

Applicants Sought for Appraisal Review Board Service

GEORGETOWN— Applications are being accepted for Williamson County residents interested in service on the 2018 Williamson Central Appraisal District appraisal review board (ARB).

The review board hears property owner protests about appraised value, exemption denials, and other appraisal district related matters. ARB members sit in panels of three to conduct property owner protest hearings.

Members of the review board are appointed by the local administrative district judge and serve two-year terms. Service on the review board doesn't constitute a full time job but—while conducting hearings—members are paid from \$155 to \$220 per day (based on the number of years of service) for each full day of actual service.

The number of appeals filed each year determines the meeting schedule. Service on the Appraisal Review Board does not constitute a full-time job. Review board service is generally a full-time commitment during the summer months and requires members to be available for service all day every weekday from May through July.

Appointments to the ARB will necessitate compliance with training and attendance requirements.

The most important qualification for any ARB member is an attitude of fairness and willingness to devote sufficient time to the responsibilities. Texas law also contains specific provisions on eligibility.

Candidates for the ARB must be current residents of the Williamson Central Appraisal District, and must have resided in the district for at least two years. Persons who fall into any of the following categories are ineligible:

- Persons who were a former member of the board of directors, former officer or former employee of the appraisal district.
- An individual who has served as a member of the governing body or officer of a taxing unit for which the appraisal district appraises property, until the fourth anniversary of the date the person ceased to be a member or officer.
- Persons who have appeared before the ARB for compensation during the two-year period preceding the date the person is appointed.
- Anyone who is related within the second degree by blood or marriage to a person engaged in appraising property for property tax purposes or a tax agent paid to represent property owners in proceedings in the appraisal district. An individual cannot serve as an ARB member if he or she is related within the third degree by blood or second degree by marriage to a member of the appraisal district's board of directors.
- If he or she, or a business entity in which he or she has a substantial interest, has a contract with the appraisal district or with a taxing unit served by the appraisal district.
- Anyone who holds some other paid public office.
- If he or she owns property on which delinquent property taxes have been owed for more than 60 days after the date the person knew or should have known of the delinquency. This restriction does not apply if the person is paying the taxes under an installment payment agreement or has deferred or abated a suit to collect delinquent taxes.
- Applicants are not considered if they are presently under indictment or have previously been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

Application forms are available for download from the WCAD website or by contacting Glenda Lloyd at 512-930-3787, and will be accepted until October 25, 2017. Appointments will be made by the local administrative district judge for the year beginning January 1, 2018.