



Polaris Tech

CHARTER SCHOOL

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Three candidates set for Polaris Tech Board of Directors vote April 24-25

Three candidates for the Polaris Tech Board of Directors will be on the ballot later this month for enrolled families and employees to vote upon as the charter school prepares for its second year.

Nadia Paez of Ridgeland, R. Morrison Payne of Walterboro, and Reginald White of Ridgeland are finalists for the Polaris Tech Board. Based on South Carolina laws for charter schools, elected board members are elected by the families of the charter school students and school employees.

Voting will take place online April 24-25. Staff members without children enrolled in Polaris Tech are given one vote. Families and staff members with children enrolled in Polaris Tech are given one vote per student enrolled in the school. If a family or staff member has multiple children enrolled at Polaris Tech, then they will receive an e-ballot for each student.

Paez is a community volunteer and also owns and operates a local business, La Potosina. Payne is a lawyer and city judge for Walterboro. White is a corrections officer and community volunteer. Detailed biographies are available at www.polaristech.org.

For voting or learning about the candidates, computers will be available at the school during normal school hours for families with no internet access or for those who seek additional help. Information about the election will be sent to families by the school via email.

Voting will close on April 25 at 6 p.m. Votes will be calculated, and the elected board members will be notified by the Polaris Tech Chair of the Governance & Nomination Committee, led by retired four-star Air Force General Lloyd “Fig” Newton.

Polaris Tech is a state-approved charter school serving middle and high school students from Jasper County and the Lowcountry. It is a free school (no tuition), that focuses on preparing young people for successful work and college.

The Polaris Tech academic emphasis will be on six career areas, starting with: Aerospace, Health Sciences and Business Management. Polaris Tech continues to accept student applications for the 2019-2020 school year for students who will be in grades 6-11. Applications are available online at www.polaristech.org.

The newly-constructed school is located on Grays Highway across from the Ridgeland Airport.

To keep updated about Polaris Tech Charter School, follow them on Facebook and at www.polaristech.org. For specific questions, email info@polaristech.org or call 843-645-0605.

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