

Libertas Academy Charter School

Members of the Founding Group and Proposed Board of Trustees

This document was prepared by the applicant group of the proposed Libertas Academy Charter School.

William MacDonald, Managing Partner, Law Offices of William MacDonald, is a lawyer with over 30+ years of experience serving residents of Springfield. Mr. MacDonald's legal expertise will support the Board's ability to ensure full compliance with the local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

Rosemarie Marks-Paige, Account Manager, Health New England Inc., is a parent of students that graduated from a local charter school and brings unique insights on ways we can collaborate with families. With over 25 years in the accounting field, Ms. Marks-Paige will play an integral role in overseeing the financial viability of Libertas Academy.

Modesto Montero, a bilingual urban teacher, leader, and Building Excellent Schools (BES) Fellow is the proposed Head of School. Mr. Montero leads weekly communication and frequent meetings with the founding team and leads all community outreach. Mr. Montero brings close personal and professional ties within Western Massachusetts to the founding team, and the national training and support of BES.

Ellen Moorhouse, Program Officer, Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, brings her personal experience as a graduate of a local charter school, her extensive network within the young professionals of Springfield, and her membership in organizations such as the Springfield Rotary Club and the Girls Scouts of America. Ms. Moorhouse will play an integral role in our ability to recruit supporters and her real estate background will support our efforts to secure a facility soon after the charter is awarded.

Dora Robinson, CEO and President of the United Way in the Pioneer Valley, brings extensive experience in human services and fundraising and has held volunteer posts on area boards for over 25 years. Ms. Robinson will play a key role in the strategic development of additional funding sources.

David Silva, Executive Director, Puerto Rico Cultural Center, was born and raised in the North End, has deep roots within the community, and will be instrumental during our student recruitment efforts. As an adjunct professor at Elms College, Mr. Silva is uniquely positioned to support the implementation of our College Success Program.

Anthony Surette, Principal, Corbin & Tapases, P.C, a native of Springfield, brings a wealth of knowledge with over a decade of experience as an accountant. Mr. Surette will help ensure the financial viability of our organization.

Mary Walachy, Executive Director of the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation, brings decades of experience in strategic planning, non-profit board leadership, and oversight of the foundation's administration. Ms. Walachy will be a major resource in accessing funding and strategic partners throughout the city, and in ensuring strong governance of the proposed school.

Kwame Webster, Managing Director of Western Massachusetts with Teach For America, is an experienced educator with extensive knowledge in curriculum design, assessment and instruction, and teacher licensure. Mr. Webster will be instrumental in our teacher recruitment and access to professional development opportunities.