



**ATA 2027
PEC Election**

Candidates' Handbook



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Introduction

This handbook details important information about running in the 2027 Provincial Executive Council (PEC) election.

Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) members interested in becoming candidates in the 2027 PEC election are encouraged to thoroughly review the contents of this handbook. Special attention should be paid to the candidate requirements and deadlines highlighted throughout the handbook and summarized in the Candidate Responsibilities and Deadlines section.

The PEC election is conducted once every two years by the ATA and is governed by the following policy:

- General Bylaws of the Alberta Teachers' Association 3(1)–4(2) and 48(1)–77(7)
- Administrative Guidelines of the Provincial Executive Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association 11.1–12.21
- ATA Election Rules
- Teaching Profession Act 5, 6, 7 and 11(2)

All policy documents can be accessed on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Election quick link.

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About PEC

WHAT IS PEC?

PEC is the 20-member executive committee responsible for directing the business of the ATA. For examples of decisions made by PEC, see the *PRECIS* documents posted in the members-only section of the ATA website.

Five table officers (ATA president, two vice-presidents, past president and executive secretary) and 15 district representatives form PEC. With the exception of the past president and the executive secretary, all positions are elected.

WHEN DOES PEC MEET?

PEC convenes for two-day meetings each month, for eight months of each school year. Additional meetings are called when necessary to address emergent issues.

PEC meetings take place at the ATA's Barnett House building, in Edmonton. Virtual meetings are conducted when necessary for safety or expediency.

PEC members also attend the Annual Representative Assembly (ARA). ARA is the ATA's most important event. At ARA, more than 400 teacher delegates (representing the ATA's 55 locals and more than 50,000 members) debate and vote on resolutions related to policy and budget that determine the priorities of the ATA.

WHAT IS THE TERM OF OFFICE?

The term of office for all elected PEC positions is two years, starting July 1 of the election year.

The upcoming term is July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2029.

COMMITMENT, RELEASE TIME AND COMPENSATION

Significant commitment is required of PEC members, for which they are compensated.

In addition to monthly PEC meetings, PEC members have a variety of other responsibilities, such as attending ARA. Some of these responsibilities involve work that must occur after school hours and on weekends to accommodate teachers' schedules.

The ATA enters into agreements with school boards to ensure that elected candidates have the time needed to serve in their positions and conduct PEC-related functions. The ATA negotiates full-time release for the president and up to 100 days of release time for the vice-presidents and district representatives.

In addition to release time, PEC members are provided with honoraria and expense coverage related to PEC meetings and other duties and activities.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All PEC Members

- Meet as a council at least eight times each school year.
- Identify and gather information on issues affecting teachers and the teaching profession through various means, including
 - service on internal and external committees, boards, and specialist councils and through their work with other education stakeholder organizations and groups;
 - information and recommendations put forward in report form by ATA program areas, committees and representatives who serve on external boards, councils and committees; and
 - participation in meetings with government officials and staff.
- Work together to provide direction to the ATA in terms of objectives, priorities and high-level strategy.
- Contribute to the development of the ATA budget and fee-related resolutions on which ARA delegates vote.
- Serve on internal and external committees, specialist councils and teachers' convention association boards.
- Participate in professional development and preparations fundamental to the responsibilities of governing the teaching profession.
- Participate in decisions related to ATA staff selections.
- Be accountable to the ATA membership.

Table Officers

- The ATA president, two vice-presidents, past president and executive secretary form the ATA's Table Officers Committee (TOC).
- TOC meets regularly throughout the year. In addition to other duties, members of TOC meet with the minister of education, government standing committees, the official opposition and other opposition, and other education stakeholders (such as the Alberta School Boards Association and Alberta School Councils' Association).

ATA President

In addition to being a PEC and TOC member, the ATA president is

- PEC and TOC chair,
- official spokesperson for the ATA,
- chief representative of the ATA in dealings with provincial and national education stakeholders (for example, the Government of Alberta or the Canadian Teachers' Federation),
- chair of the Teacher Salary Qualifications Board, and
- an ongoing support to district representatives.

ATA Vice-Presidents

Additional responsibilities of the two ATA vice-presidents include

- alternating months as deputy president;
- serving on committees and, specifically, chairing the ATA's Finance Committee or Resolutions Committee;
- representing the provincial association at local events; and
- complementing the role of district representatives in communicating to members at the school level.

