

Brighten Academy 2020 Governing Board Elections

The Brighten Academy Governing Board is pleased to invite applications from individuals with a heart for quality public education, who believe in the Brighten mission, core beliefs, and basic charter tenets, and who have the time and willingness to serve with us. Eligible individuals include: Community members, Brighten parents/guardians or grandparents, and educators of all backgrounds.

The priority backgrounds sought for the 2020 elections include, but are not limited to, the list below. Candidates may have experience and/or expertise in one or more categories.

Governing Board members serve for a 3-year term.

- Advocacy
- Community Outreach

Questions can be directed to Katherine Smayda, ksmayda@brightenacademy.com, Governing Board Vice President.

Elections are scheduled to be held in the Brighten Academy café during the May PTO voting meeting on May 12th. Candidates who are selected for the voting slate are invited to speak to the PTO members in attendance shortly before voting. Board members are elected by the Brighten Academy PTO. Voters must be a registered PTO member to obtain a ballot.

Brighten Academy's mission and core beliefs can be found on our school website under, "About Brighten." The charter and policy manual can be viewed or downloaded (caution, these are large documents) from the Governing Board's website.

Brighten believes that education is a shared responsibility among the school, home, and community. Active engagement by a qualified board filled with committed parents, educators, and other stakeholders is critical to effective school outcomes which include high student achievement, sustainability, and effective operations. Please be aware that we are a working board, meeting twice monthly. Board members are expected to be active participants in the decision-making process, for the entire three-year term, not simply in an advisory role.

Interested applicants should review Brighten Academy's website, charter, and policy manual to better understand the school and its mission. Applicants should then submit the following application package to ksmayda@brightenacademy.com. The application should include:

- **Letter of interest addressed to the Brighten Academy Elections Subcommittee**
- **Résumé**
- **Signed Board Commitment Letter, policy B2; applicants may electronically submit a scan of this document and/or bring the signed hard copy to the interview**
- **Three references (2 professional & 1 personal: name, email, phone, role/relationship)**

- **Brief video (2-3 minutes):** introduction, reason for interest, qualifications, and other helpful information for parent voters to get to know you. (This will be placed on our website for PTO members to review prior to election night)

Key dates are listed below:

- Notification period - **February 1 – March 9**
- Due date for application - **March 9, close of business**
- Interviews for invited candidates - **Week of March 23rd**
- Committee recommendations to Board - **April 13th**
- Election (PTO voting meeting and following day) - **May 12th**
- Elected candidates shadow, training - **May- June**
- Candidates become voting members - **June**
- Shadowing by exiting board members - **June**