
**Gorman Learning Center Network
Board Election Cycle FAQs
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Who is in charge of electing Board Members?

- The Board of Directors is responsible by law for electing new members according to the provisions set out in its bylaws. Directors serve a set number of terms and are voted onto the Board by the GLCN community of parents, staff and teachers with specific eligibility, again outlined in the bylaws. The bylaws are public documents and anyone may request to see them.

Is the Board a Parent Group?

- No. While parents may serve, other members may be interested community leaders who bring specific skills and knowledge to the Board role. GLCN is actually governed by nonprofit corporate laws and the state educational code, and the Directors are the ones responsible for running this "corporation".

What are the main responsibilities of the Board? How do they fit into what the staff does?

- The Board of Directors of the Gorman Learning Charter Network has the fiduciary responsibility for the GLCN. It sets the directions for growth through strategic planning; oversees the legal and ethical conduct of the educational programs and treatment of all employees, contractors, parents and students; ensures compliance with all Federal, State, Local and Educational Code standards in a full and timely manner; and approves an annual budget to provide all necessary resources to fulfill the GLCN Mission.
- The Board of Directors hires and supports the Executive Director who manages senior staff as they administer the day-to-day operations and serves as advocates for the schools in their communities. GLCN currently is comprised of two schools: GLC and GLC SB/SC, and operates three resource centers in Lancaster, Redlands, and Santa Clarita.

Do the Board members get paid?

- No. All nonprofit Board members serve without financial compensation.

How long are the terms?

- Three years with the possibility to renew for an additional three years.

Why are applications going to the Board Secretary this year instead of staff?

- The Board has the legal responsibility to coordinate elections and the Secretary seems the logical person to coordinate this process. The Board appreciates the help of staff in the past.

I'm interested in maybe serving on the Board but I don't know much about the roles and responsibilities...is that a problem?

- Previous Board service is helpful but not a requirement.
- The Board will be hosting Town Halls at the Schools to answer any questions about service anyone has.
- Orientations and on-going training are available for all Board Members.

Why are only a few Board members elected at a time?

- Terms are staggered on purpose so the Board always has experienced members and those with fresh perspectives serving together to continuing grow qualified Directors and provide continuity for projects.

Are there any legal liabilities to serving on the Board?

- Yes. Directors are liable for their actions individually and as a group. They are expected to act within the law. GLCN retains legal counsel to advise the Board and Administration and all Board members receive training in the Brown Act which governs the conduct of meetings and ensures transparency in decision-making.

Are there a certain number of Directors representing each school?

- No. Directors may have children attending specific schools, but once elected, they are required to make decisions based on what is best for ALL members of the GLCN. Perspectives from each school or resource center are helpful, but not to be used for the sole benefit of any one segment.