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In the matter of:

WALKER RYAN JUDD

(Your Full Name)

COMPLAINANT

VS.

JACKSON Energy Cooperative

(Name of Utility)

DEFENDANT

COMPLAINT

The complaint of WALKER RYAN JUDD respectfully shows:  
(Your Full Name)

(a) WALKER RYAN JUDD  
(Your Full Name)  
120 TWIN OAK PLACE, MCKEE KY  
(Your Address)

(b) JACKSON Energy Cooperative  
(Name of Utility)  
115 JACKSON Energy LANE, MCKEE KY  
(Address of Utility)

(c) That: I HAD PLANNED TO RUN FOR JACKSON  
(Describe here, attaching additional sheets if necessary, the specific act, fully and clearly,  
Energy BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THREE  
or facts that are the reason and basis for the complaint.)

YEARS. THE BYLAWS STATED THAT YOU  
WERE REQUIRED TO COLLECT NAMES ON A  
PETITION DURING A 6 MONTH PERIOD.

WALKER RYAN JUDVS. JACKSON Energy

500 Member SIGNATURES were Required. Soon  
AFTER AN ELECTION IN 2024 THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS CHANGED the BYLAWS to 500 SIGNATURES  
WITHIN 3 MONTHS AND TOOK AWAY the PAPER  
Petition Form FOR AN UNTESTED ONLINE Petition  
— CONTINUED ON ATTACHED PAGE —

Wherefore, complainant asks

I Request Jackson Energy  
(Specifically state the relief desired.)

Give me the time that was LOST To  
Collect Petitions OR put me ON  
the Ballot And let the members  
Decide. IF more time is given AS  
Should Be those Numbers Should Be  
Added to the ones Already Collected.  
Also that employees BE INSTRUCTED they can sign the petition.

Dated at MCKEE Kentucky, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of

(Your City)

JULY, 2025  
(Month)

[Signature]  
(Your Signature\*)

(Name and Address of Attorney, if any)

7-9-2025  
Date

The changes to Jackson Energy's election bylaws were made without any public notification. I would not have known about the changes if I had not had interest in running for Jackson Energy board of directors. The bylaws were changed after a recent election in 2024, Jackson Energy Board of Directors felt that the paper petition being used by the two candidates, running for Owsley in Lee County had been shared by the persons collecting signatures in those two counties this information was gained by talking to one of the prior petitioners for election.. The bylaws stated that anyone wanting to run for Jackson Energy board of directors had three months from December 15 to collect 500 signatures. I received information that Jackson Energy was trying to change the policy to run for Board of Directors to a deadline of December 1 for notification. I contacted Jackson Energy on December 7 and told them that I was interested in collecting signatures. Jackson Energy had two board meetings to determine whether or not, I was going to be eligible to run for Director as I had not notified them by December 1, this policy had not been finalized, so it was determined that I could collect signatures. I was contacted by Jackson Energy's attorney and was told that I needed to submit a formal letter, and a background check which I did. (Emails attached) The signatures were to be collected using a tab that was placed on Jackson Energy's public website. The process started on Sunday December 15th with Jackson Energy, making the online petition live. I started advertising on Facebook with friends and family, asking for signatures on my petition. I had several people sign the petition using my middle name that I go by, Ryan. At the start of the business week I sent a message to Jackson Energy's attorney, clarifying, which name had to be used. I was told that they would not accept Ryan it had to be Walker R Judd. This turned out to be untrue causing me to have several duplicate entries, which skewed my results. I had to ask Jackson Energy for a plan to get my petition numbers during the process and was told that I can have them once a month. These were raw numbers of signed petitions, not knowing what names have been used for the petitions as I was not allowed to see any of the information. During the collection process, several snowstorms happened, and the power knocked off because of the storms. I saw after some communication with Clayton Oswald, Jackson Energy attorney that I was not going to get any relief in this process so I told him I'll play by your rules and do the best that I can. I bought ads and two newspapers and ran ads on a radio station as well as was a guest on a local Call In program on the radio. I bought 1000 business cards with a QR code that led to Jackson Energy's petition form online. I also visited homes and businesses in Jackson, Owsley, Lee, Clay, Laurel, and Rockcastle county. I ran a Facebook ad as well. During the collection process, my IP address was blocked by Jackson Energy. At first it was blocked for 20 to 30 minutes at a time so that meant after I had met a certain number of petitions from my cell phone that I could not enter any petitions until the block was released. This was brought to the attention of Jackson Energy and a fix was supposed to have happened. The next week my device was completely blacklisted. I was blocked with no time limit. I was only unblocked when I contacted Mr. Oswald. I brought all the issues to Mr. Oswald's attention. He brought the issues to the board of directors and I got a response that said no one else had complained except for Mr. Ralph Hoskins also collecting petitions, as well as a complaint from me. No one else would complain except us, because we were the only two people who were collecting petitions but apparently according to Jackson Energy our complaint wasn't enough to make changes to the petition process. Attached you will find emails that I sent to Mr. Oswald listing the complaints, and the fact that they were alienating older members by having an online only petition. I asked for relief to be able to use a paper petition to finish the process as a back up, and was told that this was not going to happen I probably lost five or more days because of technological issues brought on by Jackson Energy system. Also, I lost several days because of no power and Internet service throughout the counties being covered by Jackson Energy. I received my petition numbers at the end of the recently changed from 6 to 3 month collection period. During the petition collection process I spoke with family members of Jackson Energy employees, and was told that the Jackson Energy employees had received an email from management and were instructed not to participate in the petition process and if I were to contact any of the employees they were to let their supervisors know. This put me in a disadvantage more than

normal, because my father is a retiree of Jackson Energy after serving 42 years with the company and he knew most of the workers there. One worker told him after the petition process was over that he was sorry that he had to ignore him during this process and it shouldn't be this way.

And at least the past 40 years, there is only been one person on a Jackson Energy board of Director seat by election. All have been appointed. In fact, the person that I was trying to run against was appointed when his father stepped down and his farm was cut from another district so he could be appointed and not run against an incumbent. There is a history of control of board appointments without member input.