District Representatives

As part of their responsibilities as PEC members, district representatives

- present at PEC meetings the views of individual teachers and ATA locals in their geographic district,
- represent specialist councils on matters requiring action or decisions by PEC,
- familiarize themselves with the activities of ATA locals in their geographic district and communicate ATA policy and initiatives to teachers who are members of those locals, and
- attend council of school representatives (CSR) meetings hosted by ATA locals in their geographic district



Before You Seek Nomination

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO RUN IN THE PEC ELECTION?

To be eligible to run in a PEC election, you must

- have active member or associate member status in the ATA,
- be a member in good standing, and
- not be in receipt of an Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund pension.

Active members of the ATA are those employed by a public, separate or francophone school board on a continuing, probationary or temporary contract, including members on leave. For substitute teachers, active member status is achieved upon first employment of the school year.

Associate members of the ATA have had associate membership granted to them by the ATA upon application and payment of applicable fees. Examples of associate members include teachers employed by the Government of Alberta, members of faculties of education at Alberta universities and teachers in schools that are in Alberta but operated by the Government of Canada. For more details on associate membership, see section 4(1) of the General Bylaws of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

IN WHICH DISTRICT CAN YOU RUN?

ATA President or Vice-President

Members running for ATA president or vice-president can be from any of the ATA's 11 geographic districts.

District Representative

Members running for district representative must have an affiliation with the district in which they will run.

District affiliation is determined by the school board or local that employs the member. If the member isn't employed by a school board or local, district affiliation is determined by the geographic location of the member's residence.

ATA Locals and Geographic Districts

Within each of the 11 geographic districts are at least 2 of the 55 local teachers' associations (locals) belonging to the ATA.

All but two of the geographic districts are represented by a single district representative. Calgary City and Edmonton McMurray each have three district representatives.

The ATA president and vice-presidents represent the membership of all locals.

Alberta	Calgary City	Central
President (1 to be elected) Vice-President (2 to be elected) All 55 voting ATA locals	District Representative (3 to be elected) - Calgary Public Teachers Local No 38 - Calgary Separate School Local No 55	District Representative (1 to be elected) - Black Gold Teachers' Local No 8 - L'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants francophones de l'Alberta (L'AEFFA) - St Thomas Aquinas Teachers' Local No 45 - Timberline Local No 9 - Wetaskiwin Local No 18
Central East	Central North	Central Prairie Sky
District Representative (1 to be elected) - Aspen View Local No 7 - Battle River Local No 32 - Greater St Paul Local No 25 - Lakeland Catholic Separate Local No 30 - Northern Lights Local No 15 - Park Plains East Local No 31	District Representative (1 to be elected) - Evergreen Catholic Local No 44 - Evergreen Local No 11 - Northern Gateway Local No 43 - Parkland Teachers' Local No 10 - Pembina Hills Local No 22 - Woodland Rivers Local No 40	District Representative (1 to be elected) - Elk Island Catholic Teachers Local No 21 - Elk Island Local No 28 - Greater St Albert Catholic Local No 23 - St Albert Public Teachers Local No 73 - Sturgeon Local No 27
Central South	Edmonton McMurray	North West
District Representative (1 to be elected) - Chinook's Edge Local No 17 - Clearview Teachers Local No 33 - Red Deer Catholic Local No 80 - Red Deer Public Teachers Local No 60 - Wolf Creek Local No 3	District Representative (3 to be elected) - Edmonton Catholic Teachers Local No 54 - Edmonton Public Teachers Local No 37 - Fort McMurray Local No 48	District Representative (1 to be elected) - Fort Vermilion Local No 77 - Grande Prairie and District Catholic Teachers Local No 42 - Greater Peace Local No 13 - High Prairie Local No 62 - Northern Spirit Local No 6 - Northland Local No 69 - Trumpeter Local No 26
South Central Rockies	South East	South West
District Representative (1 to be elected) - Canadian Rockies Local No 59 - Christ the Redeemer Local No 29 - Foothills Local No 16 - Rocky View Local No 35	District Representative (1 to be elected) - Grasslands Local No 34 - Medicine Hat Local No 1 - Medicine Hat Catholic Teachers Local No 39 - Prairieland Local No 36 - Prairie Rose Local No 2 - Three Drums of Wheat Local No 20	District Representative (1 to be elected) - Holy Spirit Catholic Local No 5 - Horizon Local No 4 - Lethbridge Public School Local No 41 - Livingstone Range Local No 14 - Palliser Local No 19 - Westwind Local No 12

SCENARIO 1

You are a teacher employed by Red Deer Public Schools on a continuing, probationary or temporary contract.

