

Alma del Mar Charter School

Founders and Proposed Board of Trustees

This is prepared by the founding group of the proposed Alma del Mar Charter School.

Hilary Bresnahan, EdM is a former classroom teacher with five years of experience in district and charter schools. She currently works in curriculum development with Harvard University, and as an educational consultant, working with higher education, urban districts and charter schools.

David Cabral, MBA, Founding Board is a Principal at Five Star Surgical and Five Star Manufacturing, growing businesses that make and refurbish surgical devices. David grew up in the New Bedford area and serves on the Boards of the Greater New Bedford Industrial Foundation and the Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board.

Karyn Campbell, CFA, Founding Board is the former managing director of Capital Advisors Group, Inc. and serves on the national board of directors for Citizen Schools. Andrea Cebula has four years of experience as a curriculum consultant and four years experience in a low-income school. She is fluent in Portuguese and grew up in the Greater New Bedford area.

Betty Ann Dasher holds a BS in Education from Northeastern University. She has been working in both public and private schools for over seventeen years as a Speech Therapist and has six children in New Bedford schools.

Jean Fox, MBA, Founding Board has worked for the Greater New Bedford Workforce Initiative for the last three years as a Literacy Works Entrepreneur and Youth Council Development and is a member of the New Bedford Early Literacy Consortium.

William G Gardner, EdM, Founding Board (ex officio) has over 7 years experience working in high-needs schools, including two years management experience of a Citizen Schools after-school site in New Bedford. He has a Masters degree in School Leadership from Harvard University, Graduate School of Education and lives in Greater New Bedford.

Laura Gardner, MLIS is a National Board Certified librarian at Dartmouth Middle School with five years experience teaching in a school with a predominantly low-income student body. She lives in Greater New Bedford.

Amanda Glinsky, JD, Founding Board is a current resident of New Bedford. Amanda is an estates planning lawyer in New Bedford with experience in other areas such as real estate, general corporate representation, business litigation and trademark applications.

Guillermo Gonzalez, MD, Founding Board is a native of Puerto Rico and a current resident of New Bedford with over 30 years of experience as a psychiatrist. He currently runs a private practice in New Bedford and has served on the Education Committee for

New Bedford's Master Plan and as a board member for the Community Health Foundation of Greater New Bedford.

Martha Kay, M.Ed., C.A.G.S., Founding Board has served as an administrator in New Bedford Public Schools for the past 20 years. Most recently, she has led Gomes Elementary School and the Ingraham Integrated Preschool Center. Martha brings a passion for improving educational outcomes for students in New Bedford, expertise in federal grant-writing and significant experience with serving English language learners.

Judith Li, Founding Board is currently a Director of Strategy at Teach For America, focusing on the organization's near- and long-term strategic planning. Prior to joining Teach for America, Judith was a management consultant at McKinsey and Company, where she spent several years working on strategic business planning and organizational structure/development for a wide span of different private sector organizations.

Ross Moran has worked for Citizen Schools and Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction (PAACA) in New Bedford for the past three years. He is currently a Campus Director for Citizen Schools in New Bedford. He has experience in community organizing, grant writing and public relations.

Hugh O'Mara has seven years experience teaching middle school math and science at the Global learning Charter Public School in New Bedford, where he was a founding teacher and is Math Department Chair. He has completed the Principal Licensure Program at UMass Dartmouth.

David M. Prentiss, JD, Founding Board is the CEO of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra as well as a lecturer in Political Science at the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth. He has served as the Executive Director of the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society as well as the Acting Dean of the Southern New England School of Law.

Mark Rasmussen, MPP, Founding Board has been President and Chief Executive Officer of The Coalition for Buzzards Bay, headquartered in New Bedford, since 1998. He is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government with a Masters in Public Administration and is a lifelong resident of Greater New Bedford.

Ellie Rounds, MEd, is the Dean of Special Education and Student Support at Neighborhood Charter School. She is currently pursuing an administrator license in special education.

AdM Proposed Board Member Qualifications							
	Education	Management	Finance	Development	Law	Service	Soul
David Cabral, MBA		x	x			x	x
Karyn Campbell, CFA	x	x	x	x		x	x
Jean Fox, MBA	x	x	x			x	x
Will Gardner, Med	x	x		x		x	x
Amanda Glinsky, JD			x		x	x	x
Guillermo Gonzalez, MD	x	x				x	x
Martha Kay, MEd, CAGS	x	x		x		x	x
Judith Li	x	x	x			x	x
David M. Prentiss, JD	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mark Rasmussen, MPP	x	x	x	x		x	x