



Dear Bettis Preparatory Academy Family Members and Stakeholders:

Bettis Preparatory Academy (BPA) 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 **May 2nd – 4th, 2023**.

In the 2023, two members, Charles Morgan and Sallie Cooks, will rotate off of the board. Two (2) elected seats up in this cycle with those two elected seats having two-year terms.

The call for Board candidates will begin on Monday, April 10, 2023. Click [here to open the filing form](#). The filing period will close at noon on April 24, 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. BPA 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. BPA 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 BPA, 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 May 2nd until 4:00 pm on May 4th, 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:

May 2nd – 4th, 2023: Emails sent with e-ballot information to stakeholders at 8:00 am.

Voting Closes at 4:00 pm on May 4th, 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,

Kevin S. Mason
Executive Director
Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina



2023 Board Election Process

Bettis Preparatory Leadership Academy (BPLA) has contracted with the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina (PCSASC) to administer this year's appointment and election process. This ensures integrity and confidentiality in the process. The governing board consists of nine (9) members, five elected and four appointed seats. In 2023, two members, Charles Morgan and Sallie Cooks, will rotate off of the board. Two (2) elected seats up in this cycle.

Timeline

April 10th, 2023: Call for Candidates will be distributed to the public by the school. Each prospective board member must complete an online filing form.

Filing Form Link: <https://forms.gle/2xeAYmVcNPoreCzz9>

April 24th, 2023: Candidate filing will close at 12:00 pm (Noon).

April 26th, 2023: Election candidate information and form answers will be posted online.

May 2nd- 4th, 2023: Voting open with e-ballot links emailed to each parent/guardian and employee of BPLA. Voting will open on **May 2nd, 2023, at 8:00 am** and close on **May 4th, 2023, at 4:00 pm**. There is one vote per child enrolled in the school and one vote per employee. Each ballot will have a unique pin number to ensure confidentiality and integrity of the process. Computers will be available at the school during normal office hours each day for families who need additional assistance with voting.

May 5th, 2023: Election results will be certified and announced publicly.

July 2023: All elected and appointed board members will take office and be formally sworn in during the first regularly scheduled board meeting of the 2022-23 school year. This completes the election process.

Meeting and Training Requirements

BPLA Board Members are required to attend all board meetings.

Mandated Board Training – Per state law, all board members are required to attend board training within one (1) year of taking office. Free trainings will be offered by the South Carolina Department of Education.