- Active members employed by Red Deer Public Schools form the membership of Red Deer Public Teachers Local No 60.
- Red Deer Public Teachers Local No 60 is in the Central South geographic district.

You can run for the position of Central South district representative.

SCENARIO 2

You are a teacher employed by Calgary Public Teachers Local No 38.

- Teachers employed by Calgary Public Teachers Local No 38 are associate members and are affiliated with that ATA local.
- Calgary Public Teachers Local No 38 is within the Calgary City geographic district.

You can run for the position of Calgary City district representative. (Note: Upon being elected, you would need to resign your employment with the local.)

SCENARIO 3

You are a teacher employed by the University of Alberta and have chosen to be an ATA member.

- Your employer has no affiliation with an ATA local. That means that where you reside is the determining factor in where you can run as a candidate for district representative.
- You live in Fort Saskatchewan, where Elk Island Public Schools and Elk Island Catholic Schools operate. Their teachers belong to either Elk Island Local No 28 or Elk Island Catholic Teachers Local No 21, which are in the Central Prairie Sky geographic district.

You can run for the position of Central Prairie Sky district representative.



2027 PEC Election Schedule

OCTOBER 19

Call for nominations

JANUARY 13

Nominations close at 5 PM

JANUARY 16

Candidates' meeting

MARCH 15

Voting opens at 8 AM

MARCH 18

Voting closes at 5 PM

MARCH 19

Election day and results
announcement





Nomination Requirements

**The nomination deadline
for the 2027 PEC election
is January 13, 2027, at 5 PM.**

If you want to run in the PEC election, you must complete and submit three documents by the nomination deadline:

- Candidate registration form
- List of nominators
- Nomination acceptance form

Late submission of any one of these documents will nullify your eligibility for nomination.

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION FORM

You can and should submit the candidate registration form as soon as possible after the call for nominations (October 19).

This form will confirm that you are eligible for nomination and qualified to receive election-related communications and support from the ATA.

LIST OF NOMINATORS

You must submit a list of 25 nominators who support your nomination.

As the candidate, you facilitate the completion of this list, including information confirming the eligibility of each nominator.

A nominator must be an active or associate member in good standing with the ATA and must be either

- employed by a school board or local in the geographic district of the candidate or
- an associate member who resides in the geographic district of the candidate but whose employer is not a school board or local.

Secure support from a few more than 25 nominators, or submit the list a few days before the deadline. That way, if a nominator is found to be ineligible, additional nominators will be available for verification, or you will have time to find another nominator.

NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE FORM

The nomination acceptance form confirms your acceptance of the nomination.

HOW TO SUBMIT A DOCUMENT

Find the forms on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Elections quick link. See the Candidate File Portal Instructions.



Submit your completed candidate registration form, list of nominators and nomination acceptance form by **January 13, 2027.**



Candidates' Meeting

If you are running in a contested race, you are required to attend a candidates' meeting.

The candidates' meeting, which is hosted by the returning officer, is virtual and is typically held on the Saturday following the confirmation of nominations.

This meeting provides candidates with a common understanding of election rules and campaign support provided by the ATA. It also allows them to ask questions about other aspects of the election.

For the 2027 PEC election, the candidates' meeting will be held Saturday, January 16, 2027.



Confirm your attendance at the candidates' meeting with the elections administrative officer by **January 13, 2027**.

Attend the candidates meeting on **January 16, 2027**.



Candidate Support

The ATA provides candidates with financial and promotional support.

In relation to that support, you must fulfill certain requirements by set deadlines.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Basic Grant

All candidates are eligible for a basic grant to help cover the cost of promotion and other campaign expenditures.

