

# Brighten Academy Governing Board Elections

The priority backgrounds sought for membership on the Board 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.

- Finance
- General Business
- Education/ Academics
- Organization
- Grant Writing
- Community Development/ Relationship Development
- Fundraising
- Legal

Elections are typically scheduled to be held at Brighten Academy during the April PTO voting meeting. Candidates who are selected for the voting slate are invited to speak to the PTO members in attendance shortly before voting. The Brighten Academy PTO elects board members. 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 the slideshow regarding Board member responsibilities, as well as Brighten Academy's charter and policy manual. Applicants should then submit the following application package to the Governing Board Vice President. The application should include:

- Letter of interest addressed to the Brighten Academy Elections Subcommittee

- 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. This can be found on the Brighten Academy website under Brighten Governing Board's tab in the Policy Manual.
- Three reference letters (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)