



Urban Academy Charter School

URBAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Board elections will take place from May 7 to May 16, 2025. Board election ballots will be provided at Urban Academy in the front office at 1668 Montreal Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55116.

For this current Board election, the following Board positions are up for election:

- 1 Urban Academy Parent position
- 3 Community Professional positions

Candidates:

Caley Long (incumbent) ~ Community Member

Caley Long is an experienced marketing and communications professional with a passion for mission-driven organizations, like Urban Academy. She currently serves as Marketing and Communications Director at VEAP, Minnesota's largest food pantry, where she leads public engagement strategies, digital campaigns, and stakeholder events. Previously, she spent nine years at Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA), a Latino-based affordable housing nonprofit, where she worked as a Financial Coach and Certified NFCC Consumer Credit Counselor, helping individuals navigate personal finance.

Fong Lor (incumbent) ~ Parent/Community Member

I had been working for the City of Saint Paul, as an Environmental Health Program Inspector, while also volunteering for District Five Planning Council on the East Side of Saint Paul as well as being an Advisory board member for the Southeast Asia Leadership Program of Wilder Foundation and a designated board member of the Council to participate in the search, planning and be a site council for John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School on the East Side. In 2000, I was the 8th recipient of the Karl Neid Award from the City for being an exemplary employee of the city in community involvement.

Melissa Jensen (incumbent) ~ Community Member

Melissa works as a Social Worker for Ramsey County. She lives with her husband, Dave, two sons Miles and Everett, and their dog Oscar Wigglebottom. The family enjoys visiting parks, attending sporting events, going on walks and bike rides, and exploring other cities within driving distance from home.

Jasmyne Catino ~ Parent

Greetings, my name is Jasmyne Catino, and I hail from the vibrant city of Boston, Massachusetts. However, the majority of my life has been firmly rooted in the welcoming community of Minnesota. I am a proud mother of two sons, both of whom attend the esteemed Urban Academy Charter School. My eldest child is currently navigating the challenges and excitement of 8th grade, while my youngest is thriving in the second grade. Both have been part of the Urban Academy family since their earliest days in kindergarten, a testament to the school's commitment to nurturing young minds.

I currently hold the esteemed position of Patient Registry Support Specialist Senior Lead at the Office of Cannabis Management.