

SCVCS Board Applicant 2011



Name: Victoria Dixon-Mokeba

City: Columbia, Rhode Island

Employment: Director/Lead Teacher, Carolina School for Inquiry

Parent or Community Member: Community Member

College Degree: Morris College B.S Political Science/History-Pre-Law

Graduate Degree: University of South Carolina, Cambridge College MAT Early Childhood Educations, CAGS, Educational Leadership, Doctoral Student

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board:

Non-Profit Board Experience:

SCVCS, 5 Years, Vice-Chairwoman

Blue Ocean Charter Academy, 2 Years, Chairwoman

SC Charter Advisory Board, 1 Year , Member

Public Charter School Alliance of SC, 2 Years, SC Charter Schools Conference, Conference Chair Planning

Please discuss the skills and experience you will bring the SCVCS board and how your skills can be best utilized:

As the tone of an organization is determined by its leadership, the environment at Carolina School for Inquiry (Richland One Public Charter School) reflects my principles and leadership style. I have an expansive nature combined with a proactive management style. Therefore, I am approachable, actively engaged listener and a well-respected leader in the academic field nationwide. I am a member of the National Board for Professional Standards for Teachers and Administrators. In this capacity, I helped craft writing standards for the national certification of school administrators. I also serve on an ad hoc committee for the Board of Directors of this same organization. I am a founding member and currently serve as Vice President for the South Carolina Virtual Charter School!

I not only stay abreast of developments in the academic arena, but coach teachers and colleagues using proven research to educate the diverse population of children in an atmosphere that fosters positive growth and development of the whole person. As a true leader and mentor, I challenge my students, parents and colleagues to expand their learning nationally.

Under the leadership of Dr. Cherry Daniel and resourcefulness of the SCVCS Board, we can continue to make SCVCS the best in the state. We have talked about currently adding a blended component to this highly successful virtual model. I hold student achievement in high regard. I am confident that I have the education, experience, and educational leadership to continue and fulfill the requirements and duties of the SCVCS Board.

How do you hope to advance the mission of SCVCS by serving on the board? Explain why you want to serve:

I think that the goals and objectives necessary for SCVCS should continue to be those that ultimately serve the best interest of students and choices for parents. Such goals should ensure that students are provided with highly qualified and caring teachers who are not only skilled in their content areas but are also able to get that content across to students in ways that they can readily apply it to their studies and personal lives through virtual learning. Students are capable of learning and performing at high levels, but must have caring adults who sincerely value them.

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Name: Clara Heinsohn

City: Charleston, South Carolina

Employment: Director of Public Affairs and Volunteers, Charleston County School District

Parent or Community Member: Community Member

College Degree: Winthrop University BS Elementary Education

Graduate Degree: College of Charleston Masters of Education

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: I previously served as the K-12 Research Director for the SC Senate Education Committee and have taught elementary school

Non-Profit Board Experience:

First Tee of Charleston, 2 1/2 yrs., Chairman National School Program

Charleston Volunteers for Literacy, 3 1/2 years, Chm. Volunteers

Lowcountry Literacy Roundtable, 3 years , Chairman

SC Virtual School Board, 3 years, Advocacy

Please discuss the skills and experience you will bring the SCVCS board and how your skills can be best utilized:

I have served on the South Carolina Virtual Charter School (SCVCS) Board since its inception as a Planning Committee member in October 2007. After serving on the Planning Committee from October 2007 through December 2008, I served on the Board of Directors for SCVCS from January 2009 to the present. As a former elementary teacher of twenty-five years and the former K-12 Research Director of the SC Senate Education Committee, where I worked on the legislation which expanded the Charter School Law to include virtual charter schools, I have a vast knowledge of education and keen interest in promoting charter schools in South Carolina.

How do you hope to advance the mission of SCVCS by serving on the board? Explain why you want to serve:

The SC Virtual Charter School offers an excellent educational choice to students and parents of the Palmetto State. I am impressed with its exemplary curriculum and outstanding staff and teachers. I feel that my unique set of skills, which include teaching, working as a legislative staff person, and being a community activist will enable me to advocate for the SC Virtual Charter School.

I would like to educate the community and the members of the General Assembly on the benefits of a virtual charter school education and continue to work to obtain equitable funding for our school.

