



December 8, 2020

## **MCA Election Committee Announcement Re: 2020 GIS Board Election/ 2020 General Body Meeting**

Assalamu-Alaikum Dear GIS Parents,

### **Election Dates & Process:**

The 2020 Granada Islamic School Board Elections will take place from **Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 5pm to Friday December 18, 2020 at 5pm**. The start of the elections will coincide with the scheduled Granada Islamic School General Body Meeting which is to take place on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 5pm.

*Only parents of a GIS student this last school year 2019-2020 and a member of the MCA on or before March 14, 2020 will be eligible to vote. Only one person who meets these qualifications will be able to vote per family.*

Eligible voters will receive an email on Thursday, December 17, 2020 with instructions on how to vote. **The ballot must be cast before 5 PM PT on Friday, December 18, 2020.**

For families where there are two voting eligible parents and where the family has designated a parent to receive the ballot, the designated voter will be sent the ballot at the email address associated with them.

For families where there are two voting eligible parents and the family did not designate a parent, the mother from that family will be sent the ballot at the email address associated with them.

For families where there is only one voting eligible parent, the voting eligible member will be sent a ballot at the email associated with them.

Please note the following:

- **Your email to vote with an individualized key and ID number will be from "MCA" and will come from the email address [invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com](mailto:invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com).** We suggest that voters add this to their email address book to help negate potential spam issues.
- Please be on the lookout for this email and do not delete it.
- **If eligible voters do not receive their notice to vote or have issues voting, please reach out to the staff at [ElectionBuddy.com](http://ElectionBuddy.com) at [mca@electionbuddy.com](mailto:mca@electionbuddy.com) by 3pm on Friday, December 18, 2020.**
- Once you've voted, you will receive a confirmation number as well as a confirmation email.



**Open positions:**

The following board members were set to end their terms this past school year. **Two (2) of these positions are to be filled by elections** and one is to be appointed by the MCA Executive Board:

- Maha Dahbour.
- Alma Soto.
- Magdy AbdelRahman.

The Election Committee received the following nominations as of February 29, 2020 for the 2020 GIS election:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
<b>2 Open positions</b>				
<b>Alma Soto</b>	Faisal Omer	Sameena Usman	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>02/28/2020</b>
<b>Maha Dahbour</b>	Mohammad Asaf	Rania Elkeeb	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>02/28/2020</b>
<b>Iman Farajallah</b>	Nora Ismail	Shamima Sultana	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>02/29/2020</b>

Nominators of candidates will be placed in the bio section of the electronic ballot (see below).

The MCA Election Committee can be reached via email for any questions or concerns:  
[election@mcabayarea.org](mailto:election@mcabayarea.org)

Sincerely,

The MCA Elections Committee

- Br. Sajid A. Khan (Chairperson)
- Br. Altaf Khan
- Sr. Marwa Ahmed
- Sr. Christy Chase



### **Election Background Information:**

The 2020 Granada Islamic School Board Elections were originally set for March 13 & 14, 2020. In advance of those dates, the following required procedural steps took place:

1. The deadline to receive nominations was on Saturday, February 29th at 9:00PM.
2. Three nominations were received and accepted. See below.
3. A Candidate Forum was held to introduce the new candidates on Friday March 6, 2020 from 6:30PM to 9:00 PM at Maryam Hall, MCA.

### **Joint Board Decision to Postpone:**

Thereafter, the MCA Joint Boards voted to postpone the 2020 GIS Board Elections due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, because of the subsequent school closure and to adhere to county and state regulations.

The Joint Board also decided that once the election resumed, the list of members eligible to vote in this special election would be comprised *only of people who were eligible to vote as of March 14, 2020*:

1. A parent of a GIS student this last 2019-2020 school year,  
and
2. A member of the MCA on or before March 14, 2020.

It should be noted that, pursuant to the GIS Bylaws, each family unit constitutes one voting member. A family unit is defined as parents or guardians of the child or children who are attending GIS.

### **Online Balloting:**

After considering all factors and circumstances, receiving input from the community, reviewing all available options and discussing the matter thoroughly, the MCA Elections Committee, by majority decision, **has decided to conduct and hold exclusively online voting for the 2020 GIS Election.**

Before holding the 2020 GIS Board Elections via an online ballot, **we sent out an announcement and request to the community in October 2020** to ensure that we have an accurate list of voting eligible members along with a current, valid, unique email for a designated voter from each family unit.

*We gave the following instructions:*



- 1) As soon as possible and before November 6, 2020, please review the tentative list of voting eligible members to ensure that it includes you if you meet the criteria to vote (parent of a GIS student during the 2019-2020 school year and a member of the MCA on or before March 14, 2020).
- 2) If you believe that you are a voting eligible member but do not see your name listed, please contact the MCA Membership Committee at [membership@mcabayarea.org](mailto:membership@mcabayarea.org) and inform them of the omission. Please CC [election@mcabayarea.org](mailto:election@mcabayarea.org) and [board@granadaschool.org](mailto:board@granadaschool.org).
- 3) Members are also urged to verify their email address on the [MCA Membership page](#) and to contact the MCA Membership Committee at [membership@mcabayarea.org](mailto:membership@mcabayarea.org) to provide a current, valid, unique email for each voting eligible member. Please CC [election@mcabayarea.org](mailto:election@mcabayarea.org) and [board@granadaschool.org](mailto:board@granadaschool.org).
- 4) If there are two voting eligible parents/guardians from one family unit listed, please send an email to [election@mcabayarea.org](mailto:election@mcabayarea.org) and [board@granadaschool.org](mailto:board@granadaschool.org) to designate one of those parents/guardians as the voting member for this year's election.