

# UCA Board of Directors

## *Fast Facts*

### **OVERVIEW & PURPOSE**

Uwharrie Charter Academy is governed by a Board of Directors composed of a diverse group of community leaders. The Board of Directors is responsible for a strategic plan to guide the mission, growth, and development of the school including excellence in academic performance, fiscal responsibility, managed growth, and clear leadership.

### **Board of Directors Meetings Responsibilities**

Each member of the Board of Directors shall support the work of Uwharrie Charter Academy (UCA) and provide mission-based leadership and strategic governance. The Board acts as trustee of the organization's assets and ensures that the Charter Academy is well managed and remains fiscally sound. In doing so, the Board must exercise proper oversight of UCA's operations and maintain the legal and ethical accountability of its staff and volunteers. While day-to-day operations are led by the Charter Academy's Superintendent, the Board-Superintendent relationship is a partnership, and the appropriate involvement of the Board is both critical and expected.

Board of Directors meetings are held monthly; however, there are occasions for "called" meetings that require immediate action that cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting. All committee meetings are scheduled prior to the scheduled board meeting, allowing time for all members to review materials.

### **Committees**

The board has four primary committees – Executive, Governance, Finance, and Academic Excellence. From time to time, the board may choose to create a temporary ad hoc committee to achieve a specified purpose. For example, in 2018-19, an ad hoc committee was created to develop a UCA vision statement, values, and ethics statement.

A brief summary of each committee is included below. Committees may choose to invite

non-board members to participate in their committee, at their discretion.

1. The **UCA Executive Committee** acts on behalf of the full board in planning and determining the full board agendas. Its main purpose is to facilitate decision making in between board meetings or in the case of a crisis or other urgent circumstances.
2. The **UCA Governance Committee** is commissioned by and accountable to the UCA Board of Directors for recruiting, nominating, orienting, and training board members in accordance with the UCA Bylaws, as well as developing, recommending to the BOD, and reviewing existing policies.
3. The **UCA Finance Committee** is commissioned by and responsible to the UCA Board of Directors to assume the primary responsibility for working with the Superintendent to oversee the financial health of UCA and ensure fiscal alignment with UCA's Strategic Plan.
4. The **UCA Academic Excellence Committee** is commissioned by and responsible to the UCA Board of Directors to assume the primary responsibility for working with the Superintendent to define academic excellence, ensure that all BOD members know the UCA charter promises that were made to the community and the authorizer, and to devise clear and consistent measures to monitor these goals.

## **Terms and Commitments**

1. Each board member is eligible to serve two three-year terms, provided they have met attendance requirements and board policies.
2. The October prior to when a seated board member's first term ends in June, the governance committee will consult with the board chair and superintendent to discuss if those members will be invited to serve a second term.