



PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

PCHS BOARD MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of the Board of Trustees of Palisades Charter High School is to act in the best interest of the residents of the State of California and PCHS's stakeholders and to ensure that PCHS:

- a) Achieves appropriate results for its students in accordance with the PCHS Mission Statement and Charter (as specified in Board Goals Policies) &
- b) Avoids unacceptable actions and situations (as prohibited in Board-Executive Limitation Policies).

The members of the Board of Trustees have legal and fiduciary responsibilities to the school. These include: Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, and Duty of Obedience. The Board is responsible for maintaining fiscal accountability and financial oversight.

Essential Duties:

1. Regularly attends Board meetings, Special Board Meetings, and important related meetings
2. Stays informed about PCHS matters
3. Prepares well for meetings, reviews and comments on minutes and reports
4. Actively participates on a standing committee (Board Committee, Long Term Strategic Planning Committee)
5. Is an active participant in the committee's annual evaluation and planning efforts
6. Volunteers for and willingly accepts assignments, including (but not limited to) committees, events, fundraising activities, and staff job interviews

Code of Conduct:

1. A Board member's first obligation is to be informed about the school's history, missions, and goals, legislation governing education and Charter schools, and current operations and concerns. Accordingly, each Board member will read the approved Charter application and familiarize themselves with a working understanding of all school policies and operating procedures.
2. A Board member must come to meetings prepared, having read proposals from Standing Committees that will be acted upon, having taken time before the public meeting to clarify concerns with the Chair and members of the Standing Committees, having read the minutes of previous meetings, and having prepared themselves with other pertinent materials. Each Board member will ensure that he/she understands an issue before voting.
3. Each Board member must act with care, loyalty, and obedience. Board members must exercise a level of care that a prudent person would exercise (avoid "zoning out" and avoid leaving the room when a discussion is taking place), they must show undivided allegiance (faithfulness) to the school and not to their self-interests, and they must remain obedient to the school's mission and the student body before their own interests.
4. An individual Board member will never seek to impose a personal agenda on the school's Executive Director.
5. A Board member must always respect the confidentiality of Closed Sessions.
6. A Board member must not attempt to deal with problems brought to their attention on an individual basis. A Board member who learns of a problem must bring that problem to the attention of the Executive Director or Board Chair.
7. A Board member will recommend that stakeholder concerns follow the PCHS complaint procedures to seek resolution.
8. Each Board member has a fiduciary responsibility for the funds entrusted to the school and for sound budgetary management.
9. Each Board member must in "good faith" make themselves available to all stakeholders (students, staff, parents, and community) for at least one hour per week.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this information regarding the roles and responsibilities of PCHS Board Members.

Signature

Print/Type Your Name

Date

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