



CANDIDATE APPLICATION FOR ELECTED OFFICE

POSITION: Texas REALTORS Secretary/Treasurer

REGION #: 9

Primary Board: Beaumont Board of REALTORS

All candidates must fill out the entire application, except that a candidate who has submitted this application form to Texas REALTORS® during the most recent election cycle may enter only new or updated information for sections A-I. Please include a photo when submitting.

A. PERSONAL DATA

1. Name: Benjamin J Rodriguez
2. Firm Name: Triangle Real Estate LLC
Business Address: 110 Hwy 96 S
City: Silsbee Zip: 77656
Business Telephone: 409-861-2600
3. Home Address: 2675 Thorn Dr. Silsbee, TX 77656
4. Home Telephone: 409-782-5764
5. Email Address: sold@setxhomefinder.com
6. Date of Birth (month/day): 07/22/1985
7. Type business (specialization if any): All Things Real Estate
8. Number of Years Licensed: 20
9. Highest Education Degree: Associates Degree in Real Estate
10. Name of Spouse: Tobetha Rodriguez

B. COMMITTEE and LEADERSHIP SERVICE

A minimum of three (3) of the following sections must be filled out:

COMMITTEE POSITIONS HELD

1. LOCAL ASSOCIATION

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year Served</u>
See attached Exhibit A		

2. TEXAS REALTORS®

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year Served</u>
Pubic Policy	Member	2018
PIC Region 9	Member	2014-2016
TREPAC Region 9 S	Trustee	2016-2020
TREPAC	At Large Trustee - CAP	2025

3. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year Served</u>
RPAC Major Investor Council	Member	2022-2023
RPAC Fundraising Trustee	Member	2024-2025

4. Institute, Society or Council

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year Served</u>
NA		

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

1. LOCAL ASSOCIATION

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year Served</u>
BBOR	Director	2013-2019
BBOR Exec	Treasurer	2014
BBOR Exec	Secretary	2015
BBOR Exec	2nd VP	2016
BBOR Exec	1st VP	2017
BBOR Exec	President	2018
BBOR Exec	Ex Oficio	2019
2. TEXAS REALTORS®		

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year Served</u>
TREPAC	2nd Vice Chair	2021
TREPAC	1st Vice Chair	2022
TREPAC	Chairman	2023
TREPAC	Immediate Past Chair	2024
RVP-Executive Board	Region 9	2019-2022
3. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®		

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year Served</u>
NA		

4. **Institute, Society or Council**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year Served</u>
N/A		

C. DESIGNATIONS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS

<u>Honors/Award</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
Beaumont Board of REALTORS Scholarship	2005
Beaumont Board of REALTORS Salesperson of the Year	2015
Beaumont Board of REALTORS REALTOR of the Year	2018
YPN REALTOR TO WATCH	2018
Better Business Bureau of SETX Torch Award Winner	2023

D. REALTOR® MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. **TEXAS REALTORS®** (last five years)

<u>Meeting/Conference (title)</u>	<u>Year</u>
Shaping Texas Conference	2015-2024
TAR Winter Meeting	2015-2025

BOLC AKA Summit	2015-2024
TAR Hill Visits	2017-2023

2. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®** (last five years)

<u>Meeting/Conference (title)</u>	<u>Year</u>
NAR Conference - NXT	2017-2018 2021-2024
NAR Hill Visits	2017-2024
NAR Leadership Summit	2017
NAR-REALTOR Party Training	2021-2024

E. CIVIC/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

(Please list all activities you are involved in within your community, church, business and civic clubs, etc.)

Active member of Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, Silsbee Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, SETX YPO, . as well as the Home Builders Association of SETX. I have sat on the Lamar Institute of Technolgy Real Estate Programs Advisory Board for 4 years now as well as the steering committee for the SETX YPO until 2 years ago as a founding member. SETX YPO thought the Beaumont Chamber was my answer to not being able to get a YPN chapter started in the BBOR over a decade ago. Founding member of the Silsbee - Save the Pines Foundation - to save the old Pines theater in town and renovate for a community center as well as supporting all events for the Silsbee Education Foundation that gives public teachers scholarships for needed supplies in the classroom due to lack of school funding.

