



Board Member Commitment Agreement

I, _____ understand that as a member of the Bridges Preparatory School Board of Directors, I have a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. I believe in the purpose and the mission of the organization, and I will act responsibly and prudently as its steward. My behavior as a board member will be consistent with the values and mission of the organization.

As part of my responsibilities as a board member:

1. I will interpret the organization's work and values to the community, represent the organization, and act as an ambassador.
2. I will attend at least 75% of board meetings, including committees I am assigned to.
3. I will RSVP my attendance for board meetings or board committee meetings at least one day in advance to either the BPS board chair (for board meetings) or the committee chair (for committees to which I am assigned.)
4. I will actively participate in fundraising activities.
5. I will act in the best interests of the organization, and excuse myself from discussions and votes where I have a conflict of interest.
6. I will stay informed about the activities and current issues at BPS. I will ask questions and request information. I will participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies and other board matters.
7. I will work in good faith with staff and other board members as partners towards achievement of our goals.
8. I will serve on a minimum of one Board committee.
9. I understand I will be asked to sign a Board Confidentiality Agreement prior to attending a meeting or orientation.

In turn, Bridges Preparatory School will be responsible to me in several ways:

1. I will be sent an agenda and materials 3 days prior to the board meeting.
2. An orientation will be provided for me where I will be able to discuss with the staff and the veteran board members, the internal programs, goals, activities, and status; additionally, I can request such opportunities.
3. The organization will help me perform my duties by keeping me informed about issues addressing financial/ economic challenges, and other challenges for area families. Also, I will be offered opportunities for professional development as a board member.

4. Board members and staff will respond in a straightforward fashion to questions that I feel are necessary to carry out my fiscal, legal and moral responsibilities to this organization. Board members and staff will work in good faith with me towards achievement of our goals.
5. If the organization does not fulfill its commitments to me, I can call on the Board Chair and Vice Chair to discuss the organization's responsibilities with me.

I have read, understand and am willing to comply with the Charter School Board Service Description, Board of Directors Job Description and the Board of Directors Individual Performance Expectations that outline my responsibilities to the Board. I understand that I am making a two (2) year commitment and will do my best to honor it.

Signed:

Date:

Member, Board of Directors, Bridges Preparatory School

Chair, Board of Directors, Bridges Preparatory School

The board president should sign two copies of this agreement for each board member. Each new board member should sign both, return one copy to the board president, and keep the other for reference.