The grant is payable in full to candidates after they claim all their expenses.

	Acclaimed	Contested
Table officer candidate (president or vice-president)	\$1,200	\$7,500
District representative candidate	\$500	\$2,750



Use the PEC election expense claim forms to submit all your expense claims by **April 18, 2027**.

Grant Advance

Candidates in contested elections can submit a request to receive 50 per cent of their basic grant amount in advance.

Make requests by e-mail to elections@ata.ab.ca and include copies of receipts or invoices confirming your expenditures. If an expenditure is planned, provide a quote or other form of written confirmation from the supplier or vendor.



Request a grant advance by **January 27, 2027**.

Travel Expense Coverage

When you incur travel costs related to election and campaign activities, the ATA will reimburse you to a limited extent for the following expenses:

- Release time
- Transportation (at the grant-in-aid rate of \$0.45 per kilometre if by car or for the cost of a regularly scheduled commercial flight)
- Accommodation (reasonable room rate)
- Meals (reason required, alcohol excluded)

Proof of Expenditures

Receipts or paid invoices are required for all expenditures except kilometres.

Receipts and invoices must be issued by the service provider or vendor and must show an itemized listing of the expenditures and costs.

Locations and reasons for travel must be identified when submitting claims for kilometres.

Find expense claim forms on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Election quick link.

Travel Expense Claim Limits

A travel expense claim limit is set for table officer candidates but not for district representative candidates. The wide variance in the structure of the districts (numbers of locals and distances between them) makes the application of one claim limit for all districts unviable.

Table Officer Candidates

Each table officer candidate is eligible for a travel expense grant of up to \$2,750 to cover reasonable expenses.

Expenses are paid to the candidate upon the one-time submission of a table officer travel expense claim form.

District Representative Candidates

Each district representative candidate is reimbursed for reasonable expenses upon the one-time submission of a district representative travel expense claim form.

Expense Guidelines for ATA-Sponsored Election Activities

Candidates' Meeting

The ATA covers expenses for the candidates' meeting when in-person attendance is required.

Election Forums

Expenses for travel to election forums are eligible for coverage when in-person attendance is required.

District representative candidates may attend up to one in-person forum per local in their district.

Teachers' Convention

Candidates are entitled to reimbursement for travel to teachers' conventions.

Candidates should attend teachers' conventions that host delegates eligible to vote in the candidate's district. Candidates must not attend their own teachers' convention in the capacity of candidate.



Use ATA expense claim forms to submit your claims for travel expenses by **April 18, 2027**. Include all receipts and invoices with your expense claims.

PROMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Throughout the PEC election cycle, the ATA generates awareness of the election and supports candidates in their campaign efforts.

PEC Candidate Logo

The official PEC candidate logo helps voters instantly recognize campaign materials as belonging to a PEC election candidate.

The logo is available in English and French.

Download the logo from the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Election quick link.



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Designer's Tip Sheet

To help candidates develop their campaign collateral, the ATA has put together a tip sheet for effective design.

Access the tip sheet on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Election quick link.

Campaign Speech on the ATA YouTube Channel

A campaign speech allows you to share information about yourself and your platform with members before the vote.

The ATA posts candidate campaign speech videos to its YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/albertateachers) and promotes them throughout the election cycle through its other media channels (such as the ATA News, social media accounts and the PEC election website).

Guidelines for Videos

- MP4 or MOV format
- Landscape mode only
- Maximum five minutes in length

Instructions for uploading the video are e-mailed to candidates.



Submit your campaign speech video by
January 25, 2027.

Candidate Profiles Feature in the ATA News

The ATA News features profiles of PEC election candidates.

Your profile—which includes your photo, biography and platform—provides members with information on which they can base their votes. It allows you to let members know a little bit about yourself and what you will work to achieve if elected.

Headshot Photo Specifications

- JPEG or TIF format
- 300 dots per inch resolution
- 2 inches by 3 inches

Guidelines for the Biography and Platform

- MS Word format
- 500-word maximum for ATA president and vice-president candidates; 300-word maximum for district representative candidates
- All submissions edited by the ATA for spelling, grammar and length



Submit your headshot photo and
your biography and platform by
January 20, 2027.