Myself and Mr. Ralph Hoskins are the only two people in recent history who have not been able to get enough signatures to be on the ballot for Jackson Energy. This was due to the process of being changed from six months to three months, and also being changed to an online only petition in a area that has a population that happen to be members of Jackson Energy and are not as computer savvy as other areas. I had several folks helping me go door-to-door, collecting signatures for my petition. I took off weeks of work and spent every day soliciting signatures. Jackson Energy has made the process virtually impossible. To collect the needed signatures. I don't think anyone else is going to spend the time nor money on advertisement that I did to collect the signatures. At the end of the collection process I was told I had 600 signatures. After the committee looked at the signatures I was told that I had 460 of the needed 500 there were 38 signatures that were in yet to be looked at by the committee, but I was told in a letter that there was no need to look at those signatures because if they excepted all of them, I would still only have 498.



From: Clayton Oswald [coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)  
Subject: Jackson Energy Nominaton Petition  
Date: Dec 9, 2024 at 4:18:09 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Carol Wright [carolwright@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:carolwright@jacksonenergy.com), Lisa Baker  
[lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com)

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Ryan,

As we discussed by phone today, I have attached a letter and various documents. Please review and return the documents to me by this Friday if possible. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

**Clayton O. Oswald**  
**Taylor, Keller & Oswald, PLLC**

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December 9, 2024

*Via Electronic Mail Only:* 

Ryan Judd  
120 Twin Oak Place  
McKee, KY 40447

Re: Director Petition Inquiry

Dear Mr. Judd:

As legal counsel for Jackson Energy Cooperative, I have been asked to respond to your inquiry concerning the process for submitting a petition for nomination as a director of the Cooperative.

The process for nomination by petition is outlined in the Cooperative's bylaws which are available on its website at [jacksonenergy.com](http://jacksonenergy.com). The bylaws require that an electronic petition be signed by at least 500 members of the Cooperative. The petition form will be posted on the website to be completed by the members who wish to nominate you. The form will require each member to provide various information including: the member's name, account number, last four digits of his or her social security number and electronic signature.

The deadline for submission of electronic signatures for the petition is March 15, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. local time. The earliest that a petition will be allowed is three (3) months prior to the deadline.

To begin this process, I would ask that you provide me with the following documents:

1. A letter from you stating your intention to pursue nomination by petition. Please also state in the letter that you meet the qualifications to serve as a director as set forth in the bylaws and that you have read Board Policy 109 concerning conflicts of interest, which is available on the website.

2. A copy of your resume which includes your full name as stated on your Jackson Energy account; and
3. An executed consent to perform a background check, a copy of which is enclosed, to allow the Cooperative to determine that you meet the qualifications to serve as a director as stated in the bylaws.

I have also enclosed with this letter a copy of the Cooperative's Board Policy B112 concerning board election campaigns.

I would ask that you return the above documents to me by December 13, 2024. You may return them via email or mail.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Clayton O. Oswald*

Clayton O. Oswald

Enclosures: Board Policy B112  
Consent to Background Check

# CANDIDATE DATA REQUIRED TO INITIATE BACKGROUND CHECK

Personal Information: Please print the information requested below to identify yourself for BGC.

Printed name:

First Middle Last Maiden

Other names used:

Current and former addresses:

	current		
from Mo/Yr	to Mo/Yr	Street	City, State & Zip
from Mo/Yr	to Mo/Yr	Street	City, State & Zip
from Mo/Yr	to Mo/Yr	Street	City, State & Zip

Education Verification:  
(highest degree  
attained)

School Name School City School State Degree

Name while attending:

Some government agencies and other information sources require the following information when checking for records. BGC will not use it for any other purposes.

Date of birth

Social security number

Driver's license number & state

Name as it appears on license

# **JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION**

## **BOARD POLICY NO. B112**

### **SUBJECT: BOARD ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

#### **I. OBJECTIVE**

To establish a code of conduct for a candidate standing for election to the Cooperative's Board of Directors to ensure that the candidate's campaign for a director position is conducted in a fair, transparent, and democratic manner, and to establish limits on director conduct during a Board election.

#### **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a code of conduct for incumbent and non-incumbent Board candidates, and limitations on the conduct of Cooperative directors in connection with a Board election to 1) protect the member-owners' democratic control of the Cooperative, and 2) ensure that candidates do not gain an unfair advantage through bias, manipulation, or undue influence unrelated to the candidate's qualifications for a position on the Cooperative's corporate Board.

#### **III. POLICY**

1. Any Cooperative member running for the Cooperative's Board of Directors is required to sign an acknowledgement form provided by the Cooperative indicating that the candidate understands the structure and governing principles of the Cooperative and that he/she agrees to abide by the Board Election Rules and Procedures as set forth by the Cooperative.
2. Director candidates are prohibited from engaging in dishonest or unethical practices or activities as set forth in the Board Election Rules and Procedures.
3. Director candidates will abide by the Cooperative's policies and standards of conduct, such as personal decorum practices, and the candidate shall treat his or her opponents, Cooperative members, directors, and employees with courtesy, respect, and professionalism to create an atmosphere free of animosity and bad faith.
4. Director candidates are prohibited from appealing to negative prejudices based on race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or national origin or using character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any



candidate, the candidate's personal or family life, and any director or Cooperative employee.

5. Director candidates are responsible for disclosing to the Cooperative any conflict of interest per Board policy B109 that arises before or during the election process or that the candidate knows or has reason to know will arise after the election results are certified.
6. Director candidates standing for election shall not pressure, threaten, or coerce an employee of the Cooperative to campaign, advocate or vote for or against any candidate seeking election to the Board of Directors.
7. Director candidates standing for election shall not pressure, threaten, or coerce a Cooperative member or group of members to campaign, advocate or vote for or against any candidate seeking election to the Board of Directors.
8. Director candidates standing for election shall not obtain, attempt to obtain, or disclose information from or about the Cooperative for use by a candidate or a candidate's campaign without following the procedures and policies for obtaining such information.
9. Director candidates must abide by the Cooperative's campaign communication requirements as set forth in the Cooperative's Board Election Rules and Procedures.
10. Director candidates must abide by the Cooperative's campaign finance disclosure requirements as set forth in the Cooperative's Board Election Rules and Procedures.
11. Director candidates failing to comply with this policy may be removed from the ballot before the election or required to resign from the Board after the election in accordance with procedures established by the Cooperative.
12. This policy supplements and does not replace other policies adopted to govern the process and procedure for Board of Director elections.

