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2026 Board Election and Candidate Information

Board Election Information

The **2026 Board Election** will be **Friday, May 22, 2026**, utilizing our electronic voting program. All employees of the school and the primary parent/ guardian of each student will be eligible to vote in the Board election. Each employee will have one vote. The primary parent or guardian will have one vote for each student enrolled. Each eligible voter will receive an email with a link to a secure ballot. Voters may select up to two candidates on the ballot. Your selections will be multiplied based on the number of ballots you are eligible to receive.

All reports of irregularities, fraud, or concerns regarding an election will be made in writing to the Election Committee within 48 hours of the close of the election, and any concerns not properly presented to the committee will be waived. The Election Committee will not announce the results of an election until all appropriately presented concerns have been satisfied within the sound discretion of the committee. An announcement should be made within 10 days of an election.

Election Committee Information

Please send all election committee correspondence to elections@yorkprepsc.org.

Board Candidate Information

The following candidates have submitted biographies and undergone the required board training and background check. York Preparatory Academy expresses our appreciation for these candidates' desire to serve. Voters will have the opportunity to select two of the following ten qualified candidates. Biographies are listed in alphabetical order.

Candidate: Stacy Chalmers



Stacy has been a York Prep Board Member since 2021 and is currently serving as Board Chair. She and her husband have 3 children that currently attend York Prep with one graduating this May. She is also a Pediatric Emergency Department Nurse at Levine's. She loves serving Medical Missions in beautiful South and Central America, playing pickleball and learning woodworking through Youtube university. In her own words, "I love our school! As a board member I have seen and been a part of the many changes, challenges and growth of our school. I know that each individual student and his or her wellbeing is considered in every decision we make. I love being a part of those decisions. I love the front row seat of watching our students do hard and amazing things that challenge them and ultimately see them grow into successful members of the community. I would love the opportunity to continue to serve you on the school board."

Candidate: Craig Craze



Craig Craze and his wife, Tiffany, have lived in Rock Hill since 1999, and all four of their children are proud graduates of York Preparatory Academy. As a parent, he is deeply invested in the school's mission and long-term success. Craig is a founding member of the YPA Board, having served as its first chairman and as a board member for most of the school's history. He brings deep institutional knowledge of the school's governance and a strong commitment to maintaining the proper roles of the board and administration. Professionally, he co-founded a company and served as CEO during a period of significant growth, helping build it into a company that ultimately went public. Today, he remains active in church service and community philanthropy.

Candidate: Krysten Franks



I am a returning candidate for the York Preparatory Academy School Board, having previously served from 2020 to 2023 and again in 2025 after being appointed to fill a vacant seat. As a parent of two YPA students, a senior and a fifth grader, I bring both personal insight and a long-term perspective to my role. In my work as Main Street Coordinator for the City of York, I collaborate with businesses, community members, and local leadership to strengthen connections and support growth. I am committed to supporting our students, school staff, and the continued success of York Preparatory Academy.

Candidate: Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson



Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson is a passionate educator, mom, wife of a retired U.S. Air Force veteran, and Woman of God. She brings dedication and heart to her role as a professor in Clemson University's Youth Development and Leadership Department. An accomplished author of 28 children's books and educational resources (www.simplycreativeworks.com), she also serves as a committed community advocate and editor for the National Head Start Policy and Governance Guidelines. Dr. Johnson serves on the Board of the York Electric Cooperative Operation Round Up. Her excellence in teaching and mentorship has been recognized with Clemson's 2025 Teaching Excellence Award and the 2026 National Honors College Distinguished Mentor Award. Through her Simply Creative Works scholarship, she supports graduating seniors in furthering their education. She was recently invited to be a guest author and literacy night presenter for York Preparatory Academy. She says that she was "impressed by the student focus, parent involvement, and staff dedication". Dr. Johnson continues to inspire youth and communities with her unwavering commitment to leadership and service.

Candidate: Helen Reed



I care deeply about supporting students, teachers, families, and our community. I would truly appreciate the opportunity to serve on the board and believe I would bring a thoughtful and balanced perspective. I have an extensive first responder and healthcare background including 10 years working as a paramedic and the past five years in an employee health administration role. Through these experiences, I've learned the value of teamwork, community and showing up for people when it matters most. My family and I live in the same neighborhood as YPA, which makes me even more invested in the continued success of the school.

Candidate: Olivia Willis



Olivia Willis currently serves as the Market Executive of York County. Armed with a degree in Public Relations with a minor in Marketing from Francis Marion University, she brings a unique blend of communication skills and financial acumen to her role. Throughout her tenure at Founders FCU, she has served in various roles including, teller (2008-2011), loan processing (2011-2013), Management Trainee (2013-2014), Financial Services Representative(2014-2015), Branch Manager(2015-2024), and currently Market Executive.