

2025 KEY ELECTION DATES

March 1st - Application window **OPENS** for Board Candidates

March 29th - Applications window **CLOSES** at **5:00 pm CT**

April 24th - Election Guides will be Emailed to All Eligible voters and posted to Great Oaks Website

***Due to the fact that all candidates are running uncontested, there will be no election and each candidate will win by default**

May 19th - Public **Candidate Meet and Greet** to be held at **6:00 pm CT** in GYM at Great Oaks

May 19th - Elected Board Members announced at the Board's Regular Meeting

Election Overview

Board Composition: SEVEN Directors

- **Three parents** of currently enrolled students
- **Three licensed teachers** currently employed by the school
- **One community member** that is neither the parent nor guardian of a current Great Oaks Academy student nor employed by Great Oaks Academy. They must live in the state of Minnesota and should have a connection to Great Oaks Academy.

Board Seats Up for Election:

- **One Parent** seat for a **3-year term**
- **One Teacher** seat for a **3-year term**

Who Elects the Board? YOU DO!

- Great Oaks Academy parents and guardians
- Great Oaks Academy faculty and staff
- Great Oaks Academy Seated Board Members that are the Community Representatives

2025 Election Cycle

We have been working through our springtime election cycle here at Great Oaks Academy. During the month of March, we solicited applications for a parent seat and a teacher seat for this upcoming election. During this application window, we had one candidate apply for each of the two open seats. Our desire as a board is to field a robust group of candidates for these positions that will allow our community choice during an election. However, given that each of the current candidates is running uncontested, there will be no need for a vote as each candidate will win by default.

We are also inviting everyone in our community to a meet and greet event on Monday, May 19 at 6:00pm at the school. This will be an opportunity to meet these new board members, as well as the existing board members. We trust that this time to interact with board members will help you get to know these individuals

who volunteer to serve our school. We would love to talk with you and seek to answer any questions you have about what the board of directors is doing and how we seek to support the school.

Election Communications

Please note that all communications regarding elections will take place primarily through email. If an eligible voter does not have access to email, they can contact the school office at [651-615-0499](tel:651-615-0499) so that other arrangements can be made.

BOARD OVERVIEW

Overall Function of the Board

Board members have both a legal duty and an ethical obligation to ensure that Great Oaks Academy carries out its mission and vision. The Board holds institutional leadership and oversees the school's business affairs. This includes several crucial responsibilities such as managing Great Oaks strategic plan, adopting and implementing policies, evaluating the Executive Director, ensuring compliance reporting, setting strategic goals, and managing the school's finances.

What Makes a Good Board Member?

Embodies a passion for Great Oaks Academy's mission and classical model, alongside a commitment to fortifying our school community. They demonstrate a collaborative spirit, actively contributing to the board, and exhibit a genuine willingness to listen openly to diverse perspectives.

DESIRED Knowledge | Skills | Experiences In:

- **Marketing/Public Relations/Advertising** (Priority)
- **Non-Profit Management** (Priority)
- **Strategic Planning** (Priority)
- Finance/Accounting
- Development/Fundraising
- Governance/Law/Policy Creation
- Human Resources
- Education
- Facilities Management

Additional considerations: Board members can expect to spend roughly 12-15 hours per month contributing to Board efforts through meetings, assignments, and committee work. **Teachers** are required to have been associated or connected with the school for a minimum of one year, prior to the election. **Community Members** are required to have a working knowledge of Great Oaks Academy. In the event that not enough qualified candidates are identified, the board reserves the discretion to amend election requirements by majority vote.