#### **IV. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Board of Directors is responsible for evaluating and adopting this policy and administering and enforcing the provisions of this policy that apply to directors, including incumbent directors standing for election.

Directors not standing for election are responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions of this policy that apply to candidates who are not incumbent directors.



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**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

**ADOPTED: July 1, 2024**

# **Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation**

## **Board Election Rules and Procedures**

Electric cooperatives are democratic organizations owned and controlled by their members. Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation is a private, not-for-profit corporation, not a governmental entity. The Cooperative's Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Cooperative's business affairs, including the conduct of Board elections. The following are the Cooperative's board election rules and procedures as referenced in the above Cooperative's Board Policy No. 112 Board Election Campaign Policy.

### **Campaign Communications**

A campaign communication is any written, printed, oral, video, digital, or e-mail picture or statement about the candidate or the candidate's campaign activities and efforts to be elected a director, including a picture or statement posted on an internet website, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Tumblr, Instagram or Google+ or made on or sent through any other medium or social media site existing now or emerging during the campaign ("campaign communications or materials").

1. A candidate is prohibited from representing or implying in any campaign communication that the candidate is endorsed by the Cooperative, the Board of Directors, an individual director, or a Cooperative employee.
2. A candidate shall not use the Cooperative's logo or letterhead in any campaign communication.
3. A candidate's campaign communications must be factually accurate and must not misrepresent the positions or actions of the candidate's opponents, other candidates standing for election, the Cooperative, or the Cooperative's Board of Directors, management, and employees.
4. A candidate is responsible for exercising due diligence to ensure that campaign communications made by or on behalf of the candidate are factually accurate and do not misrepresent the positions or actions of the candidate, the candidate's opponents, other candidates standing for election, the Cooperative, or the Cooperative's Board of Directors, management, and employees.
5. A candidate shall not disseminate, publish, or circulate any campaign communication without a disclaimer with the address and name of the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee responsible for preparing, disseminating, publishing, or circulating the campaign communication. The disclaimer shall read: "Prepared and paid for by [Name and address of candidate or candidate's committee];"

6. A candidate and a candidate's representatives are prohibited from campaigning at or placing campaign posters, signs or other campaign-related materials on the real estate, facilities, or other property owned by the Cooperative, or property used by the Cooperative for members to register for the annual member meeting and cast votes, except that:
  - a) All contact with members shall be courteous and not disruptive to member access to or registration at an annual or other meeting of the Cooperative. A candidate shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her representatives and shall take immediate corrective action if a representative's conduct violates this requirement.
  - b) A candidate is prohibited from placing any campaign material of any kind on a power pole.

#### **Candidate Conduct**

1. A candidate is prohibited from engaging in dishonest or unethical practices or activities or conspiring, soliciting, or arranging for any individual, natural or non-natural member, group of members, person, group of persons, business, or other entity to engage in such activities, including:
  - a) Casting more than one ballot per member.
  - b) Altering or tampering with an electronic, digital, or paper ballot provided to a member.
  - c) Distributing a ballot to a member by unauthorized means.
  - d) Threatening, coercing, restraining, or exercising undue influence over the casting of a ballot by a member.
  - e) Threatening, coercing, restraining, or exercising undue influence over an employee of the Cooperative to obtain the employee's assistance in the candidate's election campaign.
  - f) Accepting a campaign contribution or other financial assistance from any person, corporation, or other entity which has existing or potential financial interest in the business of the Cooperative.
  - g) Distorting, or otherwise falsifying facts, and using malicious or unfounded accusations that are intended to create or exploit unjustified doubts about the personal integrity of the candidate's opponent.

- h) Offering any item of monetary value to a member to induce a member to vote for a particular candidate or on an issue in a particular way.
- i) Violating a bylaw or policy prohibiting a director from participating in the administration of an election for directors.

### **Campaign Finance Disclosure**

1. **Campaign Contributions Prohibited.** To promote the fairness and transparency of the election process and the best interests of the Cooperative, a candidate is prohibited from accepting financial contributions, in-kind contributions, gifts, donations, loans to support the campaign, promises, or pledges to transfer money, goods, or services, paid personal services, or any other type of financial contribution from an individual, natural or non-natural Cooperative member or group of members, person, group of persons, business, partnership, political party, interest group, association, union, or any other incorporated or unincorporated entity in or outside the state of Kentucky.
2. **Campaign Spending and Earnings Disclosure.** A candidate shall also disclose to the Cooperative membership, in the manner required by the Cooperative, information describing how the candidate spent or used the campaign funds. A candidate's spending disclosure shall include a general description of:
  - a) The type of purchase made, such as brochures, signs, posters, salary for staff, radio advertisements, websites, etc.
  - b) Payments to a business in which the candidate or a relative of the candidate has a financial interest.
  - c) Expenditures made to support other candidates and that candidate's name.
3. **Time of Disclosure Reporting.** A candidate is required to provide his or her disclosure of campaign spending and earnings (Disclosure Report) in the manner required by the Cooperative on the following schedule:
  - a) The candidate shall file a *Monthly Disclosure Report* on the last day of each month before the Board election, beginning in the month when the candidate is notified by the Cooperative that his or her name will be placed on the ballot.
  - b) In addition to filing a Disclosure Report on the last day of the month immediately preceding the Board election, a candidate shall file a Disclosure Report for any expenditure in the amount of \$100 or more, not later than 48 hours before the date of the election.

- c) A candidate shall file a *Final Disclosure Report* on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the Cooperative certifies the Board election results.

