

NOMINEE: Adam Butt
NOMINATORS: Faizan Mahmoodi & Abdullah Shafi



Nominator Written Statement

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Br. Adam Butt has been a life-long member of the ISB community, first as a student and graduate of the Al-Rahmah Quran Academy Hifdh program, and more recently as a volunteer towards multiple ISB programs and projects. Br. Adam has been serving as the Chair of the Muslim Athletics Program (MAP) at ISB. He has worked diligently to grow MAP into a vibrant community sports offering for both youth and adults (brothers & sisters) with multiple leagues and open gym court times in a variety of athletics including soccer, football, basketball, and badminton. In addition to his work with MAP, Br. Adam also supports the parking committee team and is often leading the way by committing countless hours to planning and managing large scale events including Ramadan, Eids, foodfests, etc.

We encourage you to please consider supporting the nomination of Br. Adam Butt as the next ISB Council member.

Abdullah Shafi & Faizan Mahmoodi

NOMINEE: Eram Abbasi
NOMINATORS: Fauzia Tariq & Muhammed Tufail Chaudhry



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I am honored to nominate Eram Abbasi for the ISB Council. I have known Eram for 15 years, and throughout this time, she has consistently demonstrated an unwavering passion for serving the community, particularly ensuring that the most vulnerable among us are cared for. For over 12 years, Eram has been a dedicated volunteer with the GoldenAge Committee, working tirelessly to uplift and support ISB's senior members. She played a key role in collaborating with the GoldenAge Committee to implement the GoldenAge Village at ISB, a national model designed to keep seniors engaged, connected, and active. Today, thanks to her leadership, this initiative provides weekly activities that combat social isolation and promote a sense of belonging. Beyond her work with seniors, Eram has been a vital part of ISB's broader community efforts. She has served on the Parent Teacher Shura Council at Al-Rahmah School, advocating for students and families. Most recently, she contributed her expertise to the Board of Education, furthering ISB's mission of inclusivity and excellence. Eram's leadership is marked by her strong organizational skills and her ability to see the bigger picture and talent for helping people recognize their strengths makes her a valuable team player and leader. For these reasons I support her nomination.

NOMINEE: Faizan Mahmoodi

NOMINATORS: Saad Malik & Nadeem Butt



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Faizan Mahmoodi, the esteemed vice president of ISB is a visionary leader whose dedication, perseverance and unwavering commitment have left a tremendous mark on our community. His leadership has been instrumental in shaping ISB into the thriving institution it is today, elevating both its physical presence and its standing within the wider community. Through his efforts and strategic guidance, ISB has seen tremendous growth and development. Under his leadership, we were able to construct our minaret - a symbol of faith and unity that now stands as a beacon for our community. His commitment to expansion also played a vital role in acquiring new properties, ensuring that ISB continues to flourish and accommodate the needs of its growing congregation. Beyond infrastructure, he has been a bridge builder, forging strong and meaningful relationships with key figures (political and influential individuals). His ability to engage with leaders from various sectors has positioned ISB as a respected institution within the broader society. Whether it was overseeing the development of our playground, advocating for community interests or ensuring the highest standards for every project, Faizan's dedication never wavered. His presence at ISB was constant, always working to ensure excellence in every endeavor.

NOMINEE: Hasan Hammad

NOMINATORS: Ed Tori & Muhammad Faisal AbdurRahman



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Hasan Hammad has been a part of the fabric of ISB from an early age. Not only did

he grow up within the walls of ISB and Al-Rahmah, he has been instrumental in

building them and expanding them and securing them for generations to come.

Hasan has served on multiple Councils and has had an impressive first term as

ISB President. I have worked with him in multiple capacities and I know him to be

of high character, deeply insightful, and incredibly passionate. He has leadership

skills and vision that have impacted nearly every aspect of ISB over the past two

decades - Qur'an Academy, Phase 2, Phase 3, ISB's inviting culture, the Seerah

Conference, the design and decor, multiple land purchases, key personnel hirings,

and countless other major ISB services and offerings. Hasan's impact and reach

goes far beyond what the average member can see - hiring processes, contracts,

engagement with local and regional government officials, relationships with

neighboring masajid, as well as national and international organizations. Hasan gets

it. This work is generational and it's relational. He has fully internalized the amana

that this position holds. It's a heavy weight that he has proven that he can bear

with excellence. I recommend Hasan Hammad highly and without reservation.

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I wholeheartedly nominate Jamal Ali for a position on the ISB Council. I have known Jamal for more than a decade as a dedicated, core member of the ISB community with a strong work ethic, who has continually demonstrated his commitment to our masjid through years of selfless service.

Having grown up in this community and attended Al Rahmah School, Jamal Ali has a deep-rooted connection to ISB and is well-known to most ISB families. His contributions span well over a decade of volunteerism at ISB, where he has served as a core volunteer, a leader, and an organizer. More recently, I have had the privilege of witnessing Jamal's tireless efforts with the AlRahmah School Trust. As the Head Organizer of the Halal Food Fest organized by the Trust, he has played a pivotal role in expanding the event into a major success, demonstrating great management and leadership, strategic planning and execution skills that have enabled the event to grow in strength every year. He has shown a knack of identifying talent and expanding his team to the benefit of ISB. Even in moments of personal challenge—such as welcoming a newborn just days before the Halal Food festival—Jamal Ali showed balance, responsibility, and strong commitment to both his family and the community. Jamal's strong work ethic extends into his professional life. With a successful career in supply chain management, Jamal's focus on efficiency, problem solving and logistics at work will also be invaluable assets to the Council. Beyond his leadership, Jamal is known for his generosity, kindness, and willingness to give, both financially and through his time and efforts. His commitment to personal excellence is also evident in his dedication to physical fitness, reflecting his drive and discipline.

