


Bridges Charter School 	Board Policy- Governing Board Elections	
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Any person is eligible to be a Governing Board member, without further qualifications, if he/she is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a registered voter, and not legally disqualified from holding civil office. (Education Code 35107)

Board Member Terms & Elections

Board members shall serve a term of three years. No board member may serve more than three consecutive terms. After serving three consecutive terms, an individual must take at least one year off if he or she wishes to run for election again. Board elections will be held each June. A school employee elected to the Board shall resign his/her position before being sworn in or shall have his/her employment automatically terminated upon being sworn into office. (Education Code 35107)

The Director shall not serve on the Board and shall not vote in Board elections. Interested persons shall not serve on the Board of Directors.

Campaign Conduct

In order to help protect the public's trust in the electoral process as well as the public's confidence in the Board and Bridges Charter School, the Board encourages all candidates to sign and adhere to the principles in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices pursuant to Elections Code 20440. (BRIDGES Charter Petition, 2/6/10)

Election

In mid-late May each year, candidates will introduce themselves by speaking no more than 5 minutes to the community at Open House and explaining why they want to serve on the Board of Trustees. The questionnaire, resume (if submitted), and 200 word statement (Elections Code 13307) will be available at Open House and throughout the voting period for stakeholders to read about the candidates before voting.

For the remainder of the school week during which Open House is held, parents may request a ballot in person from the Office Manager. Voting will close at 4 p.m. Friday after Open House.

Tie Votes in Board Member Elections

Whenever a tie makes it impossible to determine which of two or more candidates ha been elected to the Board, the Board shall immediately notify the candidates who received the tie

votes of the time and place where the candidates or their representatives should appear before the Board. The Board at that time shall determine the winner by lot. (Education Code 5016)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1006 Qualifications for holding office, county board of education

5000-5033 Elections

5220-5231 Elections

5300-5304 General provisions (conduct of elections)

5320-5329 Order and call of elections

5360-5363 Election notice

5390 Qualifications of voters

5440-5442 Miscellaneous provisions

7054 Use of district property

35107 Eligibility; school district employees