

DATE: **August 25, 2026**

TO: Potential Trustee Candidates, District 509 Board of Trustees, Elgin Community College (ECC)

SUBJECT: Candidate Filing Instructions for the Consolidated Election, April 6, 2027
Position: Two (2) six-year terms for trustees on Illinois Community College Board District 509

Important Dates

August 25, 2026	First day to circulate nominating petitions for the April Consolidated Election
November 16-23, 2026	Period to file nominating petitions with the local election official
January 28, 2027	Last day for local election official to certify candidates
April 6, 2027	Election of community college trustees in the Consolidated Election
May 4, 2027	Last day for community college boards to seat newly elected trustees and conduct organizational meetings.

On the board of trustees of District 509, Elgin Community College, two (2) trustee positions expire in April 2027. Attached are forms to be completed by anyone petitioning to be a candidate for this public office in the Consolidated Election of April 6, 2027:

1. Election Information (the page you are reading)
2. Statement of Candidacy
3. Nominating Petitions (photocopy before using if you need additional copies)
4. Statement of Economic Interests (filed with the County Clerk)
<https://kaneeis.countyofkane.org/?tab=Filer>
(Campaign Finance Disclosure)
5. Notice of Obligation (D-5) (optional)
6. Loyalty Oath (voluntarily filed with the State Board of Elections)
7. Fair Campaign Practices Act

The period for **filing** at Elgin Community College for the consolidated election will be Monday, November 16, 2026, through Monday, November 23, 2026. The office is located in Building B, Room B235, Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin IL 60123. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At the time of filing, candidates **must** provide the following to be certified for election:

1. A completed and **notarized** Statement of Candidacy
2. Nominating petitions with at least 50 qualified signatures, duly **notarized**
3. **Proof of filing** (*original stamped receipt*) of Statement of Economic Interests with the Kane County Clerk. [This receipt is the sole item which may be presented to the election official *after* nominating papers have already been filed; however, it **must** be presented by November 23, 2026.]

If you have any questions regarding the filing of your nomination, you may contact the local election official at
(847) 214-7374 or dkerruish@elgin.edu,
or the county clerk in your county,
or consult the Candidate's Guide located at: <https://www.elections.il.gov/>

This information is provided as a public service. It is the requirement of each candidate to comply with all applicable laws and requirements.

Diane J. Kerruish, Election Official
Board Recorder, District 509

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NONPARTISAN

NAME:	OFFICE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:	CITY, VILLAGE OR SPECIAL DISTRICT:

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
County of _____)

I, _____ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____
(if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, in the County of _____, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for Nomination/

Election to the office of _____ in the _____
(Name of City, Village or Special District)

to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for Nomination/Election to such office.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

PETITION FOR NOMINATION
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. _____

We, the undersigned, being (_____ or more) (or 10% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in _____ Township in said district shall be a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Trustees, to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.			,IL	
2.			,IL	
3.			,IL	
4.			,IL	
5.			,IL	
6.			,IL	
7.			,IL	
8.			,IL	
9.			,IL	
10.			,IL	

State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip

Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

Name: _____

Job title(s): _____

Office(s), department(s), or agency(s) which requires you to file this form: _____

Full mailing address: _____

Preferred email address (optional):

_____ @ _____

QUESTION:

1. If you have any single asset that was worth more than \$11,600 as of the end of the preceding calendar year and is held in, or payable to, your name, held jointly by, or payable to, you with your spouse, or held jointly by, or payable to, you with your minor child, list such assets below. In the case of investment real estate, list the city and state where the investment real estate is located. If you do not have any such assets, list "none" below.

2. Excluding the position for which you are required to file this form, list the source of any income in excess of \$8,700 required to be reported during the preceding calendar year. If you sold an asset that produced more than \$8,700 in capital gains in the preceding calendar year, list the name of the asset and the transaction date on which the sale or transfer took place. If you had no such sources of income or assets, list "none" below.

Source of Income	Name of Asset	Date Sold (if applicable)
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Excluding debts incurred on terms available to the general public (mortgages, student loans, credit card debts), if you owed any single debt in the preceding calendar year exceeding \$11,600 list the creditor of the debt below. If you had no such debts, list "none" below. List the creditor for all applicable debts owed by you, owed jointly by you with your spouse, or owed jointly by you with your minor child. You **do not** need to report any debts to or from financial institutions or government agencies, such as debts secured by automobiles, household furniture or appliances, as long as the debt was made on terms available to the general public, debts to members of your family, or debts to or from a political committee registered with the Illinois State Board of Elections or any political committee, principal campaign committee, or authorized committee registered with the Federal Election Commission.

Creditor	Amt Owed
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_____	_____
_____	_____

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

4. List the name of each unit of government of which you or your spouse were an employee, contractor, or office holder during the preceding calendar year other than the unit or units of government in relation to which the person is required to file and the title of the position or nature of the contractual services.

