

## Brooke 4 Charter School

### Proposed Board of Trustees

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**Alessi, Brett** (trustee) Managing Director, New Initiatives, Mass2020. (2011-present). Prior to joining Mass2020, Brett served for 5 years as the Executive Director of Education Pioneers (Greater Boston and New England). He has an M.A.T. and has taught both 3rd grade and Spanish Immersion. Brett is a Boston resident and the parent of school-age children.

**Berkman, Hilary** (chair) Chief Financial Officer, Candlewick Press. (Founding board member). Hilary has served on the Brooke board for over 10 years, during most of which time she has served as chair of the finance committee. She also served as board chair for 2 years. Her extensive background in finance has been instrumental in helping Brooke scale up its financial operations across the network.

**Bussink, Bart** (trustee) Real Estate Developer. (2006 – present). Bart has over 25 years of experience in real estate development and has been an instrumental member of the facility committee, leading the school's development of a long-term capital replacement and improvement plan for the permanent facility in Roslindale.

**Clark, Jon** (ex-officio) Co-Director, Brooke Charter Schools. (2002 – present). Jon is a founder of the original Brooke School and has over 10 years of experience as a charter school leader and ex-officio board member. Jon is a Boston resident with school-age children.

**Finkelstein, Alex** (trustee) General Partner, Spark Capital. (2012 – present). Alex is Brooke's newest board member and brings to the board over 10 years of venture capital experience. Alex is responsible for engaging a pro-bono public-relations consultant for the school (Version 2.0 communications), who has begun to work with the school on public outreach.

**Grossman, Jacob** (advisory board chair) Acquisitions/Finance, The Grossman Companies. (2009 – present). Jake has over 7 years of real estate development experience and has been a strong contributor to the facility committee. As chair of the development committee, he has been instrumental in helping the school expand its development capacity, including engaging the Osborne Consulting Group for support in that realm. Jake's family has a close connection to Senator Brooke, and Jake serves as co-chair of Brooke's advisory board, along with Senator Brooke himself, who is the honorary co-chair.

**Kushman, Lauren** (trustee) Principal, New Schools Venture Fund. (2012 – present). In addition to her six years of experience at New Schools Venture Fund, Lauren taught for 3 years at North Star Charter School in Newark and is a founding board member of Charter Board Partners, a non-profit based in Washington D.C. focused on improving the operation and performance of non-profit boards. Lauren serves on the governance committee.

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**Oran, Scott** (chair) Founder, Managing Director, Dinosaur Capital Partners. (2010 – present)  
In addition to serving for the last 2½ years as board chair, Scott has over 20 years of experience in real estate and is the chair of the board's facility committee, where he has and governance committee played an important role in the identification of and negotiation around properties for permanent facilities. As chair of the governance committee, Scott has also played a central role in the work of the board to grow from managing one school to managing a network of schools.

**Paris-Jeffries, Imari** (trustee) Partner, Boston Rising. (2012 – present). Prior to his work at Boston Rising, Imari served for 5 years as the Executive Director of Friends of the Children (Boston), an organization focused on serving high-needs youth from Kindergarten through high school. He also worked previously as the COO of the Massachusetts Service Alliance, and was recently appointed by the Mayor to the Boston Public Schools' External Advisory Committee, focused on the city's school assignment system. Imari is a Boston resident with school-age children.

**Reynolds, Jill** (treasurer) Senior Consultant, Public Consulting Group. (Founding board member, treasurer). In addition to serving as treasurer for the Brooke Board for most of the last ten years, Jill has worked as a consultant for PCG for 10 years, advising non-profits and government agencies on operations and finance. Previously, Jill served as Deputy Education Advisor to the governor's office and was an architect of the revised School Building Assistance Program. Jill is the parent of school-age children and until recently was a Boston resident.

**Steadman, Kimberly** (ex-officio) Co-Director, Brooke Charter Schools. (2009 – present). Kimberly has over 15 years of experience in education, including over 7 years as a school leader and the founder of the elementary school at the original Brooke school. Kimberly also has a J.D. and has experience at the Civil Rights Project, the Center for Law and Education, and the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. Kimberly is a Boston resident.