

# Odyssey Charter School Board Member Description

## **Board members participate in:**

- Planning for school goals and updating the board's strategic plan
- Setting annual budget and maintaining fiscal oversight
- Evaluating board performance and the school's performance in achieving its mission
- Establishing policies for the effective management of the school

## **Board members are expected to:**

- Understand the school's mission
- Be familiar with the school's programs and operations
- Assist in attracting and retaining students and staff
- Advocate on behalf of the organization, help educate the community
- Serve as a working member on at least one board committee
- Assist with fundraising, identify potential donors and recruit sponsors
- Review board meeting materials before the meeting
- Identify all potential conflicts of interest

## **Community Representative**

- Has minimum of 5 years professional work experience
- Is experienced working with teams and negotiating
- Bachelor's degree preferred, Graduate degree is beneficial

## **Teacher Representative**

- Is a full-time teacher at Odyssey Charter School
- Is a Delaware certified teacher with at least 3 years teaching/classroom experience
- Demonstrates an understanding of the charter movement and school operations

## **Parent-At-Large Representative**

- Is a parent of an active Odyssey Charter student
- Demonstrates involvement in school
- Is aware of school practices
- High School Diploma (or equivalent) required

## **Preferred Experiences & Behavioral Attributes**

- Experience in issue resolution and consensus building
- Served in roles which required a long-term commitment
- Passion to serve
- Exemplify collaborative behavior
- Open to and interested in differing viewpoints
- Demonstrates trust and earns respect
- Offers constructive ideas and opinions to enhance groups outcomes
- Recognizes the need for ethical behavior

## **General Time Commitment**

- Actively participate in 90% of board meetings - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month [7-9pm]
- Committee work [1-3 hours per month]
- Attend school events