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Oshki Ogimaag Charter School

Adopted: 05/21/25

Revised: _____

POLICY No. _____

OSHKI OGIMAAG CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

I. PURPOSE

To ensure Board elections are conducted in a manner that is transparent, equitable, and fully compliant with Minnesota Statutes §124E.07, the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Open Meeting Law, and the Oshki Ogimaag Charter School Bylaws.

II. ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Eligible voters include:

- Parents and legal guardians of currently enrolled students
- School staff employed by Oshki Ogimaag Charter School
- Members of the current Board of Directors

III. ELECTION OVERSIGHT

Per OOCs Board bylaws, the Vice-Chair of the Board is responsible for overseeing the nomination and election process, including:

- Coordinating the nomination procedures
- Ensuring statutory timelines are met
- Managing the distribution, collection, and counting of ballots
- Announcing results

IV. ELECTION TIMING

- Annual Meeting: May, Aligning with End of Year Celebration
- Term Start: July 01, following the election

Notice of the Annual Meeting will be posted on the school's website and at the school site at least 30 calendar days in advance.

V. NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations for Board candidates may occur through the following methods:

1. Board-generated slate: A list of candidates developed through Board or Nominating Committee processes
2. Community nominations: Any eligible voter may nominate themselves or others
3. Floor nominations: At the Annual Meeting, up to three calls for nominations from the floor. Nominees must be present and accept to be eligible

All nominees must submit a brief biography and candidate statement by the designated deadline.

VI. CANDIDATE NOTIFICATION

To comply with updated statute (effective August 1, 2024), the following must be provided:

- Candidate names, biographies, and statements must be posted to the school's website and physically posted at least 10 calendar days before the election
- A full voter notification packet, including voting instructions and candidate materials, will be posted to the school's website at least 10 days before the election

VII. VOTING PROCEDURES

- Method: Voting shall be conducted by paper ballot only
- Ballot Contents: List of candidates, with a space for write-ins
- Distribution: Ballots will be distributed to all eligible voters present at the Annual Meeting, with instructions
- Security: The Vice-Chair ensures ballots are securely collected and accurately counted
- Voting Window: Voting will take place during a specified time period and conclude by the close of the Annual Meeting

VIII. RESULTS AND RECORD KEEPING

- Ballots will be counted by the Vice-Chair and/or an appointed party
- Election results will be publicly announced and posted to the school's website within 5 business days.
- Records of election materials will be kept for a minimum of 12 months

IX. COMPLIANCE AND AMENDMENTS

This policy shall be reviewed annually

- Amendments require majority Board approval and must remain in compliance with all applicable laws, including Open Meeting Law and Minnesota Statutes §124E