F. OTHER REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES

(Please list all articles written, speeches, training programs or presentations given on behalf of the real estate industry.)

Outside of office meetings I still speak at all BBOR Luncheons on TREPAC as well as quarterly new member orientations.

I have been fortunate enough to travel to all 360s in 2023 as well as some in 2022 in regards to TREPAC.

Prior to Roy West being elected Mayor of Beaumont I spoke on his radio show many times as well as the Beaumont Chamber and Better Business Bureau Meetings.

G. SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILE LINKS

(For all social media accounts, please list your URL links below.)

<https://www.facebook.com/ben.rodriquez.3152> @brodsellssetx - Insta @TriangleRELLC - X

@Brodsellssetx - TicTok www.youtube.com/@TriangleRealEstate07

H. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

	YES	NO
Conducts his or her real estate business in the State of Texas;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does not have any bankruptcy or other financial or business judgment(s) within seven (7) years preceding the date of the election;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has not have received formal discipline from the Texas Real Estate Commission for a violation of Texas Real Estate License Act that falls under Section 535.191(d) or (e) of the Texas Real Estate Commission rules within seven (7) years preceding the date of the election;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has not have been found in violation of NAR's Code of Ethics within three (3) years preceding the date of the election;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has not have been convicted of a felony within seven (7) years preceding the date of the election;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does not have any record of a foreclosure sale within the last seven (7) years on any real property owned;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does not have a credit score lesser than the baseline as currently defined by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does not have any open delinquencies on tax filings or payments;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does not have any regulatory investigations (pending or otherwise)*;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does not have any pending litigation (personal or business);* and



Is not working as a paid employee or contracted professional of any Member Board, Member Council, or multiple listing service (MLS).



FOR ANY QUESTION ANSWERED NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.

*Reported convictions, regulatory investigations, pending litigation, and judgments which could reasonably represent a source of embarrassment or liability to Texas REALTORS® or would present a conflict with Texas REALTORS® policies that the person would be called upon to uphold in their capacity as an Elected Officer.

I. EXPERTISE

Please provide examples about:

- (1) your reputation for intelligence, strength of character, good judgment, and the highest personal and professional integrity.

When it comes to real estate I think it is easy to show since I have never had an ethics complaint nor a TREC compliant made against myself. I would hope that anyone running for such office can say the same. However, I believe that receiving the Better Business Torch Award for Workplace Ethics in 2023 would speak for itself. Nominated by a past recipient I was humbled to be recognized and associated with all past recipients in SETX.

- (2) your experience working with basic financial statements and understanding of the financial issues that confront associations of REALTORS®.

Not only have I served as an RVP for Region 9 and reviewed the TR budget as well as currently serving on the TREPAC Budget committee, but I have also ran my own brokerage since 2007 with a separate property management division as well as a residential construction and cabinet company. Each company has its own budget and I can tell you first hand that longevity and relevance starts with a good budget. ie. Your budget is the foundation your home is built on...

- (3) your knowledge of the Texas REALTORS® Strategic Plan issues and objectives.

Advocate, Communicate, and Evolve. Words with simple meanings and an easy battle cry but in a world of social media and false information we must get back to our roots. As past TREPAC chair an HOF member Advocacy seems easy to me, However not without communicating that value to our members and the evolution of such is much more important to not only stay relevant to consumers but our members. Without member buy in and new leaders emerging from within nothing else matters.

I do believe without Advocacy we are nothing more than glorified door openers and sales people but without effectively communicating that value principle to our members in the 21st Century nobody then what's it for? Less than 40% of our members invest in TREPAC and nearly the same percentage are new to the profession, Bottom line; with 150,000 members value means something different to all of them and communicating such value at every milestone as a TEXAS REALTOR is the most important issue we face as an association moving forward. Our uniqueness should be a strength not a weakness with everyone having a seat at the table.