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Name: Peggy Hogan

City: Holly Hill, South Carolina

Employment: Retired,

Parent or Community Member: Community Member

College Degree: Middle Tennessee State University B.S. History and Education

Graduate Degree: Middle Tennessee State University M.Ed. Curriculum Specialist

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: Community Education Director License, Non-Profit Financial Management, Total Quality Leadership, Grant Writing and Manag

Non-Profit Board Experience:

SC Volunteer Association of Volunteer Administration, 7 Years, State Treasurer and Conference, Membership, and Communication Committees

Midlands Accociation of SCAVA, 7 Years, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Program, Membership, and Communication Committees

West Ashley Kiwanis, 4 Years , President and Vice-President

Folly Beach Exchange Club, 2 Years, Membership

Please discuss the skills and experience you will bring the SCVCS board and how your skills can be best utilized:

Experencer: 40 years in public education as a classroom teacher, district administrator and state level staff; extensive experience in grant writing and grant management; evaluation of staff; community engagement; bard development and review of districts' civil rights compliance

Utilization of skills: I am excited about the possibility of assisting SCVCS in exploring funding opportunities and assisting in meeting the needs of the growing student body. I have extensive experience in working with community organizations and increasing available resources.

How do you hope to advance the mission of SCVCS by serving on the board? Explain why you want to serve:

If elected to serve on the board, I will promote the opportunities SCVCS offers to SC students during presentations at the local and state levels. I will also assist SCVCS in accessing state, federal and private funding.

As a recently retiree, I am looking for a venue to utilize my skills and experience and make a difference in South Carolina's youth and families. Serving on the SCVCS Board provides the venue to do so.

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Name: Julie Anne Kornahrens

City: Charleston, South Carolina

Employment: Director, Dorchester County Adult Education, Dorchester County Adult Education

Parent or Community Member: Community Member

College Degree: College of Charleston B. S. Elementary Education

Graduate Degree: College of Charleston / Citadel M. Ed., Special Education; M. Ed., School Administration & Supervision

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: Board Training through the Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE)

Non-Profit Board Experience:

SC Virtual Charter School Board of Trustees, 2010 - 2011, Secretary; School Policy Committee, Chair; Strategic Plan Committee

Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE), 2022 - 2010, Vice President; Regional Representative representing the Southeast United States

SC Association of Adult Education Directors, 2003 - present, President, President-Elect, Secretary, Regional Representative

SC Association of School Administrators; Alternative Education Roundtable, 2005 - 2010; 1999 - 2001, Legislative Liaison; Chair

Please discuss the skills and experience you will bring the SCVCS board and how your skills can be best utilized:

I have vast educational experience in a variety of areas: special education, elementary education, alternative education, staff development, and adult education. This experience allows me to bring a depth of knowledge that would be valuable as we continue to expand the charter school law in SC. I have always accepted leadership roles and have a passion for providing educational alternatives for students. I hold student and teacher achievement in high regard and believe in the implementation of an accountability plan that uses student data to show the effectiveness of any education program. I am confident that I have the education, experience, and educational leadership to continue in this capacity and am able to fulfill the requirements and duties of the SCVCS Board.

How do you hope to advance the mission of SCVCS by serving on the board? Explain why you want to serve:

With my educational experience and passion for students, I feel that I will continue to be a valuable member of the SC Virtual Charter School Board. The SCVCS, with its comprehensive and in-depth curriculum, highly qualified teachers and administrative staff, offers a needed choice to the students and parents in South Carolina. In my continued service on the board, I would like to further expand this opportunity across SC and to educate others on the benefits of having choice for students. Being an integral part of the SCVCS will enable me to utilize my leadership skills and vast educational experience to continually promote the mission of the SCVCS and to advocate for equitable funding for our charter school and its students.

