

**Elise Banks-Lovely**  
Nominated by NAMI Texas

**Nominator Narrative**

Greg Hansch

Executive Director, NAMI Texas

*NAMI Board service demands experience, knowledge, commitment, and time to help others. Board members must be passionate about NAMI's goals, values, and beliefs. This year, the NAMI Board is highlighting specific skills that they are seeking in candidates to strengthen the current skill sets on the board. You can review the [2025 Open Letter](#) from the NAMI Board President for more information on the call for candidates.*

**Please list the skill areas identified in the Open Letter in which this candidate excels.**

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.

**Explain any additional skill areas in which this candidate excels not identified in the Open Letter that you believe would be an asset to the NAMI Board.**

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.

**This individual has helped advance the NAMI mission in my community by...**

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.

**This individual works well in coordination with other leaders to accomplish goals as evidenced by...**

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.