Name of Unit of Government

Title or Nature of Services

5. If you maintain an economic relationship with a lobbyist or if a member of your family is known to you to be a lobbyist registered with any unit of government in the State of Illinois, list the name of the lobbyist below and identify the nature of your relationship with the lobbyist. If you do not have an economic relationship with a lobbyist or a family member known to you to be a lobbyist registered with any unit of government in the State of Illinois, list "none" below.

Name of Lobbyist

Relationship to Filer

6. List the name of each person, organization or entity that was the source of a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$600 received during the preceding calendar year and the type of gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, **excluding** any gift or gifts from a member of your family that was not known to be a lobbyist registered with any unit of government in the State of Illinois. If you had no such gifts, list "none" below.

Source of Gift

Type of Gift

Amount

7. List the name of any spouse or immediate family member living with the person making this statement employed by a public utility in this State and the name of the public utility that employs the relative.

Name

Relation

Public Utility

VERIFICATION:

"I declare that this statement of economic interests (including any attachments) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and, complete statement of my economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. I understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or incomplete statement is a fine not to exceed \$2,500, or imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary, not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment."

Printed Name of Filer: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

DEFINITIONS FOR TERMS USED IN STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS FORM (new in 2022)

"ASSET": For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, an item that is owned and has monetary value. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, assets include, but are not limited to: stocks, bonds, sector mutual funds, sector exchange traded funds, commodity futures, investment real estate, beneficial interests in trusts, business interests, and partnership interests. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, assets do not include: personal residences; personal vehicles; savings or checking accounts; bonds, notes, or securities issued by any branch of federal, state or local government; Medicare benefits; inheritances or bequests, other than beneficial interests in trusts; diversified funds; annuities; pensions (including government pensions); retirement accounts; college savings plans that are qualified tuition plans; qualified tax-advantaged savings programs that allow individuals to save for disability-related expenses; or tangible personal property.

"DEBT": means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, any money or monetary obligation owed at any time during the preceding calendar year to an individual, company, or other organization, other than a loan that is from a financial institution, government agency, or business entity and that is granted on terms made available to the general public. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, "debt" includes, but is not limited to: personal loans from friends or business associates, business loans made outside the lender's regular course of business, and loans made at below market rates. For the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, "debt" does not include: (i) debts to or from financial institutions or government entities, such as mortgages, student loans, credit card debts, or loans secured by automobiles, household furniture, or appliances, as long as those loans were made on terms available to the general public and do not exceed the purchase price of the items securing them; (ii) debts to or from a political committee registered with the Illinois State Board of Elections or political committees, principal campaign committees, or authorized committees registered with the Federal Election Commission; or (iii) a loan from a member of the filer's family not known by the filer to be registered to lobby under the Lobbyist Registration act.

"DIVERSIFIED FUNDS": means investment products, such as mutual funds, exchange traded funds, or unit investment trusts, that invest in a wide variety of securities across multiple sectors or asset classes. "Diversified funds" does not include sector funds.

"ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP": means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, any joint or shared ownership interests in businesses and creditor-debtor relationships with third parties, other than commercial lending institutions, where: (a) the filer is entitled to receive (i) more than 7.5% of the total distributable income, or (ii) an amount in excess of the salary of the Governor; or (b) the filer together with his or her spouse or minor children is entitled to receive (i) more than 15%, in the aggregate, or the total distributable income, or (ii) an amount in excess of 2 times the salary of the Governor.

"FAMILY": means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, a filer's spouse, children, step-children, parents, step-parents, siblings, step-siblings, half-siblings, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandparents, and grandchildren, as well as the parents and grandparents of the filer's spouse, and any person living with the filer.

"INCOME": means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, pension income and any income from whatever source derived, required to be reported on the filer's federal income tax return, including, but not limited to: compensation received for services rendered or to be rendered (as required to be reported on any Internal Revenue Service forms, including but not limited to, Forms W-2, 1099, or K-1); earnings or capital gains from the sale of assets; profit; interest or dividend income from all assets; revenue from leases and rentals, royalties, prizes, awards, or barter; forgiveness of debt; and earnings derived from annuities or trusts other than testamentary trusts. "INCOME" does not include compensation earned for service in the position that necessitates the filing of the statement of economic interests, or investment or interest returns on items excluded from the definition of "asset", or income from the sale of a personal residence or personal vehicle.

"INVESTMENT REAL ESTATE": means any real property, other than a filer's personal residences, purchased to produce a profit, whether from income or resale. Investment real estate may be described by the city and state where the real estate is located.

"LOBBYING": means engaging in activities that require registration under the Lobbyist Registration Act.

"LOBBYIST": means an individual who is required to be registered to engage in lobbying activities pursuant to the Lobbyist Registration Act.

"PERSONAL RESIDENCE": means, for the purposes of Sections 4A-102 and 4A-103, a filer's primary home residence and any residential real property held by the filer and used for residential rather than commercial or income generating purposes.