Given his ability to organize, lead and give back, I strongly believe Jamal Ali is an exceptional candidate for the Council. I support his nomination and encourage others to do the same.

NOMINEE: Mikail Ocasio

NOMINATORS: Rehan Alavi & Umar Saleem



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Assalam Alaykum wa Rahmatullah -

Br. Mikail Ocasio has been a member of the ISB community for 15+ years. He currently serves on the ISB Council as the Secretary of Education, and prior to this was a member of the Al-Rahmah Board of Education. Br. Mikail also has assisted on multiple campus security infrastructure related projects in addition to outreach efforts and HR matters. Br. Mikail is a strong advocate for youth development, empowerment, and skills training and believes that ISB as the community anchor can be a facilitator for efforts inside and outside of the Masjid that raise our youth to be the leaders of tomorrow. Br. Mikail's children are enrolled in multiple ISB educational programs and he himself looks to continue his own educational growth as a student of the ISB Qibla adult learning program. We ask you to please consider supporting Br. Mikail Ocasio for the next ISB Council.

Thank you,

Rehan Alavi & Umar Saleem

NOMINEE: Umar Maharooof

NOMINATORS: Ra'id Awadallah & Syed Abid Hussain



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Dr. Umar Maharooof is a passionate and active member of the ISB community who regularly attends events at the masjid. A proud father of four, Dr. Umar has sent all his children to Al-Rahmah School, one of whom graduated from high school. He has gained an intimate glance at the noble work Al-Rahmah School is doing to educate our children in an Islamic environment. He recognizes and values the unwavering commitment of the teachers and staff, and he is eager to build upon the school's legacy. Dr. Umar envisions integrating his professional experience to help elevate the academic standards at the middle and high school levels, ensuring that our students are well-prepared for their future endeavors.

With over 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, he has been a leading force in drug discovery and development, collaborating with experts from diverse disciplines such as biology, chemistry, IT, AI, medical, business development, regulatory affairs and more. His experience has equipped him with skills that he intends to introduce to our children, in bite-sized experiences such as laboratory experiments, internships, seminars and research opportunities along with everyday classroom support. He believes in gradually integrating these advancements with short-term and long-term plans while supporting teachers with resources and tools they need.

Despite his demanding professional career and family life, Dr. Umar has continuously made time to serve the ISB community. One of his standout contributions was the creation and development of "Hike with the Imam" hiking group which focuses on both physical and spiritual development. Over the course of three years, he transformed a small, informal group into a dynamic and thriving hiking community. His leadership, organization and messaging not only engaged the ISB community but also attracted the attention of communities outside the ISB perimeter in the DMV area, inspiring them to form new hiking groups.

Dr. Umar, who earned his bachelor's degree in his home country of Sri Lanka, currently serves as the Vice President of his alma mater's alumni organization in the USA.

I, Dr. Ra'id Awadallah, wholeheartedly endorse Dr. Umar Maharooof for candidacy to the ISB Council.

NOMINEE: Wajiha Farooqi

NOMINATORS: Wasima Sheikh & Mohammad A. Aslam

Narrative

I am honored to nominate Wajiha Farooqi for the position of Treasurer for the Council of the Islamic Society of Baltimore (ISB). With a deep commitment to serving our community and a strong background in finance and management, I am confident that she can bring the financial oversight, strategic planning, and transparency needed to support ISB's continued growth and success.

Expertise in Finance and Management

With a Master of Science in Accounting and Financial Management, as well as an MBA in Finance, she has built a career rooted in financial responsibility, compliance, and strategic decision-making. As the Cost Reporting & Rate Setting Manager at the Maryland Department of Health, she oversees complex financial analyses, budgeting, and policy implementation—skills that directly translate into managing ISB's financial health. Her extensive experience in insurance and data governance ensures that she can effectively oversee budgets, maintain financial integrity, and ensure ISB's resources are optimized for maximum impact.

A Proven Record of Community Engagement

Beyond her professional career, she is passionate about community service. Having served as an Administrative Officer at ISB in the past, she understands the financial and operational needs of our organization. Her work in supporting seniors through Golden Age Village and her dedication to empowering women through financial independence reflect her deep commitment to public service. As a Council member, I'm sure she will ensure that ISB's financial resources are managed with integrity, allowing us to expand our programs, serve more people, and strengthen our community.

A Vision for ISB's Financial Future

She believes in fostering financial growth through responsible stewardship, efficient budgeting, and strategic fundraising. With her background, she can introduce improved financial planning methods, strengthen grant and donation management, and implement cost-saving initiatives that will benefit ISB for years to come.

NOMINEE: Umar Saleem

NOMINATORS: Shaista Mohammad & Rizwan Mahmoodi



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Assalam Alaykum - Br. Umar currently serves on the ISB Council as the Secretary of General Services. He also leads the ISB IT & AV committee and plays an active role in many programs and activities throughout the organization.

Br. Umar always makes himself available to serve and be in assistance to anyone in need. He has implemented multiple process improvement measures in addition to safety & security systems all throughout the campus. Beyond all of his technical competencies and proficiency, Br. Umar's greatest strength is that he cares! He is a product of the ISB community and continues to be vested by raising his family here and wanting to see the community continue to grow inshaAllah. I would ask the ISB membership to please support our nomination and re-election of Umar Saleem to the ISB Council.

JazakumAllah Khair,

Shaista Mohammed

Rizwan Mahmoodi