

RUNNING FOR THE BOARD

One of the benefits of a Cooperative is that it is owned and governed by its Members. The Cooperative's Board of Directors are Members of the Cooperative who are elected to govern and direct the affairs of the Cooperative.

As a Trico Member, you are eligible to run for the Board of Directors and become an advocate for the Cooperative and your community. Here are some things to consider if you are interested in being part of Trico's Board of Directors.

Who is eligible to be a Director on Trico's Board?

You are eligible to be a director, if one of the following applies:

- You are a Trico Member and/or the proprietor of a business that is a Trico Member
- You are the superintendent or principal of a school that is a Trico Member
- You have been designated in writing to represent an agency/corporation that you are associated with, if that agency/corporation is a Trico Member

You are not eligible to be a director if one of the following applies:

- You are employed by or part of an organization that competes with or sells energy or energy supplies to Trico
- You are an incumbent of an elected public office
- You are a current employee of Trico, or have been employed by the Cooperative within the five years preceding the current election
- You are related to a current Director or employee by blood or marriage

How are Directors elected and who elects them?

Directors are nominated and elected by the Members of the Cooperative. Elections are held once a year, during the Annual Meeting. There are two or three Board positions up for election each year. Directors are elected for a three-year term and can run for re-election.

How can I be nominated for a Board of Director position?

In order to be nominated for a Board of Director position, you must submit a nominating petition that is signed by at least 30 current Trico Members from the District in which you are running for election that year. The petition must be completed and submitted to Trico at least 75 days prior to the day of the election. Nominating petitions are available at Trico's headquarters at least 120 days prior to the election.

Can I nominate multiple individuals for a Board of Director position?

No. A Member is only allowed to sign a nominating petition for one person in the Member's District seeking nomination for the Board of Directors.

What are the responsibilities of the Board of Directors?

Trico's Directors are responsible for protecting and managing the assets and business interests of the Cooperative for the benefit of its Members. They determine how the Cooperative's financial and operating assets are used to fulfill the Cooperative's mission. They set the Cooperative's policies, strategic plans and budgets. The Board also hires the CEO/General Manager of the Cooperative, who reports directly to the Board.

How many Trico districts are there and how are they determined?

Trico's service territory is split into seven Districts. There is one Director from each District, however Directors represent all Trico Members.

How do I know what District I am in and who my Director is?

A Member's District is determined by where they live within Trico's service territory. Click this link to determine which District you live in and which Director is from your District.

How often does the Board of Directors meet?

Trico's Board meets once each month, typically on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Meetings are generally held during regular business hours and last a full day. Directors also attend the Trico Annual Meeting, and occasional special meetings.

How many hours do Directors spend on Trico business each month?

Once they complete the orientation process, a Director should expect to spend about 10-15 hours a month working on Trico business, which includes the Trico Board Meeting.

Are Directors compensated?

Each Director receives a per diem, in addition to being reimbursed for mileage and travel expenses relating to attendance at Board Meetings and training.

Do Directors receive training?

Each newly elected Director is expected to complete an orientation process involving meetings with Trico's Board President, CEO/General Manager and staff. The meetings will cover the organization of the Board and its processes, procedures and administrative matters; Trico's organization and business model, strategic plan and current issues.

Directors are also encouraged to attend educational courses and receive Certified Director designation from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Those courses take place throughout the year at various locations in connection with NRECA meetings.