

April 11, 2025

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Attn: Elections 2024 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22203

Dear NAMI 2025 Elections Committee,

The NAMI Texas Board is proud to submit the name of Elise Banks-Lovely as a candidate for the 2025 NAMI Board of Directors. The nomination of Elise Banks-Lovely was confirmed on April 5, 2025. Elise Banks-Lovely is an active member of NAMI Texas.

Elise Banks-Lovely is an exceptional candidate for the 2025-26 NAMI Board of Directors. Elise is a minority, female business owner who represents a demographic under 40. Over the last nine years, Elise has made efforts in using social media to bring attention to mental health matters. Elise is able to promote and bring awareness of mental health in personal and professional life. Elise excels in her ability to lead with an empathetic approach. She holds people accountable while celebrating their strengths and value to the organization. Her professional expertise, as a mental health provider, allows her the ability to see the lens of how services impact the person seeking treatment and resources. Elise has brought a public presence to the community. Since 2015, Elise has traveled all over the country, as a National Ambassador, meeting with NAMI chapters and representing NAMI on podcasts, articles, conferences, and 3rd party organizations and companies. Since 2017, Elise has been a part of the NAMI Texas Board of Directors. She has worked with the board through a transition of executive directors, a global pandemic, and supporting the organization to become financially healthy. Elise is a team player who freely offers her strengths to an organization while allowing others to display theirs as well.

For these reasons, the NAMI Texas Board supports the nomination of Elise Banks-Lovel to serve families and individuals affected by mental illness as a member of the 2025-26 NAMI Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Greg Hansch, Executive Director, NAMI Texas