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Nomination Period

I have been asked for information about the process that should be followed if there are fewer candidates than trustee positions in a trustee electoral area (e.g. the TEA has 3 positions but only 2 candidates are nominated for positions in the TEA).

The nomination period ends at **4 pm on September 14, 2018** (except if an insufficient number of candidates is nominated). “Immediately following the end of the nomination period, the chief election officer must declare as candidates all persons nominated. If there are insufficient candidates for the offices to be filled, the chief election officer must publicly extend the time for receiving additional nominations until 4 p.m. on the 3rd day after the end of the nomination period, at which time the chief election officer must declare as candidates any additional persons nominated” [[School Trustee Election Procedures in British Columbia](#) p. 24]. The extension to the nomination period (if applicable) ends at **4 pm on September 17, 2018**. Section 97 of the *Local Government Act* addresses the extension of the nomination period:

Declaration of candidates

- 97** (1) Immediately following the end of the nomination period, the chief election officer must declare as candidates for an elected office all persons who have been nominated for the office.
- (2) If there are fewer persons declared as candidates than there are to be elected, additional nominations must be received by the chief election officer from the time of the declaration under subsection (1) up until 4 p.m. on the 3rd day after the end of the nomination period.
- (3) If reasonably possible, the chief election officer must give notice to the public of an extended time for receiving nominations under subsection (2).
- (4) At the end of the time for receiving additional nominations under subsection (2), the chief election officer must declare as candidates for an elected office all additional persons who have been nominated for the office.

If after extending the nomination period, the number of available positions still exceeds the number of candidates, then there is a process for appointing people to fill the vacancies. If you would like further information about the appointment process, please contact the Ministry of Education’s Legislation, Policy and Governance Branch at educ.governance.legislation@gov.bc.ca or (250) 387-8037.

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