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Exploring Board Service
With Communities In Schools of Lakewood

Thank you for considering board service with Communities In Schools of Lakewood. CISL surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Board members help advance this mission through thoughtful governance, advocacy, fundraising, relationship-building, and meaningful engagement with students, families, schools, and community partners.

Our work is grounded in CISL's Values, Beliefs and Commitments. We are student-centered, collaborative, impact-focused, committed to excellence, equity-centered, and actively anti-racist.

What We Are Looking For

CISL seeks board members who share our mission and values and can deepen the organization's connection to students, families, schools, and the broader community.

We are especially interested in candidates who:

- Center students and equity in decisions.
- Bring lived experience, family voice, an alumni connection, or strong ties to the Lakewood or Franklin Pierce community.
- Contribute valuable skills, relationships, and perspectives to board discussions and decisions.
- Show up consistently and follow through on commitments.
- Are willing to champion CISL within their networks and communities.

What Board Service Involves

- Serve as an ambassador for CISL by sharing the mission, inviting others into the work, and helping strengthen community relationships.
- Make a personally meaningful investment in CISL through a financial contribution, fundraising, introductions, volunteering, advocacy, and/or another commitment that is significant and authentic to the board member.

What Board Service Involves (continued)

- Attend and actively participate in monthly board meetings (1.5 hours per month, 10 months per year), arriving prepared for discussion and decision-making.
- Plan for an additional 25–35 hours each year for meeting preparation and follow-up, student and program engagement, fundraising, events, ambassador activities, and team connection activities.
- Participate in two annual gatherings that bring the full CISL staff and board together.
- Build meaningful connections with students and CISL's school-based work through volunteering, site visits, events, or other engagement opportunities.
- Support ongoing board recruitment by identifying potential members and connecting with prospective candidates.

Meeting Schedule and Board Terms

- Board meetings are currently held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:00–6:30 p.m., with no meetings in July or December.
- Board members commit to one three-year term, with the option to renew for a second term. Members may serve up to two consecutive terms, for a total of six years.

How to Learn More and Apply

The process begins with a conversation about CISL's mission, current board priorities, and the expectations of service. Interested candidates then complete an application, meet with board and staff leadership as appropriate, and are considered by the board for next steps.

Interested in learning more about the process? Learn what to expect

Ready to apply? Complete the CISL Board Member Application

Interested in learning more? Contact:

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