

Membership rules

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The Directors of the School Board shall be natural persons at least eighteen years of age or older. The Board of LOTUS SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE will consist of no more than seven (7) voting Directors. Newly elected Directors will have staggered terms of three years, provided that each Director shall continue to serve until his or her successor has been duly qualified, or until the Director resigns, is removed, is deemed to resign, or the Director's seat becomes vacant, under sections 4 through 8 below. The Principal will join the Board as non-voting Director.

By the end of February of each school year, the existing LSE board of directors will appoint a nominating committee comprised of two Directors, two teachers, and three parents. The nominating committee will solicit nominations to the Board from all school constituents, including parents and teachers. If there are more than three nominees, the nominating committee will select no less or no more than three nominees per open board position based on criterion established by board policy.

All nominees will be required to complete and submit a letter of interest by the end of March. Board elections will be held no later than the end of April of each year, with newly elected Directors taking their seats in June. Voting will be open to all parents/legal guardians of students enrolled at LSE. Parents shall be given at least 14 days notice in advance of the deadline for nomination of the candidates. The election of the new candidates shall be completed by a written, secret ballot by parents/guardians of students who are registered to attend Lotus.

Resignations

Any Director of the Corporation may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the President or to the Secretary of the Corporation. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Deemed Resignation

A Director is deemed to have resigned for failure to attend four (4) meetings or other obligations and that failure is confirmed by a majority of the Board. The failure is effective as a resignation at the time of such vote.

Removal by Board of Directors

Any Director may be removed with or without cause at any time by the affirmative vote of the majority of remaining Directors, cast at a special meeting of such Directors called for that purpose,

and the vacancy on the Board caused by such removal will be filled by special election at the direction of the Board.

Removal by Petition

If a petition to remove one or more Directors elected by parents/guardians is presented to the Board of Directors, such a petition will compel the Board to add the petition as an item on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting. Such a petition must contain the names of one--third of total Lotus School for Excellence families and staff. A petition to remove one or more Directors elected by the parents/guardians must be provided to either the Board President or Secretary no less than fifteen days prior to the Board meeting date. Should the petition not be withdrawn, one month later the Council will submit the matter to a vote of the parents and staff of the Lotus School for Excellence.

Vacancies

Subject to Section 6, as it relates to removal of a Director, in the event any vacancy shall occur on the Board of Directors because of death, resignation, or incapacitation, the Board of Directors will hold a special election to fill the vacancy. The Director or Directors so elected shall hold office until the end of the term of his or their predecessor's term and until his or their successor or successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Any Directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors shall be filled by election called for that purpose.