District 12 TTBU
Vice-President and Executive Officer
By-Election Rules 2021

Published by the 2021 TTBU Election Commission Committee (ECC) in accordance with the TTBU Constitution, Bylaw 3.1.7.

Eligible Voters
In accordance with the Constitution, voting in By-Elections is by duly registered TTBU Councilors in attendance at the June Council meeting only, currently scheduled for Thursday, June 10th, 2021.

There will be no advance polls or proxy votes.

Balloting
Balloting will be conducted through the Voting Centre on the Provincial OSSTF website, supported by an independent, private third party.

Nomination Forms
Nomination forms will be distributed to eligible members electronically, and posted on the TTBU website during the week of April 26th, 2021. Completed nomination forms are due electronically to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) at ttbuexecelections@osstftoronto.ca no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, May 21st, 2021.

Campaign Literature
Candidates may submit a first piece of campaign literature (8.5 X 11 - single sided, saved as a PDF) no later than Thursday, May 27th, 2021 for inclusion in the electronic campaign literature package to be distributed to Branch Presidents, no later than Thursday, June 3rd, 2021. This package will be distributed to all Branch Presidents with direction to share with their Council Representatives.

A second piece of literature (8.5 X 11 - single sided, saved as a PDF) may be submitted, no later than Tuesday, June 8th, 2021, at 4:30 pm, for inclusion in the June Council Package. If a second piece of literature is not received by this deadline, the Candidate's first piece of literature will be used for the June Council Package.

All campaign literature must be submitted by the deadlines above to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@osstftoronto.ca. Candidates will receive an email confirming receipt of literature.

Candidates' literature will be made available on the website and a link to the literature will be shared with the Membership.

Campaign Expenses
Any and all campaign expenses incurred are the responsibility of the Candidate.

Endorsements
Endorsements of Candidates shall not be anonymous.

Members of the ECC will not endorse any Candidate privately or publicly.

Written endorsements for Candidates must be approved by the Candidate and endorser, and will be counted as part of the Candidate's own literature.

Speeches/Q&A
Candidates will be given the opportunity to deliver a speech. Speeches will be limited to three (3) minutes per Candidate followed by a moderated question and answer period for each position (Vice-President and Executive Officer) with time allocated for Q&A sessions.

Questions will be limited to 30 seconds. Responses are limited to one minute per Candidate. All Candidates will be given the opportunity to respond to each question.

Order of speakers will be determined in advance by random selection at which all the Candidates will be offered the opportunity to be present.

Electronic Campaigning
Candidates' electronic campaigning shall only include/occur on websites and/or social media groups/platforms which are open to the entire Membership.

Contacting Members Directly
There must be no unsolicited campaigning by Candidates. Specific permission must be sought from a Member before any campaigning by phone or email. That permission must be sought via TDSB email using the following text:

Email subject line: "Candidate for 2021 TTBU Executive By-Election"

I have put my name forward in the upcoming TTBU Executive By-Elections. The By-Election Rules state that I cannot contact you by phone or email without getting your permission first. If you do not object to me contacting you about my campaign, please provide me with your preferred method of non-TDSB contact. Signed with Candidate name only, without email signatures or images.

Declaring a Candidate Elected
A majority vote (50% + 1) is required in order to declare a Candidate elected.

Should there be more than two (2) Candidates on the ballot and no Candidate receives a majority, the Candidate with the lowest vote count will be automatically dropped from subsequent ballots.

Should there be more than one vacancy being filled and only one Candidate achieves the 50% + 1 vote count, that Candidate shall be declared elected, and removed from subsequent ballots.

In the event of a tie vote to declare a winner, another ballot will take place in accordance with OSSTF/FEESO Election Procedure 2.2.2.5, which states that in the event of a tie for the last elected

position, a further ballot will be held and that if a tie occurs a second time, the Candidates will draw lots to see who is elected.

Scrutineers
No more than one scrutineer may be named on behalf of any Candidate.

A scrutineer may represent more than one Candidate.

Scrutineer names must be forwarded to the CEO at ttbuexecelections@osstftoronto.ca before Friday, June 4th, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

As ballots will be tabulated electronically by an independent, private third party, the ECC will advise scrutineers directly on the role that they will play at the appropriate time.

Election Results
Election results will be announced when known. Final election results will be posted on the Bargaining Unit website (www.osstftoronto.ca) as soon as possible after the June Council meeting.