"SECTOR FUNDS": means mutual funds or exchange traded funds invested in a particular industry or business.

ECONOMIC INTEREST STATEMENT FILING RECEIPT

Complete but do not detach this receipt from your statement

*This receipt will be returned to you when the statement is filed in the office of the Clerk.

RECEIPT OF YOUR STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST,
FILED PURSUANT TO THE ILLINOIS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS ACT, IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED:

The statement was filed as of this date:

TYPE OR HAND PRINT LEGIBLY BELOW:

YOUR FULL NAME

THE OFFICE(S) OR POSITION(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE

**Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

**Address where you wish to have your filing receipt mailed

Mail all pages (including receipt*) to: Kane County Clerk
719 S Batavia Ave, Bldg B
Geneva IL 60134

In Person drop off:	<u>Aurora</u>	<u>Elgin</u>	<u>Geneva</u>
	5 E Downer Pl	2170 Point Blvd	719 S Batavia Ave
	Suite F	Suite 600	Bldg B
	Aurora IL	Elgin IL	Geneva IL

D-5 NOTICE OF OBLIGATION

TO: All Candidates for Nomination, Election or Retention to Public Office and for Questions of Public Policy

This letter is to officially notify you of your filing obligation under Article 9 of the Election Code (An Act to Regulate Campaign Financing).

ALL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE D-1 STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, MUST BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ONLY.

The Act requires a political committee to file a form D-1, Statement of Organization, within 10 business days of the creation of such committee, except any political committee created within the 30 days before an election must file a Statement of Organization within 2 business days. Required forms and A Guide to Campaign Disclosure are available from the Board offices and online. Failure to file or late filing of a Statement of Organization will result in a civil penalty being imposed by the Board.

Committees who must file fall within five categories: Candidate Political Committee, Political Party Committee, Political Action Committee, Ballot Initiative Committee, or Independent Expenditure Committee.

10 ILCS 5/9-1.8 Political Committees

Candidate Political Committee: means the candidate himself or herself or any natural person, trust, partnership, corporation, or other organization or group of persons designated by the candidate that accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 on behalf of the candidate.

Political Party Committee: means the State central committee of a political party, a county central committee of a political party, a legislative caucus committee, or a committee formed by a ward or township committeeman of a political party. A legislative caucus committee means a committee established for the purpose of electing candidates to the General Assembly by the person elected President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or a committee established by 5 or more members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more members of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

Political Action Committee: means any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association corporation, or other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate, political party, candidate political committee, or political party committee, that accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12 month period in an aggregate of amount exceeding \$5000 on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate or candidates for political office. Political Action Committee includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate, political party, candidate political committee, or political party committee, that makes electioneering communications during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 related to any candidate or candidates for public office.

Ballot Initiative Committee: means any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons that accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 in support of or in opposition to any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors. Ballot initiative committee includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons that makes electioneering communications during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 related to any question of public policy to be submitted to the voters. The \$5000 threshold applies to any contributions or expenditures received or made with the purpose of securing a place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or passage of, or engaging in electioneering communication regarding the question of public policy, regardless of the method of initiation of the question of public policy and regardless of whether petitions have been circulated or filed with the appropriate office or whether the question has been adopted and certified by the governing body.

Independent Expenditure Committee: means any trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons formed for the exclusive purpose of making independent expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 in support of or in opposition to (i) the nomination for election, election, retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors. "Independent expenditure committee" also includes any trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons that makes electioneering communications that are not made in connection, consultation, or concert with or at the request or suggestion of a public official or candidate, a public official's or candidate's designated political committee or campaign, or an agent or agents of the public official, candidate, or political committee or campaign during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 related to (i) the nomination for election, election, retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the voters.

ATTACH TO PETITION

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested
Revised July, 2004
SBE No. P-1C

L O Y A L T Y O A T H
(OPTIONAL)

United States of America)
)
State of Illinois) SS.

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me,
(Name of Candidate)

on _____.
(insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)



STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS STATE OF ILLINOIS

ARTICLE 29B FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

10 ILCS 5/29B-5. Purpose. The Legislature hereby declares that the purpose of this Article is to encourage every candidate for public office in this State to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It is the intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this State who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play in order to encourage healthy competition and open discussion of issues and candidate qualifications and discourage practices that cloud issues or unfairly attack opponent. (Source: P.A. 86-873.)

10 ILCS 5/29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its statement of organization, the State Board of Elections, in the case of a state political committee or a political committee acting as both a state political committee and a local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of a local political committee, shall give the political committee a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections or county clerk shall inform each political committee that subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the code shall read:

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the State of Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his record.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Illinois or chairman of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Date

Signature

Office Sought

(Print Name)

Date of Election

Name of Political Committee