

Lowell Collegiate Charter School

Founders and Proposed Board of Trustees

This is prepared by the founding group of the proposed Lowell Collegiate Charter School.

Dr. Raquel Bauman, Founding Board Member

Dr. Bauman is an Adjunct Instructor of Education at Cambridge College and is the ESL Facilitator for Ayer Public Schools where she is responsible for supervising and administering state required assessment for K-12, and coordinating with academic department liaisons and assistant principals at the high school and middle school to design and implement a curriculum and integrate instruction into the academic program and schedule. She was previously the guidance coordinator for the Lowell Public School, with oversight for the individual and group guidance of close to 3800 students.

Brian L. Chapman, Founding Board Member

Mr. Chapman is the President and Managing Director of Mill City Environmental Corporation. He has direct responsibility for the sales, marketing and oversees the day to day operations of the company. Mr. Chapman, a graduate of UMASS-Amherst, is a business leader in the community and has over 18 years of experience in the environmental services field. He has managed budgets ranging from \$500,000 - \$12,000,000. He is actively involved in several local professional associations and societies. He is a board member of the New England Marketing Association, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Inc., and the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust.

Kathleen McCarthy, Vice-President of the Founding Board of Trustees

Ms. McCarthy is a Lowell resident and a retired educator of the Lowell Public Schools. She is the founder, owner and operator of two pre-schools serving Lowell area parents. She has served on numerous boards and commissions in Lowell, including the board of Lowell Community Charter School.

Walter McGrail, Founding Board Member

Mr. McGrail is a retired school principal and long-time elementary level educator with over 38 years of experience. A resident of Lowell, he is a certified realtor and construction supervisor. This expertise will serve the board well in identifying and developing a facility for the charter school.

William A. Merrill, President of the Founding Board of Trustees

Mr. Merrill is life-long Lowell resident and a retired educator, having served for 42 years as a teacher/guidance counselor at Lowell High School and, upon his retirement, an additional three years as a part-time counselor at Community Christian High School of Lowell. He has served on numerous educational committees at a regional, state, and local level. He is a graduate of Salem State College, Boston University, and a student at University of Massachusetts-Lowell. He recently served on the State Board of Directors of Massachusetts Retirees United and the regional Board of Directors of Retired Educators Association of Massachusetts. He also served on the Board of the Lowell Community Charter School for a little over a year.

Alan Miller, Founding Board Member

Mr. Miller has been a resident of Lowell for the past 40 years and is currently the controller of The Thompson & Lichtner Company, a position he has held for the past 9 ½ years. He was in similar roles for the past 22 years. He is currently a Parks Commissioner for the City of Lowell and an active member of St. Michaels Church in Lowell and was a Board Member for Lowell Youth Soccer and a coach for 18 years.

Vesna Nuon, Founding Board Member

Mr. Noun is a Lowell resident who works for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Sex Offender registry office (2000-present), and previously worked in the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office

(1991-2000). A graduate of UMASS-Boston, Mr. Noun has been a teacher and tutor of math and English to the Cambodian community. He has received numerous awards for his youth counseling and work in assisting Asian refugees to assimilate in the US. Mr. Noun served on the Board of Trustees of the Lowell Community Public Charter School (2008-2010), and currently serves on the Lowell City Zoning Board of Appeals and the Middlesex County District Attorney's Diversity Committee.

Pravin M. Patel, Founding Board Member

Mr. Patel is a Lowell resident and a chemical engineer experienced with the development and production for various kinds of plastics, rubber and metal substrates. He is a highly skilled researcher, and quality control and process design expert.

Maura Sweeney, Founding Board Member

Ms. Sweeney is Senior Vice President and Human Resources officer for The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. She has been employed by the Bank for 23 years. Ms. Sweeney serves as an executive Board member of Girls Inc., of Greater Lowell, and has been a board member for almost 10 years. She is the outgoing chairperson for The Mass Bankers Association's Group Insurance Trust, on which she served for over 15 years.