

2024 LCMCS Board Recruitment Announcement

The Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School (LCMCS) Board of Directors is recruiting candidates to fill several upcoming vacancies. We are seeking candidates who desire to promote Montessori education in the public sector. Serving on the Board is an opportunity to support and contribute to the success of LCMCS school leaders, teachers & staff, and students. Board member time commitment includes monthly board meetings and service on committees or work groups.

At LCMCS our core values are:

1. A wholehearted commitment to liberating human potential through justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.
2. Independence and interdependence: Students have the freedom to act and learn within a structured and prepared environment, while also taking joy in connecting and contributing to the greater world.
3. Compassion and respect for self, others, and the environment.
4. Development of the whole child through attention to physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth.

A few of the current Board goals are as follows:

1. Building the framework for delivering public K-8 Montessori education in the Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, and Wood Village communities.
2. Advance diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism efforts in priority areas throughout the school, including facilitation of a school name change.
3. Enhance board recruitment and succession planning, including identification of a candidate interested in and qualified to be elected to serve as Board Chair beginning in July 2024.
4. Support the school's efforts to update and implement the strategic plan.
5. Provide ongoing governance and fiduciary oversight.
6. Ensure ongoing commitment to academic excellence and outstanding Montessori programming.

The Board would benefit from candidates with experience in the following areas:

- Education (Montessori / Leadership)
- Executive level governance and/or management experience of public-facing entities
- Finance / Accounting
- Legal (Policy / Public Admin)
- Human Resources Professionals
- Fundraising / Grant Writing / Marketing / Communications
- Building / Landscape Professionals

The LCMCS Board of Directors values lived experience in order to better serve, reflect, and represent our community. We seek applicants from historically underrepresented communities including: Black, Indigenous and people of color, LGBTQIA2S+, religious minority, migrant, refugee, differently abled, housing/food insecure, and all economic backgrounds.

Interested candidates can apply by submitting this online application:

<https://lewisandclarkcharter.org/about/board/>

The Board has a minimum of five directors, so active recruitment has begun. Applications received by March 8, 2024, will be considered for immediate board vacancies, including candidates for the 2024-2025 chair position.

Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed at least twice per year each spring and fall. For more information about Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School, visit our website at www.lewisandclarkcharter.org. Other questions? Email the board at board@lcmcs.org.

Board Members

Sara O'Brien – *term ends 2024* – SO'Brien@lcmcs.org
Marcela Wash – *term ends 2024* – MWash@lcmcs.org
Mary Marshall – *term ends 2025* – MMarshall@lcmcs.org
Quinn Ellingsen – *term ends 2025* – QEllingsen@lcmcs.org
Vacancy -- *term ends 2026*

Active Committees

Finance Committee
DEI (Diversity-Equity-Inclusion) Committee
Executive Committee
Community Engagement Committee (non- board)