

## ELECTION OF UCP OFFICERS & DIRECTORS – CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSES

Those attending the United Conservative Party Convention and AGM will have the opportunity to vote for the UCP Board of Directors, including:

- **6 Executive Officer positions** (the 7<sup>th</sup> position of VP Fundraising was acclaimed)
- **2 Regional Directors for your specific region.** To learn which one of the five regions you live in, [click here](#).

According to the current AGM schedule, **voting will take place Saturday 2 to 6:30 PM and Sunday 8 AM to noon.** Officer and Director Candidate Speeches will take place Saturday 9 AM to noon.

To help discern the stance of these candidates, **Parents for Choice in Education (PCE) sent an email to each candidate** with a publicly available email address, asking them to respond “YES” or “NO” to two questions:

1. **Are you in full support of PCE’s mission and principles [as listed on our website](#)?**
2. **Do you support the court challenge related to legislative changes brought into effect by Bill 24? [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.**

We stated that all responses received prior to our deadline would be provided to PCE supporters who are attending the AGM. If candidates wanted to provide further elaboration, they were asked to ensure their responses did not exceed 100 words for each question.

If you wish to further discern the candidate who will best represent your values and priorities, we would encourage you to have your own in-person conversations with candidates at the AGM.

Position	Candidate	Question 1	Question 2	Written Comments
President	BAROOTES, Erika	See written comment	See written comment	"Thanks for the phone call - great to learn more about your organization and the work you are doing on behalf of your supporters. As president, it's my responsibility to advocate on behalf of all members and all policies they vote in favour of on the floor this weekend. I encourage members to use their voices for what they believe in, and know I will continue to support that."
	EDDY, Lee	YES	YES	
	ELLIOT, Gord	YES	YES	
VP - Bylaw and Policy	BRANKOVICH, Dragan	Email not publicly available		
	SWEET, Adam	YES	YES	
VP - Comms	GATEMAN, Jodie	See written comment	See written comment	#1. I agree with the majority of the mission statements found on the website. For further clarification, please talk to me at the AGM. #2. I have no problem with the court case. I believe Bill 24 needs to be examined very closely to ensure parent’s rights are not being superseded.
	KONT, Sonia	YES	YES	"I fully support your work. Parents know what’s best for their children, not government!"

VP - Fundraising	COLLINS, Michelle	acclaimed		
VP - Membership	BENNETT, Sara	YES	YES	
	TOOR, Kal	YES	YES	
	YARGEAU, Linda	Emailed, but no response received.		
Secretary	HARVEY, Adrian	YES	See written comment	#2. "YES for the reason that I believe Bill 24 is poorly drafted and interferes with Bill 10, which I believe was a well-drafted bill."
	HENWOOD, Robyn	See written comment	See written comment	#1. "I am not, because although I do not home school children my sister does and she really appreciates the standardized testing to ensure that the quality of work she does with her children keeps them on par with other students for their future success. Without my own experience I put a lot of faith in someone I greatly respect who uses this program." #2. "I do not believe that children of all ages should be treated the same way and therefore I have concerns with the bill."
Treasurer	BROADBENT, Gail	Email not publicly available		
	STEVENSON, William	Email not publicly available		
Calgary Director (choose 2)	BARRON, John	YES	YES	
	BOSSERT, Dale	Email not publicly available		
	MOORE, Cynthia	Emailed, but no response received		
	RACIN, Miguel	Email not publicly available		
Central Alberta Director (choose 2)	DAVIDSON, Pamela	YES	YES	
	JOHNSON, Jennifer	Email not publicly available		
	RAJOO, Ruven	Email not publicly available		
Southern Alberta Director (choose 2)	GARDNER, Tracy	Email not publicly available		
	SMITH, Cathy	YES	YES	#2. "I actually helped to get intervenors"
	STANKMAN, Penny	See written comment	See written comment	"As a provincial director, if I am elected, it is not my role to decide how policies are developed or what policies are passed. Policy is decided by members."
	VOORHORST, John	YES	YES	

Edmonton Director (choose 2)	BARKER, Kris	YES	YES	<p>#1. 100% Yes. Your organization is doing amazing work to hold our government's feet to the fire by bringing awareness to parents and the general public about how the NDP is using our education system to social engineer our youth and Alberta's culture. PCE should be sincerely thanked for the work they do. Thank you.</p> <p>#2. Again, that is an absolute yes. The NDP government is continually trying to expand their reach into our daily lives. They have zero respect for religious beliefs, and they are trying use their legislative authority to take away the rights of parents while expanding the reach of government onto how we raise our children. It has to stop, and the NDP need to go - for good. This court challenge is a good start!</p>
	PON, Natalie	Emailed, but no response received		
	WIERENGA, Greta	YES	YES	
	ZHANG, Michelle	Answer not provided	YES	#2. "Yes, I support your court challenge."
Northern Director	BECKER, Ryan	Acclaimed		
	FERGUSON, Gordon	Acclaimed		