**Failure to Comply**

- A. A candidate, including an incumbent director standing for election, who fails to comply herewith may be removed from the ballot before the election or required to resign from the Board after the election in accordance with procedures established by the Cooperative to investigate the violation and provide the candidate with an opportunity to respond.
- B. A director, including an incumbent director standing for election, who fails to comply herewith, may be disciplined in accordance and compliance with the Board policies and procedures governing director standards of conduct.

FROM THE DESK OF

**Walker Ryan Judd**

December 11, 2024

Clayton D. Oswald  
Taylor, Keller and Oswald  
1306 West 5TH Street, Suite 100  
P.O. Box 3440  
London KY 40743

Dear Clayton Oswald,

This correspondence is intended to notify Jackson Energy that I intend to pursue nomination for the board of directors by petition. I will be pursuing the nomination to run for director in District 2. I meet the qualifications to seek a directors position as set forth in the bylaws. I have read the board policy, 109 concerning conflicts of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Walker Ryan Judd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walker Ryan Judd", written over a horizontal line.



**From:** Clayton Oswald [coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition  
**Date:** Dec 17, 2024 at 8:02:15 AM  
**To:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED] Lisa Baker  
[lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com)  
**Cc:** Carol Wright [carolwright@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:carolwright@jacksonenergy.com)

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Ryan,

As the attorney for the cooperative, the examination of a petition and the determination of whether it is proper is not within my authority. Once the deadline of March 15 is past, the board will appoint a credentials and elections committee which will be tasked with examining any petitions submitted to determine whether all requirements are met. That committee may, if it desires, retain its own separate counsel to assist it with carrying out its duties.

I know that answer is not particularly helpful. So, while I have no authority to say this, I will say that I would be surprised if the Committee were to reject a petition over the presence or absence of a period after a middle initial.

Best regards,

**Clayton O. Oswald**  
**Taylor, Keller & Oswald, PLLC**

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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 at 6:42 PM  
**To:** Lisa Baker <[lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com)>  
**Cc:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>, Carol Wright <[carolwright@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:carolwright@jacksonenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition

Serious question, are you going to be so picky that it must have a period in it.

On Dec 16, 2024, at 3:57 PM, Lisa Baker <[lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com)> wrote:

The name on Mr. Judd's account is as follows:

**Walker R. Judd**

Best regards,  
Lisa

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**From:** Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2024 4:18 PM  
**To:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Lisa Baker <lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com>; Carol Wright <carolwright@jacksonenergy.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition

The name on the petition should be your name as it is listed on your Jackson Energy account. I have copied Lisa Baker at Jackson Energy on this email to ask her to look up your account and let us know exactly how your name is listed. I am sure it is on your bill as well, but we can make sure that matches the cooperative's records.

Best regards,

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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 at 8:12 AM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition

Also any combination may be used on the petition?

On Dec 16, 2024, at 7:38 AM, Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)> wrote:

Ryan,

Yes, I did note your first official name and used that and your middle name on the background check which should be sufficient. Thanks for the clarification.

Best regards,

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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 4:29 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition

Thank you. I also want to verify that any combination of my first, middle and last name would be sufficient. My full name of Walker Ryan Judd is only used on official documents. Everyone knows me as Ryan Judd.

On Dec 12, 2024, at 5:19 PM, Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)> wrote:

Ryan,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email with attachments. I will get the background check

ordered right away. As we discussed, I will forward your inquiry concerning a counter for submitted petitions to the board for consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Best regards,

**Clayton O. Oswald**  
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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:01 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition



From: Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition  
Date: Dec 16, 2024 at 6:41:58 PM  
To: Lisa Baker lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com  
Cc: Clayton Oswald coswald@tkolegal.com, Carol Wright carolwright@jacksonenergy.com

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Serious question, are you going to be so picky that it must have a period in it.

On Dec 16, 2024, at 3:57 PM, Lisa Baker <lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com> wrote:

The name on Mr. Judd's account is as follows:

**Walker R. Judd**

Best regards,  
Lisa

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From: Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com>  
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 4:18 PM  
To: Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
Cc: Lisa Baker <lisabaker@jacksonenergy.com>; Carol Wright <carolwright@jacksonenergy.com>  
Subject: Re: Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition

The name on the petition should be your name as it is listed on your Jackson Energy account. I have copied Lisa Baker at Jackson Energy on this email to ask her to look up your account and let us know exactly how your name is listed. I am sure it is on your bill as well, but we can make sure that matches the cooperative's records.

Best regards,

**Clayton O. Oswald**  
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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 at 8:12 AM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition

Also any combination may be used on the petition?

On Dec 16, 2024, at 7:38 AM, Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)> wrote:

Ryan,

Yes, I did note your first official name and used that and your middle name on the background check which should be sufficient. Thanks for the clarification.

Best regards,

**Clayton O. Oswald**  
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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 4:29 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition



Thank you. I also want to verify that any combination of my first, middle and last name would be sufficient. My full name of Walker Ryan Judd is only used on official documents. Everyone knows me as Ryan Judd.

On Dec 12, 2024, at 5:19 PM, Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)> wrote:

Ryan,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email with attachments. I will get the background check ordered right away. As we discussed, I will forward your inquiry concerning a counter for submitted petitions to the board for consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Best regards,

**Clayton O. Oswald**  
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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:01 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Ryan Judd Intent to run by petition

From: Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Jackson Energy Board Inquiry  
Date: Dec 28, 2024 at 8:30:43AM  
To: Clayton Oswald [coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)

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I would like to have a report of submissions as requested.

On Dec 28, 2024, at 8:23 AM, Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)> wrote:

Ryan,

The Board has discussed your request to be informed from time to time of the number of petitions that have been submitted on your behalf. The Board has decided that if you will reply to this email requesting this information, I will report to you (based on Jackson Energy's report to me) the number of petitions submitted on your behalf. I have been authorized to report the number to you on the first Friday of each month for the months of January, February and March 2025. Please acknowledge receipt of each email so that I will know that you received the information.

