

**2024 Ballot for Proposed Amendments to the
School Board Nominating Committee Resolution**

The Administrative Committee has reviewed the School Board Nominating Committee Resolution and recommends the following amendments, which must be approved by Scarsdale School District voters. The entire text of the Resolution, marked to indicate all changes is posted online at

<https://scarsdalesbnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024-sbnc-resolution-proposed-changes.pdf> and also will be available at the polling location.

Please vote 'Yes' or 'No' for each of the __ proposed amendments below:

Proposed Amendment No. 1	Yes	No
Makes "Board of Education" a defined term referring to the Scarsdale Board of Education.		

Article I. The purpose of this Resolution is to establish a procedure by which candidates for election to the Scarsdale Board of Education ("Board of Education") shall be judged and selected solely on their qualifications to serve the community.

Proposed Amendment No. 2	Yes	No
Replaces references to the TVCC with references to the Scarsdale Forum.		

Article II.A.2(c). three (3) members appointed by The Scarsdale Forum ("Forum")¹

Proposed Amendment No. 3	Yes	No
Clarifies the process and sets deadlines for election of officers of the Administrative Committee.		

Article II.A.3(a) The Administrative Committee shall elect the Election Chair, Election Vice Chair, Resolution Chair, Resolution Vice Chair, and Treasurer at a meeting of the Administrative Committee, which the outgoing Election Chair shall call by no later than June 30 of each year.

(i) In the event that one or more of the above officer roles is not filled at the aforementioned meeting, the Administrative Committee must convene by no later than August 15th to address how to cover the vacancy or vacancies.

¹ There are multiple references to TVCC throughout the Resolution; approving this one will apply to all subsequent changes in the document as well.

Proposed Amendment No. 4	Yes	No
Empowers certain chairs of the Administrative Committee to vote if needed to break a tie.		

Article II.A.3(b) The Election Chair and the Resolution Chair(s) shall be impartial and shall not be entitled to vote. Should a Vice Chair be chairing a meeting, such Vice Chair shall be impartial with respect to any votes taken at that meeting. In the event of a tie vote, the Election Chair and Resolution Chair may vote to break the tie.

Proposed Amendment No. 5	Yes	No
Provides a process by which the Administrative Committee may be convened in the absence of certain officers.		

Article II.B.1. The outgoing Election Chair shall call an initial meeting of the incoming Administrative Committee no later than June 30 of each year. The Election Chair, or if the Election Chair is unavailable, any of the following officers may call succeeding meetings: Election Vice Chair, Resolution Chair, Resolution Vice Chair, Nominating Chair, Nominating Vice Chair, or any three members of the Administrative Committee. Whenever practicable, meetings of the Administrative Committee should be called on at least 24 hours' notice.

Proposed Amendment No. 6	Yes	No
Notes quorum requirement for action taken by the Administrative Committee.		

Article II.B.4. A quorum of the Administrative Committee shall consist of one more than half of the current voting members. Any Committee action shall require a quorum and the vote of a majority of those voting members present.²

Proposed Amendment No. 7	Yes	No
Makes "School District" a defined term meaning the Scarsdale Union Free School District.		

Article II.C.2.(a). The Administrative Committee shall be responsible for assembling names from which the voters of the Scarsdale Union Free School District ("School District") may elect members of the Nominating Committee.

² This proposed amendment, if adopted, would result in the removal of a sentence from Article II.C.4(a) which contains what would then be redundant verbiage defining a quorum.

Proposed Amendment No. 8	Yes	No
Expressly provides that, in the event the Administrative Committee adds candidates to the ballot for Nominating Committee, said candidates must reside in the same election district as where the vacancy exists. This is intended to preserve balance, in the composition of the Nominating Committee, across the five elementary school election districts		

Article II.C.3.(c) If there is no candidate nominated by petition for a vacancy, the Administrative Committee shall, at a meeting held after the petition deadline date, add name(s) of candidate(s), who reside in the same election district where the vacancy exists, to ensure that there is at least one candidate per vacancy.

Proposed Amendment No. 9	Yes	No
Establishes protocol for voting by the Nominating Committee to fill any vacant leadership slots before the election of each year's incoming Nominating Committee class.		

Article III.A.3.(a)(i) In the event that one or more of the above roles is vacant at the conclusion of the final meeting of the Nominating Committee, the outgoing Chair and/or Vice Chair shall call a meeting of the outgoing Nominating Committee by no later than the day prior to the date of the Election of the School Board Nominating Committee to vote to fill any vacancies.

Proposed Amendment No. 10	Yes	No
Facilitates appointment of a Recording Secretary for the Nominating Committee in the event that there are no non-voting members on the Committee.		

Article III.B.1.(b). The first meeting of the Nominating Committee each year shall be held not later than January 31. At this meeting, the Chair shall appoint a Recording Secretary from the nonvoting members (and, in the event that there are no non-voting members, then from the voting members) and the Nominating Committee may elect from among its voting members such other officers as it may determine necessary for the efficient conduct of its business.

Proposed Amendment No. 11	Yes	No
Defines quorum for the Nominating Committee.		

Article III.B.5. A quorum of the Nominating Committee shall consist of one more than half of the current voting members. All Nominating Committee meetings shall require a quorum and any action shall require the vote of a majority of the total number of voting members of the Nominating Committee.

Proposed Amendment No. 12	Yes	No
Limits topics about which the Nominating Committee may ask candidates questions and expressly notes the SBNC's nonpartisan status.		

Article II.C.2.(c)(i). The Nominating Committee shall ask each candidate individualized and differentiated questions with the aim of engaging each candidate in an interview process. As the SBNC is a nonpartisan organization, the Committee shall question candidates only on their experience and qualifications for Board of Education services and not on their views or stances in connection with specific issues.

Proposed Amendment No. 13	Yes	No
Allows Nominating Committee leeway not to seek "[off-book]" references for a candidate when none can be identified nor contacted		

Article II.C.2.(d). The Nominating Committee members will contact references provided by each candidate and shall strive to seek feedback from references not provided by each candidate (provided that references not provided by a candidate can be identified [sic] and contacted).

Proposed Amendment No. 14	Yes	No
Precludes the Nominating committee from seeking or accepting references from current members of the Board of Education to avoid actual or apparent conflicts of interest.		

Article II.C.2.(d)(i). The Nominating Committee shall not accept nor seek references from sitting members of the Board of Education.

Proposed Amendment No. 15	Yes	No
Precludes the Nominating committee from seeking or accepting references from current employees of the School District to avoid actual or apparent conflicts of interest.		