

2026 COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

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Serving on the Coop's Board of Directors is a meaningful way to deepen your engagement with and service to your Coop. There is one open Board position to be elected in 2026 for a three-year term. Members are invited to nominate themselves.

Nominations are due on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5 p.m.* Candidates will be elected at the 2026 Annual Meeting on June 30.

BOARD STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Park Slope Food Coop is governed by a Board of Directors composed of five members elected by Coop member-owners. All elected members serve three-year terms. In addition, the senior General Coordinator present at the General Meeting serves in an *ex officio* capacity.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Regularly attend monthly General Meetings, the Annual Meeting and any other meetings as necessary.
- Thoroughly review all meeting materials in advance to participate responsibly at General Meetings.
- Follow the Seven Principles of Cooperation, the Coop's mission statement, the Coop's bylaws and the Guide to the General and Annual Meeting.
- Uphold fiduciary duties on behalf of the Coop and its member-owners. Board directors have legal and ethical duties to:
 - Act carefully: Make thoughtful, informed decisions and exercise the same care and concern for board responsibilities as any prudent person would in managing their own affairs. Avoid actions that could reasonably jeopardize the Coop's financial stability or its ability to operate.
 - Act loyally: Place the interests of the Coop ahead of personal interests, disclose

all conflicts of interest and avoid using Board service as a means for personal or commercial gain.

- Act lawfully: Ensure the Coop complies with all applicable laws and regulations and doesn't engage in illegal or unauthorized activities. Carry out the Coop's mission in conjunction with its purposes as stated in the Coop's governing documents.
- Act prudently: Exercise reasonable business judgment in managing financial resources and investments.

For more information about Coop governance, please see The GM and the Board of Directors and Amended Bylaws of Park Slope Food Coop.

BOARD DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND MEETINGS

The Board of Directors is the legally required decision-making body of the Park Slope Food Coop. The Board convenes monthly at the Coop's General Meeting, to which all members are invited. The GM is the portion of the Board of Directors meeting during which members meet to discuss and vote on agenda items to provide advice to the Board of Directors on those items.

The GM has been an integral part of the Coop's decision-making body since our inception. Members play an active role in decision-making by submitting agenda items, attending General Meetings, voting on proposals presented at the GM and electing the Board of Directors. Members' votes on proposals are considered advice to the Board. At the end of the General Meeting, the Board will either accept or reject the members' advice. The Board's role doesn't overshadow or replace the member initiative, discussion and advice expressed through voting, which are at the heart of the General Meeting.

If you have never attended a General Meeting and are interested in a Board position, we encourage you to attend the upcoming GMs on January 27 and February 24.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a candidate statement of up to 750 words that includes your responses to the following questions. Your statement will be published in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, posted in the Coop Corner and distributed to all member-owners.

1. What inspired you to consider serving on the Park Slope Food Coop Board of Directors?
2. Share any skills, interests and experience you would bring to the Board. Examples may be drawn from any personal, educational, work/professional or volunteer experience.
3. Describe your PSFC work slot experience briefly.
4. **At the time of application, are you aware of any endorsement of your candidacy by any Coop member-run group, or do you expect to receive any endorsement or organized support from such a group, including groups advocating for or against boycotts?***
5. PSFC is “good food at an affordable price for working members through cooperation.” What does that mean to you?

Send your candidate statement and photo to gazettesubmissions@psfc.coop or drop off your application at the Membership Office. Please include your name and member number. If submitting electronically, attach a Word document or paste your statement in the email body. Include a head-and-shoulders photo if available; otherwise, your member ID photo will be used.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDACY

1. Submit your statement and the optional photo by **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5 p.m.***
2. Attend the March 31, 2026, General Meeting, where you will introduce yourself and answer questions from members during the candidate presentation portion of the agenda.

KEY DATES:

Candidate Applications Due: **March 2, 2026***

Candidate Presentation at GM: March 31, 2026

Election Period: June 1-28, 2026

Annual Meeting: June 30, 2026

*** As of February 28, information above indicated with an asterisk has been updated. These updates are reflected in Question #4 and in the deadline date, which has been changed from March 1 to March 2.**