I will also send the same reports to the Board on the same dates it is sent to you.

Please keep in mind that the number of petitions reported to you is a raw number that is simply the total of submissions. Ultimately, it will be up to the Credentials and Election Committee to review the submissions at some point after March 15, 2025 to determine which should be accepted and which should be rejected. A petition form submitted on your behalf may be rejected for various reasons, such as the person who submitted it is not a member of the cooperative, the account number or other information is incorrect, etc. Based on past experience, I would fully expect that some of the submitted petition forms will ultimately be rejected by the Committee. In other words, if at some point I report to you that 500 petition forms have been submitted on your behalf, this is not a guarantee that you have reached the number required to be on the ballot.

Again, if you would like to receive these reports, please reply to this email and let me know. If you have any questions about this, please contact me at any time.

Best regards,

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From: Clayton Oswald [coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)  
Subject: Update on Number of Petitions Submitted  
Date: Jan 3, 2025 at 8:59:23AM  
To: Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
Cc: Carol Wright [carolwright@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:carolwright@jacksonenergy.com), Blake Slone  
[BlakeSlone@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:BlakeSlone@jacksonenergy.com), Brian Cooke  
[briancooke@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:briancooke@jacksonenergy.com), Gordon Phillips  
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[williamlarkey@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:williamlarkey@jacksonenergy.com)

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Dear Mr. Judd:

Pursuant to your request, I am writing to provide you with a report on the number of petitions submitted to nominate you as a director of Jackson Energy Cooperative. As of this morning, January 3, 2025, 130 petitions have been submitted on your behalf.

As mentioned in my prior email, please keep in mind that this is a raw total and some of the submissions may ultimately be rejected by the Credentials and Election Committee when it meets to review the petitions after the deadline for submission. Petitions may be rejected for various reasons, including, without limitation, that the person submitting the petition is not a member, the account number or other information is incorrect, or for any other reason that would cause the petition to be noncompliant with the bylaws.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

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From: Clayton Oswald [coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)  
Subject: Petition Update  
Date: Feb 7, 2025 at 8:46:03 AM  
To: Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
Cc: Carol Wright [carolwright@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:carolwright@jacksonenergy.com), Blake Slone  
[BlakeSlone@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:BlakeSlone@jacksonenergy.com), Brian Cooke  
[briancooke@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:briancooke@jacksonenergy.com), Gordon Phillips  
[gordonphillips@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:gordonphillips@jacksonenergy.com), Jim Hays  
[jhays@irvineonline.net](mailto:jhays@irvineonline.net), Landis Cornett  
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[williamlarkey@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:williamlarkey@jacksonenergy.com)

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Dear Mr. Judd:

Pursuant to your request, I am writing to provide you with a report on the number of petitions submitted to nominate you as a director of Jackson Energy Cooperative. As of this morning, February 7, 2025, 257 petitions have been submitted on your behalf.

As mentioned in my prior email, please keep in mind that this is a raw total and some of the submissions may ultimately be rejected by the Credentials and Election Committee when it meets to review the petitions after the deadline for submission. Petitions may be rejected for various reasons, including, without limitation, that the person submitting the petition is not a member, the account number or other information is incorrect, or for any other reason that would cause the petition to be noncompliant with the bylaws.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

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From: Clayton Oswald [coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)  
Subject: Re: Jackson Energy Petition Issues  
Date: Feb 10, 2025 at 8:32:13AM  
To: Ryan Judd [REDACTED]

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Good morning Mr. Judd,

I have forwarded your emails to Jackson Energy to look into this issue and I will report back as soon as I hear back from them. Thank you.

Best regards,

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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:07AM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Jackson Energy Petition Issues

In addition to the earlier email, would it be possible to leave the electronic collection open as well as a paper version as I have spent money buying newspaper ads and cards with QR codes that link to the electronic petition form.

Sir, I have had some issues that are very concerning. I had let a member sign a petition using my phone. Soon after I had another member attempt to use my phone to sign. I went to the Jackson Energy website and clicked the green button to link to the petition. I was met with a screen that stated access was denied. I started a new search for Jackson Energy and again followed the green button to the petition and was denied again. (Screenshot Pictures attached) I had to give instructions to the family on how to fill out the petition with the hope that they will follow through. After the incident I have lost



confidence in the system that you have in place. I have ran a social media campaign and have had 292 people click the link to sign the petition. Could there have been an issue with part of those attempts? Could others signer's have had the same issue that I had today? With my total numbers being less than the social media campaign let alone the petitions that friends and family filled out and the ones I assisted with, I feel that there are issues with the system that are out of the control of Jackson Energy. Could there be a form of relief such as letting me finish with paper petitions so I know that all are being counted? Can I be assured that all the petitions were allowed or have there been others turned away by the server ? I hope to have some of these concerns answered soon as my petition window is limited.

Walker Ryan Judd

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From: Clayton Oswald [coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)  
Subject: Re: Jackson Energy Director Petition Process  
Date: Feb 21, 2025 at 10:38:00 AM  
To: Ryan Judd [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. Judd,

I will pass along your comments to the board. If any member needs assistance, they are welcome to contact the Cooperative or come to any drive trough. Thank you.

Best regards,

**Clayton O. Oswald**  
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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:40 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Jackson Energy Director Petition Process

I wanted to bring to your attention the fact that when people sign on a computer there is no easy way to sign the petition. The person filling it out has to use the mouse or touchpad while holding the mouse button and sign their name. With that being the only way to sign it on a computer makes it difficult even if you are computer literate. There may be petition that aren't signed because of the difficulty. By your bylaws these could be throw out even though the person tried to sign. I assisted someone signing using that method and it was difficult. Again I'm being penalized because of the way the system has been set up. Also I had a person say that he had a very difficult time getting assistance at the drive thru. He was eventually able to get the petition signed but stated it was harder than it should have been. This needs

to be brought to the attention of the board.

