

Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School

Founders and Proposed Board of Trustees

This is prepared by the founding group of the proposed Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School

- Ljuba Marsh is one of the co-founders of the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School and served as its Education Director for 11 years.
- Bob Brick is the other co-founder of PVPACPS and served as its Administrative Director/Executive Director for 14 years. Before starting PVPA, Mr. Brick was administratively responsible for the oversight of all Outpatient Mental Health programming in Holyoke and Hampden County.
- Heyda Martinez has 30 years of experience as an educator, with a Masters in Social Justice Education and current experience working with students in grades K-8 in Holyoke.
- Ingrid Askew is one of the founding board members of PVPA Charter Public School.
- Rhonda Soto, a former resident of Holyoke is also a former Charter School parent and teacher. She serves on the Board of the Care Center in Holyoke and the Holyoke Community College Alumni Council.
- Elaine Reall is currently the City Solicitor in Northampton and has decades of experience in Employment Law and Human Resources.
- Keith Purcell is a CPA and Principal at the Accounting firm of Downey, Sweeney and Fitzgerald.
- Charles Hopkins is currently the Director of Special Education at PVPA and has 25 years of experience as a top administrator in the South Hadley public school system.
- Dan Zukergood, a resident of Holyoke, is a Professor at Springfield College, Department of Education with a long term, documented commitment to social justice, literacy and civic education.
- Ruben Supulveda lives in Holyoke, and is a recent transfer from Holyoke Community College to Amherst College.
- Vivian Pappas Aickelin is a resident of Chicopee and teaches in its public school system.