



Governing Board Election Overview

South Carolina charter school law requires that the ongoing Governing Board of a public charter school, such as South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA), be elected by parents of students in the school together with school staff. The current SCCA Governing Board was elected in November 2023, and nominations will open in the fall of 2025 for Directors to serve the term of November 2025-November 2027.

Who can be nominated for the Governing Board?

Anyone age 18 or older who is a resident of South Carolina, is not an employee of SCCA, and has not been convicted of a felony may be nominated for election to the Governing Board. Anyone 18 or older who is a resident of South Carolina may nominate an eligible candidate (themselves or someone else) by submitting a Nomination Form, which will be posted on the school's public website and distributed by webmail to all stakeholders. The Recruitment Committee will screen the nominees to ensure compliance with the law and SCCA by-laws and may invite additional nominees to ensure all seats will be filled. Nominees should review and understand the basic job description of a Governing Board member.

How many Governing Board seats need to be filled?

The SCCA by-laws call for no fewer than 7 and no more than 9 Governing Board members, up to 50 percent of which may be appointed. SCCA parents and employees will be asked to vote for up to 4 candidates to fill the seats currently occupied by the Governing Board (some members of which may be candidates in the election).

Who can vote for the Governing Board?

Parents of SCCA students are entitled to one "family" vote per each of their enrolled SCCA students for each Board seat. For example, a mother and father with one SCCA student will be entitled to one family vote per Board seat; a single mother with three SCCA students will be entitled to three family votes for each Board seat. Employees of SCCA will be entitled to one vote per Board seat.

How will voting take place?

As a statewide virtual charter school, SCCA will use its secure Learning Management System (LMS) technology to facilitate the Governing Board election voting process. Nominees' photos and candidate statements will be featured in the LMS for voters to review. Voting will take place through the LMS, ensuring that only eligible voters can vote and can cast only the number of online votes to which they are entitled (see above). The voting will take place over multiple days with a specific beginning and ending date/time, after which the votes will be tabulated, certified by a third party and announced to all stakeholders. Once the new Governing Board is seated, the Board members will choose officers as per the SCCA bylaws.

What is the nomination and election schedule for 2025?

Nominations will be open from September 18 - October 3, 2025 (see Nominating Form for details).

Voting will take place via the Pearson Online Classroom LMS from October 16 – October 24, 2025.

Election results will be announced around November 3, 2025. The newly elected Governing Board will meet on or around November 12, 2025, to be seated and select officers.