On Feb 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM, Clayton Oswald  
<coswald@tkolegal.com> wrote:

As I mentioned previously, the website has security features that may be triggered by multiple submissions from the same device. While these features cannot be completely disabled due to cyber security risks, the Cooperative is doing its best to allow you to submit the petitions yet not disable the security features of the website. Have you been able to get the petitions to go through now? Please let me know if there are further issues. Thank you.

Best regards,

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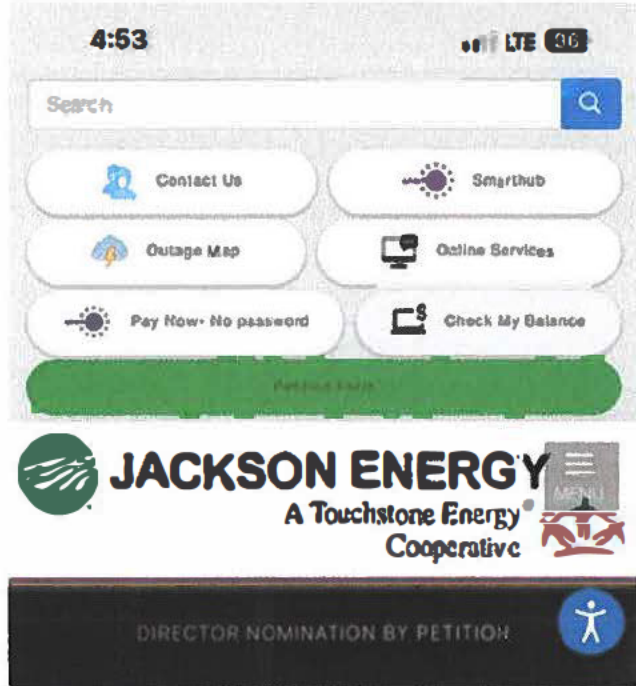
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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Friday, February 14, 2025 at 5:04 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Jackson Energy Director Petition Process

It was, but I'm dealing with people who don't have access to a computer or smart phone. I have cards that give to people that have access to those devices. The card has a QR code as well as instructions on how to submit. I know you stated that the intention was to have people use their own device but by doing that you alienate part of the membership. I'm playing by your rules, but not everyone has access nor the ability to fill this out without



assistance. Is fair for me to have them drive across the county to Jackson Energy office and ask for assistance when I'm standing with them and have internet service? By having my device blocked you are taking precious time from me as the rules have been changed to allow a three month window when it was a six month window. I'm still blocked as a few minutes ago.

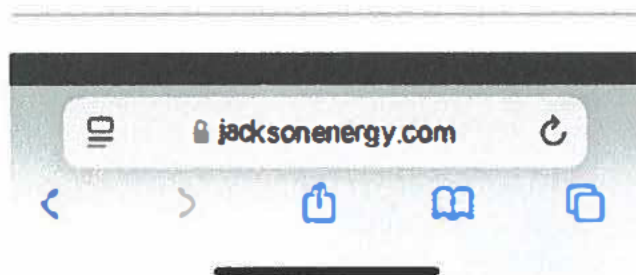


DIRECTOR NOMINATION BY PETITION



## Director Nomination by Petition

No more submissions are permitted.



On Feb 14, 2025, at 4:25 PM, Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com> wrote:

Was this for a submission using your cell phone?

Best regards,

**Clayton O. Oswald**

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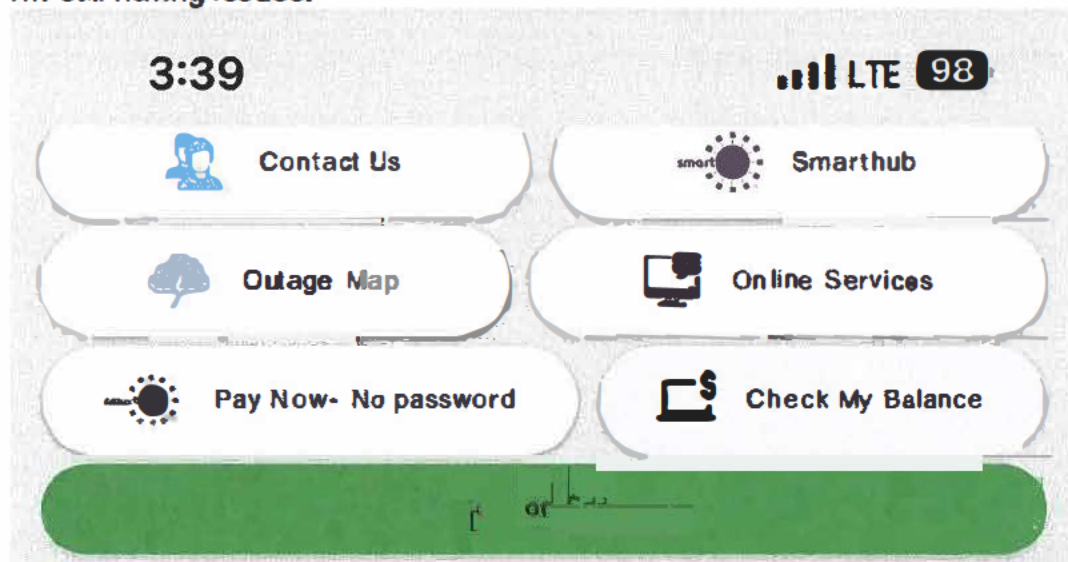
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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Friday, February 14, 2025 at 3:43 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Jackson Energy Director Petition Process

I'm still having issues.







