



TTBU Executive Election Rules, 2024

If, due to pandemic related circumstances, all or part of the election must be conducted virtually, the Elections Commission will reconvene to revise the rules accordingly.

Published by the 2024 TTBU Election Commission Committee (ECC) in accordance with the TTBU Constitution, Bylaw 3.1.7.

1. There Will Be a Single Ballot

The TTBU Constitution allows for a Candidate to 'drop down' once in executive elections (Bylaw 4.2.2.2). Candidates may indicate up to two (2) offices for which they wish to stand.

Nomination Forms will be distributed to the membership electronically, and posted on the TTBU website during the week of April 8th, 2024.

Completed nomination forms are due electronically to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Denis Da Ros at tbuexelections@osstftoronto.ca no later than 4:30 pm on April 25th, 2024. All submitted nomination forms will be shared with TTBU office staff. Due to the nature of a single ballot format of voting, each Candidate must declare each office for which they wish to stand on the Nomination Form.

Candidates will have the option to provide both an initial contact email address and/or website link on the Nomination Form, to be published when the list of candidates is announced.

2. Campaign Literature Package

Candidates may provide a first piece (single sided, saved as a PDF) of campaign literature (8½" x 11") for inclusion in an all-Candidates' information email, to be distributed the week of May 6th, 2024. This is the only piece of literature that will be sent to branches in hard copy. (see rule 5 below).

Candidates may provide a second piece (single sided, saved as a PDF) of campaign literature (8½" x 11") for inclusion in an all-Candidates' information email, to be distributed the week of May 13th, 2024, or their first piece will be resent. This page can be more interactive.

For a Candidate's literature to be sent to branches and included in the information emails, they must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Denis Da Ros at ttbuexelections@osstftoronto.ca by 4:30 pm on May 2nd and May 9th, 2024, respectively. Candidates will receive an email confirming receipt of literature.

Candidates' literature will be made available on the TTBU website and will be updated to reflect that submitted for distribution in the second all-Candidates' email.

3. Endorsements

Endorsements of Candidates shall not be anonymous.

Members of the Election Commission Committee (ECC) will not endorse any Candidate privately or publicly.

Written endorsements for Candidates must be approved by the Candidate and endorser.

4. Additional Campaign Literature

Candidates are permitted to provide and distribute any campaign literature they choose to on the floor of and/or in the foyer at the May 16th, 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

5. In-School Literature Distribution

The Candidate is responsible for ensuring that distribution occurs in accordance with the In-School Literature Distribution rules contained herein.

The TTBU Office will send a colour copy of the above referenced first piece of literature to each branch.

The Branch President or Designate will ensure that the campaign literature of all candidates must be displayed in the same prominent location. The campaign literature must be accessible by all voting Members in each workplace and Members must be informed of its location by May 9th, 2024.

No campaign literature shall be distributed into the mailbox of any member at any school/workplace by anyone.

Any and all additional campaign expenses incurred are the responsibility of the candidate.

6. 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: "Candidate for TTBU Executive Election"]

I have put my name forward in the upcoming TTBU Executive Elections. The 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]

7. Candidate Speeches

As per 4.2.5 of the TBU constitution, all candidates shall have an opportunity to present a speech and to answer questions at the Annual General Meeting for the most senior office that they are contesting.

Candidates' speeches will take place prior to the TBU Annual General Meeting on Thursday May 16th, 2024. Each candidate, regardless of position(s) being sought, may speak for a set period of time. A moderated question and answer session will follow the conclusion of speeches. Speech and question and answer times/lengths will be announced by the Election Commission after the number of Candidates is finalized.

8. Rules for Voting Days

Voting starts on Tuesday May 21st, 2024 and ends on Wednesday May 22nd, 2024 at 4:00 pm. The Polling Station should be open before school, during the lunch period(s), and after school, as necessary.

The location and times that the Polling Station will be open must be posted in the Branch by May 16th, 2024.

Campaigning of any kind, including literature, is not allowed at the ballot box.

The Branch Returning Officers may take the Ballot Box throughout the school to ensure that every member has the opportunity to vote and must post the times that this will happen by May 16th, 2024.

These same rules apply for all voting days.

9. Counting of the Ballots

No more than one scrutineer may be present on behalf of any Candidate, for voting and ballot counting at each branch. A scrutineer may also be present on Friday, May 24th, 2024 for the official vote count at the TTBU office. A scrutineer may represent more than one candidate. Scrutineers can have no other role than to observe voting and counting.

All Branch vote counts received at the TTBU Office will be sealed by the Chief Electoral Officer or designate until the official vote count on Friday, May 24th, 2024 at 4:30 pm. The Chief Electoral Officer or designate will tally the vote counts of all Branches with 10 or fewer members and report this count as one Branch - "Small Branches." The Chief Electoral Officer or designate will contact branches throughout the day on Thursday May 23rd and Friday May 24th, 2024 until 4:30 pm to request submission of vote counts not yet received.

Final election results will be posted on the Bargaining Unit website (www.osstftoronto.ca) and emailed to all Members as soon as they are available.