

State Public Charter School Authority Application

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Reason to Serve: Charter schools hold an important place in the overall education ecosystem of Nevada. They have the opportunity to be innovative and create environments that foster the unique interests of kids and their communities. This board ensures that this is possible, while also holding schools to a high standard of accountability for student outcomes, operations, and fiscal management. As the third-largest Local Education Agency in Nevada, the State Public Charter School Authority and the Authority Board are uniquely positioned to make decisions that improve education outcomes for kids. As SPCSA schools already demonstrate some of the best academic outcomes for high-needs kids in Nevada, it would be an honor to serve on this board and contribute to ensuring more students in the areas of highest need have access to high quality schools that fit their needs. I am privileged in that I was able to attend high quality public schools within CCSD, attend UNLV as a first generation college student, and develop a public life in which I am able to advocate for the needs of kids and families. I believe deeply that every single child has the capacity to be and do great things - they just need the resources to get there. It is also my personal mission to ensure that I give back to the community just as much as I have received to support my successes. Serving on the SPCSA board would be a direct and impactful way to participate in the systems in place that provide kids with more of what they need: a good school.

Qualifications: Throughout my professional career and in my volunteer roles, I have spent extensive time in the education space organizing families and advocating for policies that create the conditions for quality schools to deliver quality outcomes. This has also included hearing directly from many community members and families about what they need from a school in their neighborhood, one of the most critical aspects of opening and maintaining a charter school. I've also supported schools to develop community engagement plans in order to more deeply connect with the community they intend to serve. That said, I am familiar with the charter school application, rubric, and review processes, which this board directly oversees. As the former Chief of Staff & Sr. Director of Public Policy for Opportunity 180, I have analyzed local, state, and federal education legislation that impacts charter schools. I've also participated in ongoing discussions around the implementation of those laws and policies, the implications for kids and schools thereafter. Additionally, as a result of viewing the vast majority of SPCSA board meetings since 2018 (approximately 120+ hours of meetings), I am also familiar with how the board operates in relation to the community/families, schools, the Nevada Department of Education, and the legislature. In addition to my direct experience observing and sometimes participating in the board meetings as a member of the public, I have a bachelor's degree in Sociology with an academic focus on urban communities, and a master's degree in education, focused on systems level change for kids experiencing extreme hardships.

Summary of Experience, Education, Achievements: Education: M.Ed, Special Education: Children with Emotional Behavioral Disorders & Specific Learning Disabilities (UNLV, 2017) BA, Sociology, (UNLV, 2015) Honors Diploma, Foothill High School, CCSD :) Current Employment: Chief of Staff - English Learners Success Forum Former Employment: Sr. Director, Public Policy, Opportunity 180. Strategic thought partner to 6+ K-12 public charter schools and community partners on effective community engagement strategies; policy analysis and advocacy for high quality schools for every kid, agnostic of governance structure; Federal

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Charter School Program Grant Management Team. Additional titles within org included Manager of Community Impact Initiatives (2018-2019), Chief of Staff (2020-2021). Please note that I am no longer employed with Opportunity 180. Research Associate, Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy. Collaborated with various non-profit, public, and private community partners on advocacy and evaluation initiatives related to child maltreatment prevention, domestic violence, and maternal and child health. Facilitated executive team and coalition meetings. Appointments: Attorney General's State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team Lead Coordinator Clark County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team Lead Coordinator Nevada Taskforce for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse Board Roles: Community Development Recommending Board Member, City of Las Vegas, Ward 3 (2019-present) Nevadans for the Common Good Board Member (2021-present) Parent Leadership Team of Nevada Board Member (2021-present) Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Southern Nevada (2015-2018)

Highest Level of Education Completed: Master's Degree

Job Title: Chief of Staff English Learners Success Forum

Professional Licenses: not applicable.

Served on other Board, Commission, Council, etc.: Yes

Service Experience Boards, Commissions, etc.: Community Development Recommending Board Member, City of Las Vegas, Ward 3 (2019-present)

Registered to Vote: Yes

Registered Lobbyist: No

Gender Identity: Female

Hispanic/Latino: No

Ethnic Identity: None of the Above

Tribal Heritage: n/a

Languages: English

Veteran: No

Disability: No

County of Residence: Clark County