## DIRECTOR NOMINATION BY PETITION

# Director Nomination by Petition



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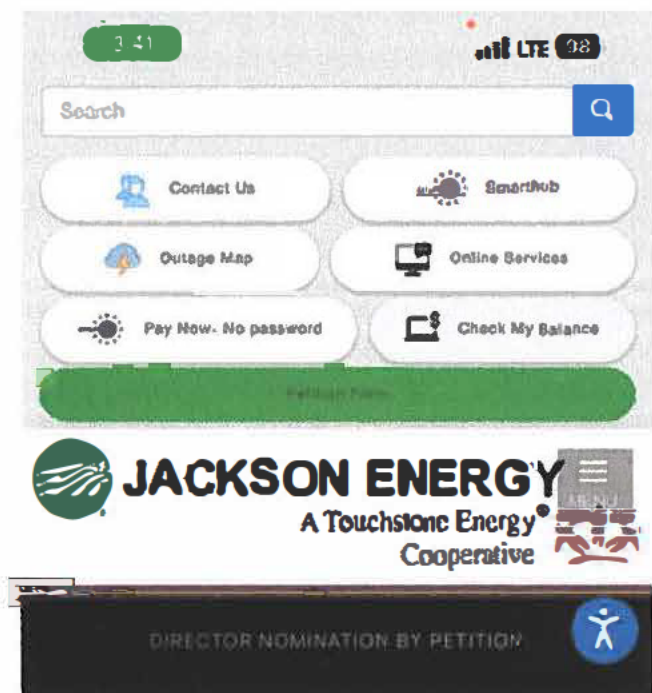
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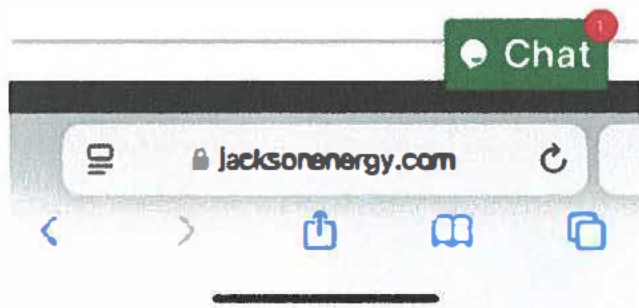


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## Director Nomination by Petition

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On Feb 13, 2025, at 1:25 PM, Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Judd and Mr. Hoskins,

On behalf of Jackson Energy Cooperative, I am writing to you both to address the issues you have recently raised with respect to the process for

nomination for a director position by petition. The Jackson Energy Board adopted the current electronic petition process for various reasons, but most importantly to simplify the process and to promote member engagement. It is the Board's belief that allowing the electronic submission of petitions from an electronic device by a member promotes democratic engagement better than requiring members to physically sign a single petition form.

The Cooperative's Board has met to address the issues you have each raised. Other than your recent emails to me, the Cooperative has not received any complaints from its membership about any issues with the submission of a petition. The process was intended to have each member submit the petition on his or her own device. While nothing in the Cooperative's bylaws prevents the use of your device to submit a petition on behalf of another member, it appears that with respect to Mr. Judd, multiple submissions from the same IP address caused security features built into the website to flag the submissions as possible malicious activity and place a 30-minute temporary block on submissions from his device. There are various solutions to this issue which include the following: (1) ask the member to use his or her own device to submit the petition; (2) submit the petition at a later time; (3) advise the member to go to any of the Cooperative's office to ask for assistance and such a member will be provided with an electronic device for use in submitting a petition. Jackson Energy is always willing to assist any member who has an issue with submitting a petition or who has no internet access. Keep in mind that petitions may be submitted by members via smartphone as well.

A business may submit a petition by simply filling in the name of the business under first and last name. If the business has a social security number associated with it, such as a sole proprietorship, the last four digits of the social may be entered. If the business does not have a social security number associated with it, that last four digits of the person completing the form may be used.

The Board has not received sufficient information to create a belief that the current system is not functioning properly. Furthermore, the Board does not believe that changing the process would be advisable.

If you have any issues that arise in the future, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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**From:** Clayton Oswald coswald@tkolegal.com  
**Subject:** Re: Update on Petition Numbers  
**Date:** Mar 17, 2025 at 11:10:31AM  
**To:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]

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Mr. Judd,

Yes, the total number of petitions submitted for your nomination as a director is 600. As you mentioned in your email, the Credentials and Election Committee will begin reviewing the petition submissions to make the ultimate decision as to whether there are or are not at least 500 valid submissions. Once that process is complete, we will report back.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Best regards,

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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, March 17, 2025 at 8:00 AM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Update on Petition Numbers

With the collections period having ended this weekend, I would like to request a total on the submissions that were collected. I'm aware that those petitions are required to be examined by a committee before a final number is established, nevertheless I would expect Jackson Energy wouldn't mind sharing the preliminary results.

On Mar 13, 2025, at 8:37 AM, Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com> wrote:

Yes, according to the bylaws, the deadline for submission of petition forms is 4:00 p.m.

Best regards,

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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 9:14 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Update on Petition Numbers

Would you be able to clarify what time the petition closes on Saturday March 15?

On Mar 7, 2025, at 10:30 AM, Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Judd:

Pursuant to your request, I am writing to provide you with a report on the number of petitions submitted to nominate you as a director of Jackson Energy Cooperative. As of this morning, March 7, 2025, 481 petitions have been submitted on your behalf.

As mentioned in my prior emails, please keep in mind that this is a raw total and some of the submissions may ultimately be rejected by the Credentials and Election Committee when it meets to review the petitions after the deadline for submission. Petitions may be rejected for various reasons, including, without limitation, that the person submitting the petition is not a member, the account number or other information is incorrect, or for any other reason that would cause the petition to be noncompliant with the bylaws.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

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From: Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com>  
Subject: Re: Report of Credentials and Election Committee  
Date: Apr 4, 2025 at 4:18:49 PM  
To: Ryan Judd [REDACTED]

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Mr. Judd,

In response to your questions, the Committee does not provide a notice to any members directly. The report that you were provided is what the Committee supplies to the Board setting out the reasons for the rejection of some of the petition submissions. The Board has discussed whether the petition submissions may be released, and the Board will not do so due to Board policies governing the release of information and further due to the privacy interests of the members who submitted the petitions.

Best regards,

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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 4:46 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Report of Credentials and Election Committee

I'm not trying to be argumentative. But I have zero communication through this process other than you. I do have a few questions and no where to turn.

Per the by laws, does the committee have plans to send a letter to the signees whose signatures weren't accepted?

How can you keep the petition from me as they were signing for me? If it were on paper like the last election I would have been able to see it as I would have had copies.