Special School Mailing

Candidates have the option to participate in a mailing to all schools in their election district. This special election school mailing is funded and coordinated by the ATA.

The cost of delivering campaign materials is not charged against the candidate's basic grant and is reimbursed upon submission of the relevant invoice to the elections administrative officer.

Find details on the number of schools by district on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Election quick link.

Guidelines

- Maximum of two items per candidate
- Items must fit into a 9- × 12-inch envelope without manipulation (that is, without folding, bending or squishing)
- One set of materials (maximum two items) per school



Confirm your participation in the special
school mailing by **January 20, 2027**,
and deliver your campaign materials to
Barnett House by **February 3, 2027**,
at 5 PM.

Social Media Campaigns

Social media campaigns are implemented by the ATA to create awareness of the election and candidates in an effort to get out the vote.

You are encouraged to repost ATA content to generate awareness among members.

Mailing Labels or Addressed Envelopes

Candidates in contested elections may purchase, from the ATA, mailing labels or envelopes so they can deliver their campaign materials to all members belonging to any of the following groups:

- Local presidents
- School representatives
- Associate members
- Active members on leave of absence

Postage and processing required to mail items is the responsibility of the candidate.

Costs for labels and envelopes, along with approximate mailing quantities by geographic district, can be found on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Election quick link.



Submit your request for mailing labels or addressed envelopes by **February 3, 2027**.

Table Officer Candidates' Address at the Local Presidents' Meeting

Table officer candidates are invited to attend and give campaign speeches at the February 5 meeting of presidents representing the ATA's 55 local teachers' associations.



Confirm your participation in the Local Presidents' Meeting with the returning officer by **January 16, 2027**.

Deliver a speech at the Local Presidents' Meeting on **February 5, 2027**.

Election Forums

Candidates can participate in online election forums that give them a formal opportunity to engage with members and campaign for votes.

The ATA schedules forums once candidates and contested elections have been confirmed.

The elections administrative officer e-mails forum details to candidates.



Confirm your participation in election forums by **January 25, 2027**.

Campaign Table at Teachers' Convention

The ATA purchases floor space at each teachers' convention to promote the election and provide candidates with a dedicated area for campaigning. The space will have nonpartisan PEC election signage and a table at which candidates can display their campaign materials.

When attending teachers' convention, abide by the Election Rules for campaigning.



Election Rules

Election rules regulate campaigning, campaign financing and financial reporting.

The returning officer is responsible for ensuring fair application of the rules. At any point during the campaign period, the returning officer may use their discretion to add, delete or modify the rules.

For information on the administration of these rules, refer to sections 75–77 of the General Bylaws of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

CAMPAIGNING

General Provisions

1. The campaign period is defined as the days between the nomination deadline and the fixed election date.
2. Candidates, when campaigning, shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the *Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers and Teacher Leaders* and section 225.4 of the *Education Act*.
3. Incumbent members of PEC are not to use Association stationery or business cards in any way to promote their campaign.
4. Association logos are not to be used on any campaign materials, including headshots and election videos. This includes items such as lapel pins in photographs or videos.
5. Candidates shall have their campaign materials vetted by the returning officer before they are produced.
6. Distribution of campaign materials in any form prior to the validation of candidates on the nomination deadline is prohibited. Candidates are, however, permitted to make a single announcement on social media of their intent to run for office once their nomination package has been received and validated by the Association.

Campaigning and Events

7. Regional forums for candidates shall be organized by the Association and scheduled on dates after nomination day and before voting opens.
8. An Association subgroup inviting a candidate to any type of event it sponsors during the campaign or voting periods is required to extend the same invitation to all candidates running for the same position.
9. Incumbent candidates performing official duties at provincial or subgroup conferences or meetings are to be introduced by their current title without reference to the campaign they are engaged in. This applies to the periods preceding and following the close of nominations.
10. Campaigning and the distribution of campaign promotional material shall not take place in the meeting room where provincial ATA or subgroup conferences or meetings are held. These activities may occur in the areas outside the meeting rooms.
11. Campaign materials of any type (including standard posters, stand-alone or pull-up posters, and stickers) shall not be posted at venues hosting provincial ATA or subgroup conferences or meetings.

