



Dear Oceanside Collegiate Academy Family Members and Stakeholders:

Oceanside Collegiate Academy (OCA) has contracted with the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina to manage its election process. This ensures integrity and confidentiality in the process. Board elections will be held electronically by e-ballot **April 25th – 27th, 2023**.

In the spring of 2023, two seats will be filled by election, with those two elected seats having two-year terms. Four seats will be filled by appointment, with two appointed seats having two-year terms and two appointed seats having one-year terms, and the assignment of term lengths at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The term for each such elected and appointed Director shall commence on July 1, 2023.

The call for Board candidates will begin on Monday, April 3, 2023. The filing period will close at noon on April 17, 2023. Profiles of each candidate will be made available for voters. The role of the board is to advance the mission of the school by governing with policies which ensure the school complies with state regulations regarding charter schools in South Carolina and by ensuring the school is fiscally sound. OCA looks for board members who are eager to commit their time and energy to stay abreast of the latest legislative issues that impact the school and who have previous experience serving on nonprofit boards. OCA seeks a diverse board with the skills needed to govern a public charter school. Board members are responsible for the long-term sustainability of the school. All board members must be South Carolina residents and clear a SLED background check.

Per South Carolina Charter Law, boards are elected by the families of charter school students and employees of the school. If a family has multiple children enrolled at OCA, the family will receive an e-ballot for each student. Each employee of the school is given one vote per person. Please ensure the school has a current email address on file. The e-ballot will be sent to the official email on file in PowerSchool for the custodial parent. The official e-ballot will be available from **8:00 am on April 25th until 4:00 pm on April 27th, 2023**. A link will be sent to voters by email address elections@SCCharterSchools.org (please add this address to your email contacts so you receive your e-ballot). Once votes are tabulated, elected board members will be notified.

Timeline for voting:

April 25th – 27th, 2023: Emails sent with e-ballot information to stakeholders at 8:00 am.

Voting Closes at 4:00 pm on April 27th, 2023: If you need access to a computer or require assistance, you may come to the school during regular school hours on these days for assistance or use of a computer.

Thank you for your continued support of OCA and South Carolina's charter schools. We hope your students have a great academic year! Please contact me at elections@SCCharterSchools.org if you have any questions during the process.

Kind Regards,

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