Can you not bring these issues to the board or are you authorized to make these decisions?

On Apr 2, 2025, at 4:22 PM, Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com> wrote:

Mr. Judd,

While I respectfully disagree with your below interpretation of the bylaws, I don't think it is appropriate for me to argue the point with you. Rather, I am doing my best to provide you with the information that the Cooperative can release. The Committee carefully reviewed the bylaws and submissions and made the determination as stated in their report and there is nothing further that I can add to that.

Best regards,

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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 2:30 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Report of Credentials and Election Committee

I've read the bylaws. It says the members entitled to one vote at the meeting. It says nothing about one vote during the petition so as I requested, I would like to know about the duplicate petitions. Also, I would like for you to preserve the number and names on the petitions.

On Apr 2, 2025, at 2:26 PM, Clayton Oswald <coswald@tkolegal.com> wrote:

Mr. Judd,

Concerning the duplicates, the meter number would be irrelevant. Under the bylaws and cooperative law, one member is entitled to one vote, regardless of the number of accounts that member may have with the Cooperative.

The Cooperative's policies and the privacy interests of the Cooperative's members do not allow for the petition forms or other information to be released.

Best regards,

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**From:** Ryan Judd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 12:03 PM  
**To:** Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Report of Credentials and Election Committee

To clarify I would like an explanation on the duplicates. Were they for the same account or a person signing under two meter numbers?

On Apr 2, 2025, at 11:38 AM, Ryan Judd [REDACTED] wrote:

I would like a copy of all submitted petitions as well as the detailed report.

On Apr 2, 2025, at 11:15 AM, Clayton Oswald <[coswald@tkolegal.com](mailto:coswald@tkolegal.com)> wrote:

Mr. Judd,

Please see the attached letter and report. Thank you.

Best regards,

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April 2, 2025

*Via Electronic Mail* [REDACTED] *and First-Class Mail*

Ryan Judd  
120 Twin Oak Place  
McKee, KY 40447

Dear Mr. Judd:

As legal counsel for Jackson Energy Cooperative, I have been asked to report to you concerning the petitions submitted to nominate you as a director of the Cooperative. Pursuant to the Cooperative's Bylaws, the Credentials and Election Committee has reviewed the submissions and has determined that you have not met the requirement of having 500 members sign a petition on your behalf for your nomination as a director.

The Commission reviewed 600 petition forms submitted on your behalf. However, some of the submissions were rejected for non-compliance with the bylaws, including duplicate submissions; invalid account numbers; invalid social security numbers; inactive accounts or missing information. After rejecting those submissions, the Committee accepted 460 submissions on your behalf, which obviously is less than the 500 required.

The Credentials and Election Committee has submitted its report to the Secretary of the Cooperative and the Board of Directors has accepted the Committee's report. A copy of report is attached for your review.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Cooperative's Board of Directors and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Clayton O. Oswald*

Clayton O. Oswald

# **JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION**

## **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE**

**March 19, 2025**

The Credentials and Election Committee (the "Committee") of the Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation (the "Cooperative") conducted two meetings to fulfill its duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Cooperative's bylaws. The Committee hereby submits its Report to the Board of Directors of the Cooperative regarding its performance of those duties and further providing the reasons it disapproved of certain petition submissions.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Cooperative, the Committee requested that management and staff review the petition submissions and make a report to the Committee regarding various issues including submissions for which there were no discrepancies and submissions for which there were discrepancies such as incorrect information or duplicate submissions. The Cooperative's management submitted a written report for the Committee's review and answered the Committee's questions. The Committee then reviewed the Report and discussed the matter, making the following findings:

### **Petitions Received Nominating Walker Ryan Judd**

The Committee reviewed the Cooperative's Report with respect to petitions submitted on behalf of Mr. Judd. The Cooperative noted that 600 total submissions were received by the Cooperative. There were no issues or discrepancies reported with 452 of those submissions, so the Committee accepted them. The Committee further accepted seven submissions for entities such as churches or businesses for which no social security number was submitted. In addition, the Committee accepted one submission listing the candidate's name as "Brian," rather than "Ryan." The Committee rejected the following submissions as being clearly unacceptable pursuant to the bylaws:

Duplicate submissions:	65
Invalid account number:	15
Social security number does not match:	14
Inactive accounts:	8
No social security number listed:	1

The Committee discussed whether to review additional information concerning the names of members that did not match their membership information (30 submissions) and last names that did not match membership information (7 submissions). The Cooperative staff reported that the names that did not match were completely different than the names listed in the Cooperative's membership database. However, the Committee found these issues to be immaterial since even if all of those submissions were accepted, Mr. Judd would not have 500 valid submissions. Ultimately, the Committee accepted 460 petitions submitted on behalf of Mr. Judd.

Having determined that Mr. Judd did not receive 500 valid petition submissions on his behalf, the Committee determined that Mr. Judd was not properly nominated to serve as a Director of the Cooperative.

#### Petitions Received Nominating Ralph Hoskins

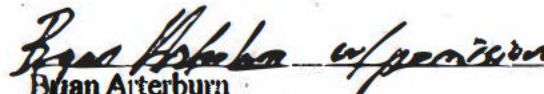
The Committee next reviewed the Report of Cooperative staff with respect to petitions submitted on behalf of Mr. Hoskins. The Committee noted that there were 316 total petition submissions on behalf of Mr. Hoskins. There were no issues or discrepancies reported with 214 of those submissions, so the Committee accepted them. The Committee further accepted one submission for a non-individual entity with no social security number listed and two submissions which listed the candidate's name inaccurately or incompletely. The Committee rejected the remaining submissions as being clearly unacceptable pursuant to the Bylaws and as being immaterial since the total number of submissions was less than the 500 required by the Bylaws. Ultimately, the Commission accepted 217 petitions submitted on behalf of Mr. Hoskins.

Having determined that Mr. Hoskins did not receive 500 valid petition submissions on his behalf, the Committee determined that Mr. Hoskins was not properly nominated to serve as a Director of the Cooperative.

  
Andy Hillard

  
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