

Lynn Preparatory Charter School

Founders and Proposed Board of Trustees

This is prepared by the founding group of the proposed Lynn Preparatory Charter School.

Heather Brings is an elementary school teacher with supervisory experience that includes director of a PreK-K program that has undergone the national accreditation process and services low income families of Lynn.

Dr. Joanne Civitaresse is a member of the Education Design Team. She secured the developer grant and is the primary author of the prospectus and application. She is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Hathaway School, a non-profit independent elementary school servicing Lynn students in grades preK-5. She has extensive experience in educational development and design, school management and has expertise in the field of special education. Based on her outstanding credentials (licensed Superintendent, Principal and SPED Director) and Joanne's understanding of the unique model of LPCS, her previous experiences as a district-wide administrator, her entrepreneurial spirit which was called upon to start and run the Hathaway School, and her understanding of and commitment to the Lynn community, the Board believes she is the ideal candidate to run LPCS. Upon granting of the charter it is anticipated that she will become an ex-officio member of the board.

Ms. Olga deGrasse was raised in the Dominican Republic she, gained US citizenship, and attended Middlebury College where she earned a Master's Degree in Spanish. She has strong ties within the Hispanic community and has worked extensively with under-privileged families.

Mark Hathaway, CPA is the co-founder of the Hathaway School. He serves as the chief financial officer for the school which includes supervision of food services, transportation, facilities management and finance. He has received his certificate of completion for the MA Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO) Program. The Board believes that he is the ideal candidate to serve as LPCS Chief Financial Officer. Upon granting of the charter it is anticipated that he will become an ex-officio member of the board.

Erin Smith holds an advanced degree in Curriculum and Instruction has experience in curriculum design, including aligning the curriculum to the Frameworks, assessment tools and has ten years experience as a public school teacher.

Jason Sport earned a degree in Economics from Boston College, owns and operates a business and is also a teacher of history. He is a life long resident of Lynn.

Francis D. Suggs: As the database administrator at The Governor's Academy, she has expertise in educational computer software and also valuable experience in school finance. She attended the Lynn public schools and owns a home in Lynn.

Isaiah Suggs has served as the Associate Director of Admissions at The Governor's Academy for the past 10 years. He was previously employed as a supervisor at G.E. in Lynn, where he also owns a home and has strong family ties.

Joseph Yannetti earned his law degree from Suffolk University and is an attorney at the law firm of Morrison Mahoney with experience in employment litigation.