



**To:** Superintendent, Superintendent Secretary, and Council of School Attorneys Member Addressed  
**From:** TASB Legal Services  
**Date:** February 2, 2011  
**Subject:** Frequently Asked Questions Regarding May 2011 Trustee Elections

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- Deadline to post notice of the application period: **Thursday, January 13, 2011**
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- Deadline for ordering a general election: **Monday, March 14, 2011**
- Filing deadline: **Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Deadline for providing notice of the election to the county and voter registrar: **Tuesday, March 15, 2011**
- Deadline for declaration of write-in candidacy: **Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Deadline for a candidate to withdraw from the election: **Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Time frame to publish notice of the election: **Thursday, April 14 – Wednesday, May 4, 2011**
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