Teachers' Conventions

12. Candidates and their supporters may campaign on site at teachers' conventions on the condition that they do not disrupt convention sessions or activities. Campaigning or distributing promotional materials shall not occur in rooms where sessions are held.
13. An election booth or table will be available for campaigning at each teachers' convention. Candidates may leave campaign materials at the booth. Campaigning should take place at the booth or within close proximity to the booth.
14. Convention boards are to locate the election tables in a prominent area where sufficient space is available for campaigning.



15. Campaign materials of any type (including standard posters, stand-alone or pull-up posters, and stickers) shall not be posted at venues hosting teachers' conventions.
16. Candidates are required to fulfill their obligation to attend their own teachers' convention.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING

1. Campaign contributions from Association sub-groups (locals, specialist councils and teachers' convention associations) are prohibited.
2. Campaign contributions from school boards or other organizations having a political or financial interest in the Association or any of its local associations are prohibited.

3. Expenses are to be itemized into the categories determined by the Association.
4. Requirements related to financial reporting apply to any campaign contributions received and expenditures incurred prior to and following the official campaign period.
5. The financial statements of all candidates shall be posted to the members-only section of the Association website, following the deadline for financial statement submissions, for a period of 60 days.

View the Election Rules and other policy governing PEC elections on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Election quick link.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

1. All candidates shall, within 30 days of the fixed election date, submit a financial statement accounting for all campaign contributions and expenses.
2. Contributions are to include all self-funded and in-kind contributions, including a list of contributors donating more than \$100.

