary Commissioner and the scrutineers on the appointed election day in the presence of the candidates or their representatives who are present.
  - (j) If two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes, the following provisions shall apply for the purpose of electing one or more of those candidates —
    - (i) the Parliamentary Commissioner or the scrutineers shall when declaring the results of the election declare a void election as between those candidates;
    - (ii) a fresh poll shall be taken on the fourteenth day after such declaration; and
    - (iii) if the result of a fresh poll is an equality of votes, the Parliamentary Commissioner or the scrutineers shall decide between the candidates by lot and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.
  - (k) The scrutineers shall deliver written confirmation of the results of the poll in Form F. Form F in the Schedule to the Parliamentary Commissioner who shall as soon as possible in writing notify the Commissioner who shall, as soon as possible in writing notify the Minister and cause the results to be —
    - (i) published in the *Gazette* and in the daily newspapers in general circulation in The Bahamas;
    - (ii) broadcast on radio and television; and
    - (iii) posted on some conspicuous part of the school.

Form F  
Schedule

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**SCHEDULE (Regulation 3)****FORM A (Paragraph (b))**

Form of Notice of Election  
ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS  
FOR  
.... *(name of School)*....  
NOTICE OF ELECTION

TAKE NOTICE that an election of... *(insert the number)*... members to sit on the School Board of the above mentioned School is to be held on the.... *(state the date in full on which the elections are to be held)* ....

All intending candidates must be citizens of The Bahamas eighteen years of age and over.

Nomination papers must be delivered by the intending candidate or by one of the nominators to the Parliamentary Commissioner or his representative at... *(state the location)* ...between the hours of... and...on...*(state the date)*... being the nomination day for the said election.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school or from the Parliamentary Commissioner during normal school hours or normal office hours.

DATED:.....

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*(signature)*  
The Parliamentary Commissioner

**FORM B [Paragraph (c)]**

Form of Nomination Paper

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

FOR

....(name of School)....

NOMINATION PAPER

I,.... (insert full name).... of.... (address)....; and.... (full name)....-  
of.... (address)....,hereby nominate the candidate named below for  
election as a member of the School Board of the above mentioned  
School:

<sup>1</sup> Candidate's	Other names
surname	<sup>2</sup> Other names in full

.....  
Date & Place of birth

.....  
Place of residence

.....  
Occupation

Candidate's signature	Date
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Signature of Nominator      Date

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Signature of Nominator      Date

**FORM C [Paragraph (c)]**

Form of Notice of Nomination in a Contested Election

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

FOR

.... (name of School) ....

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

AND

NOTICE OF POLL

<sup>1</sup> Please attach a copy of pages 1-4 of either your passport or your citizenship documents

<sup>2</sup> Please attach a copy of pages 1-4 of either your passport or your citizenship documents

NOTICE is hereby given that the candidate named below stand nominated in the above mentioned election and NOTICE is hereby given that the Poll will take place on the.....day of .....between the hours of.....in the morning and.....in the afternoon in the following polling place:

*[Insert location of the polling place]*

Candidate's surname	Other names in full	Place of residence	Occupation

DATE.....

(signature)

The Parliamentary Commissioner

**FORM D (Paragraph (d))**

Form of Notice of Nominations in an Uncontested Election

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

FOR

.... *(name of School)* ....

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND  
DECLARATION OF RESULT

NOTICE is hereby given that the candidates named below being the only candidates standing in the above mentioned election, ARE HEREBY DECLARED elected to serve as members of the mentioned School Board.

Candidate's surname	Other names in full	Place of residence	Occupation

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DATE.....  
 .....

(signature)

The Parliamentary Commissioner

**FORM E [Paragraph (f)]**

Form of Voting Paper

Candidate's name	Box <sup>3</sup>

**FORM F [Paragraph (k)]**

Notice of Result of School Board Elections

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

FOR

....(name of School)....

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF THE POLL

NOTICE is hereby given that on the taking of the Poll in the above mentioned election which was contested, the following were elected as the members of the above mentioned School Board:

(1)	Candidate's surname	Other Names in full	Occupation and address
	.....	.....	.....
	.....	.....	.....

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<sup>3</sup> Please place an "X" in the box opposite the name of the candidates for whom you wish to vote

AND NOTICE is hereby given that the numbers of the votes cast for the several candidates in the said election were as follows:

(1) Candidate's surname	Other Names in full	Votes polled
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

DATED:.....

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*(signature)*

The Parliamentary Commissioner

**EDUCATION (TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS) REGULATIONS**

*SI 23/1971*

(SECTION 30)

*[Commencement 19th April, 1971]*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Technical Training Institutions) Regulations. Citation.

**2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.

“Act” means the Education Act; Ch. 46.

“Department” means the Department of Education established under section 5 of the Act;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Education;

“Principal” means the public officer appointed to be in charge of an Institution;

“Institution” means the Nassau Technical College and any other Technical College which may from time to time be established by the Minister under subsection (1) of section 30 of the Act.

**3.** An Institution shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act, any relevant regulations made thereunder, and any standing orders issued by the Principal in the terms of regulation 17 of these Regulations. Conduct of Institutions.