J. PERMISSION TO OBTAIN CRIMINAL AND CREDIT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

By signing below, I give my permission:

- (1) to my current and former employers to release any information about my employment history and income history;
- (2) to my current and former landlords to release any information about my rental history;
- (3) to my current and former mortgage lenders on property that I own or have owned to release any information about my mortgage payment history;
- (4) to my bank, savings and loan, or credit union to provide a verification of funds that I have on deposit;
- (5) to the Texas REALTORS® to obtain a copy of my consumer report (credit report) from any consumer reporting agency and to obtain background information about me;
- (6) to the Texas REALTORS® to obtain a copy of my criminal background report; and
- (7) to the Texas REALTORS® to share the above information with Association's outside counsel and Credentials Committee.

Benjamin Rodriguez
Applicant's Signature

2/17/2025
Date

K. PLEDGE

By signing this pledge, I agree to:

Spend the time and effort to serve in the position to the best of my ability, which includes, but is not limited to, committing to attend all meetings of the Texas REALTORS® Leadership Team, Texas REALTORS® Executive Board, Texas REALTORS® Board, and NAR Board of Directors.

Benjamin Rodriguez
Applicant's Signature

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Date

L. PRIMARY BOARD ENDORSEMENT

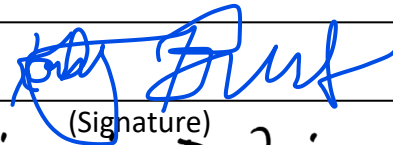
By signing below, the applicant's primary board:

1. Certifies that candidate is an active REALTOR® Member or Individual Member with primary membership in the local board; and
2. Recommends the candidate for the office sought.

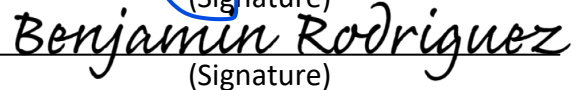
Name of Association: Beaumont Board of REALTORS

Telephone: 409 892 9761

Association Executive: Kathy Burkhalter
(Print)


(Signature)

Candidate: Benjamin Rodriguez
(Print)


(Signature)

Date: _____

Additional

Comments: _____

M. CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information may disqualify me from being considered as an qualified candidate for elected office.

I further hereby certify that I have reviewed the Nominating Policy and agree to adhere to the timelines, policies and determinations listed therein.


Applicant's Signature

2/17/2025
Date

EXHIBIT A

2011 Committees - Budget/Finance, Education/Fair Housing, MLS
2012 Committees - Budget/Finance, Education/Fair Housing - CHAIR, MLS
2013 Committees - Budget/Finance, Education/Fair Housing, MLS, Commercial/Industrial, Technology TASK FORCE
2014 Committees - Budget/Finance - CHAIR , Commerical/Industrial, SETX MLS
Task Force - GA, MLS Strategic, Technolgy, Website/Branding, Young REALTOR, Strategic Plan
2015 Committees - Budget/Finance, Bylaws, Contract, & Forms, Commercial/Industrial, SETX MLS
2016 Committees - Budget/Finance, Commerical/Industrial, Education/Fair Housing, GA, Public Relations, SETX MLS,
TREPAC, Website/Branding Strategic Task Force CHAIR-Liason
2017 Committees - Budget/Finance, Education/Fair Housing/Safety, GA
Liason to- Affialiate, Attendance/Hospitality, Bylaws,Contract & Forms, Commercial/Industrial, Community Service,
Membership, Public Relations/Website, SETX MLS, TREPAC, Task Force
2018 Committees - BOARD PRESIDENT
2019 Committees - SETX MLS CHAIR, Budget/Finance, Commercial/Industrial, GA, TREPAC
2020 Committees - GA CHAIR, SETX MLS CHAIR, New Building Task Force CHAIR, Budget/Finance, TREPAC
2021 Committees - SAME AS 2020 Due to COVID
2022 Committees - New Building Task Force CHAIR, GA, TREPAC, SETX MLS
2023 Committees - SETX MLS Co-CHAIR, New Building Task Force CHAIR, TREPAC
2024 Committees - SETX MLS, GA, New Building Task Force CHAIR, TREPAC
2025 Committees - SETX MLS, GA , New Building Task Force CHAIR, TREPAC