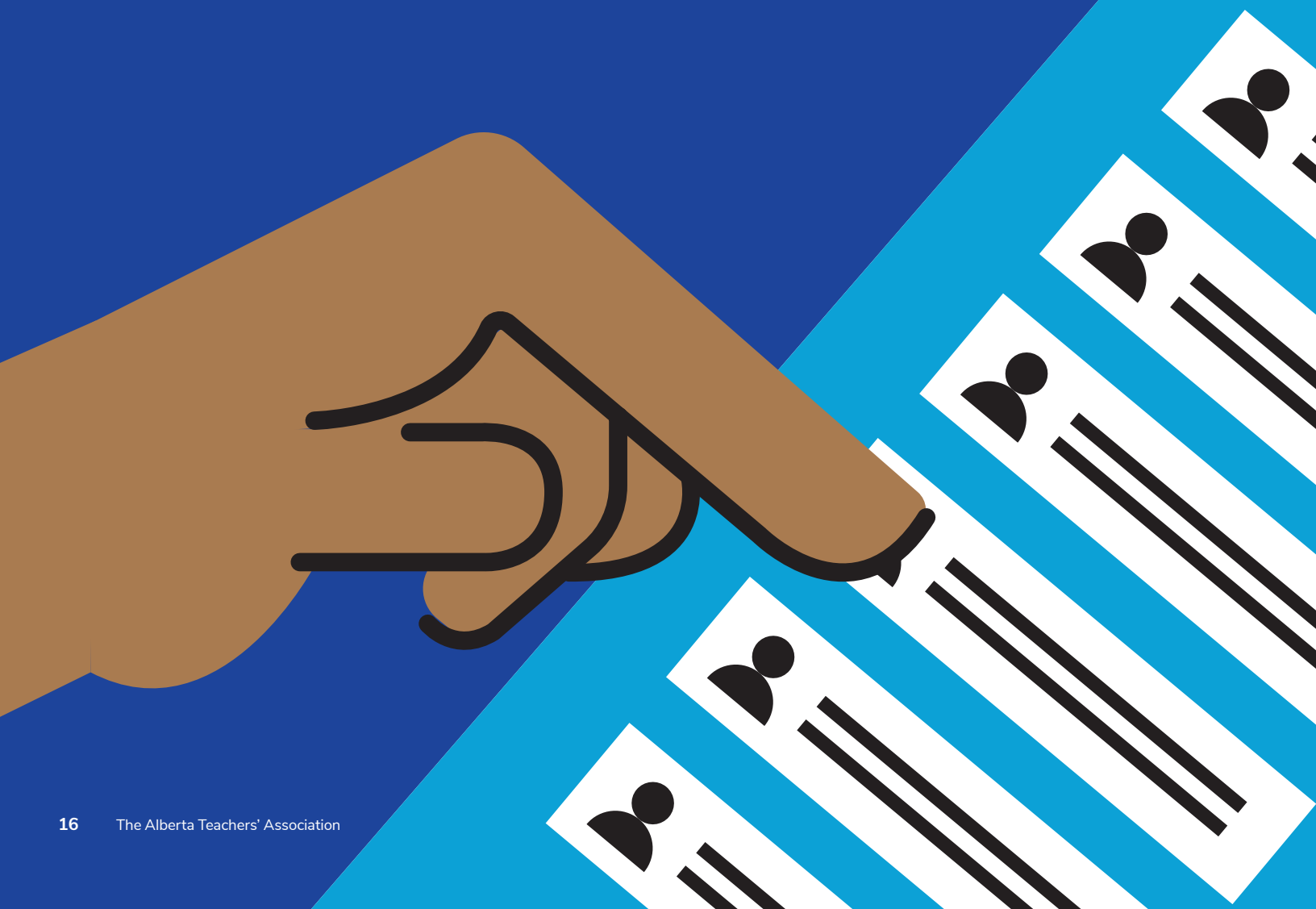
Voting

Voting for the PEC election is conducted online.

ATA members eligible to vote will receive an electronic ballot. Members will receive an email approximately ten days prior to the vote confirming their email address and their local.

Voting in the 2027 PEC election will be conducted
March 15-18, 2027.

Find more information on voting on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Election quick link.





Election Day

**Election results
will be announced
on March 19, 2027.**

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

The tabulated voting results are delivered in the form of a password-protected e-mail to the returning officer by the third-party vendor contracted to manage and host the voting platform for the PEC election.

SCRUTINEER OPTION

Candidates may participate as scrutineers upon the close of voting and observe the returning officer accessing the e-mail containing the results. They may also appoint a designate to attend in their place.

If you choose this option, you

- must advise the elections administrative officer by March 15, 2027, and
- are responsible for any and all costs incurred to do so.

APPEALS

Candidates have up to 14 days after the election results are announced to submit an appeal of their results to the ATA's executive secretary.

For details on the appeal process, see section 71 of the General Bylaws of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

View policy governing PEC elections on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca) via the PEC Election quick link.

Candidate Responsibilities and Deadlines



Submit inquiries to elections@ata.ab.ca.

All deadlines are final.

Candidate responsibility	Deadline
Submit completed candidate registration form	January 13
Submit completed list of nominators	January 13
Submit completed nomination acceptance form	January 13
Confirm attendance at candidates' meeting	January 13
Attend candidates' meeting	January 16
Confirm participation in Local Presidents' Meeting (table officer candidates only)	January 16
Confirm participation in special school mailing	January 20
Submit headshot photo	January 20
Submit biography and platform	January 20
Confirm participation in election forum	January 25

Submit campaign speech video	January 25
Submit request for grant advance	January 27
Submit request for mailing labels or addressed envelopes	February 3
Deliver campaign materials to Barnett House for inclusion in school mailing	5 PM February 3
Deliver speech at Local Presidents' Meeting (table officer candidates only)	February 5
Confirm your or designated scrutineer's attendance at election results reception	March 15
Attend or have designated scrutineer attend election results reception	March 19
Submit completed candidate survey	April 2
Submit any appeal of results	April 2
Submit expense claims	April 18

PEC Election Activity Schedule

Activity	Date
Nominations open	October 19–January 13
Candidate announcement posted on ATA and PEC election websites	January 14
Social media campaign promoting contested elections	January 14–March 14
Candidates' meeting	January 16
Candidate announcement on PEC election website updated with candidate photos, biographies and platforms	January 29
Candidate campaign speeches posted on ATA YouTube channel	February 1
Candidate profiles feature published in ATA News	February 2
PEC election table at teachers' conventions	February 3–March 4
Special school mailing of candidate campaign materials, vote poster and voting instruction cards	February 8
Ad in ATA News to promote PEC election	February 23
Article in ATA News to promote voting in PEC election	March 16
Ad in ATA News to promote voting in PEC election	March 16
Voting	March 15–18
PEC election results posted on ATA and PEC election websites and on social media	March 19
PEC election results published in ATA News	April 13

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