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Name: Alison Miller

City: Rock Hill, South Carolina

Employment:

Parent or Community Member: Community Member

College Degree: College of William and Mary Bachelor's in Business Administration (Marketing and Management), Minor in English

Graduate Degree: College of William and Mary Master's Degree in Business Administration (Finance)

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: Harvard Graduate School of Education - Professional development in education; Board and other training at conferences

Non-Profit Board Experience:

South Carolina Virtual Charter School, 2007 - present, Chair (2009 - present); Planning Committee (2007 - 2009); Legal Review Subcommittee (2008 - 2009); Strategic Planning Subcommittee (2009 - present)

South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, 2009 - 2011, School Improvement Council - Vice Chair, Advocacy Committee; Parent Guild - Community Building, Parent Advocacy

York County Ballet/Arts Council of York County, 2004 - 2011, Founder, York County Ballet Guild; Liaison to Arts Council; Publicity Chair; Strategic Planning; Community Outreach and Education; Grant Procurement; Membership Committee (Arts Council)

Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras, 2006 - 2009, Vice President; Liaison to Charlotte Symphony Executive Committee; Strategic Planning; Publicity and Community Building

Please discuss the skills and experience you will bring the SCVCS board and how your skills can be best utilized: For the past nine years, I have been using the K12 curriculum with my four children.

Because I was one of the first in the state to use K12, I recognized the excellence of the program and supported efforts to adopt legislation that would enable state-wide public charter schools to be created so that this exceptional curriculum could be made available as a public school option to the children of our state. I was appointed to the SCVCS Planning Committee in 2007 and was active during the process of obtaining state and district approvals and in the startup phase of the school. I have served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees since its inception, and have attend state charter school conferences and numerous board training and educational programs. In addition to the experience I have gained leading the SCVCS Board of Trustees and through my service on a number of other boards in education and the arts, I have assisted hundreds of families around the state and the country as they embark on their own educational journeys, and I understand the challenges and amazing rewards that this unique educational opportunity brings.

How do you hope to advance the mission of SCVCS by serving on the board? Explain why you want to serve:

During the time that I have served SCVCS, I have sought to advance the primary mission of the school to provide an educational experience that enables students to reach their greatest potential. As Chairman of the SCVCS Board of Trustees, I have ensured that student educational growth and achievement are at the forefront of our board's discussions and decision-making. I have worked to ,forge strong relationships with the education and legislative leadership of the state, between the school and the SC Public Charter School District, and with the professional associations and the other schools in the district and throughout the state. I have supported efforts to communicate the mission of the school to families across South Carolina so that students who may be served by this educational program have that opportunity. I am respectfully submitting this application to continue serving on the SCVCS board because I feel that continuity of leadership is critical to maintaining the momentum of the school and it would be an honor to continue serving the school as it builds on the successes of its first three years of operations,

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Name: Heather Moore

City: Bonneau, South Carolina

Employment: ,

Parent or Community Member: Parent/Legal Guardian of SCVCS Student

College Degree: Charleston Southern na

Graduate Degree:

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board:

Non-Profit Board Experience:

Please discuss the skills and experience you will bring the SCVCS board and how your skills can be best utilized:

As a stay at home mom, I am experienced at balancing a budget and am very organized. This is my first year at SCVCS, but this is my third year of schooling my daughters at home. Before my daughters were born, I worked as a full charge bookkeeper. I tend to look at both sides before I make any decision.

How do you hope to advance the mission of SCVCS by serving on the board? Explain why you want to serve:

I would like to be more involved with my children's education. I hope to be able to work with the other board members to ensure that our children are getting the level of quality education that they deserve.

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Name: Virginia Walsh Reijners

City: Charleston, South Carolina

Employment: Counselor Specialist, Charleston County School District

Parent or Community Member: Community Member

College Degree: University of South Carolina BA Government and International Studies

Graduate Degree: University of South Carolina, The Citadel, Charleston Southern University MEd Student Personnel Services; MEd Secondary Guidance; MEd Secondary Principalship and Supervision

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: Chair of various school district level policy committees

Non-Profit Board Experience:

Please discuss the skills and experience you will bring the SCVCS board and how your skills can be best utilized:

I have worked in education my entire career and my goals have always been to support student achievement. My experience has been at the school level and as a district administrator. I have always been successful in creating environments that increase student achievement and supporting students in all academic endeavors. I strive to support academic excellence for individual students and the entire student body.

How do you hope to advance the mission of SCVCS by serving on the board? Explain why you want to serve:

The South Carolina Virtual Charter School offers a choice to students that I feel is necessary in our state. SCVCS meets a great need for our citizens and has an important mission in educating our young people. I will work hard to support SCVCS goals, to educate the public about its role in public education and to provide the necessary support so that the SCVCS can fulfill its mission.

I want to serve on the board because I am passionate about education and believe in the mission of the SCVCS. I feel I can contribute to its continued growth and development.

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Name: Eric Williams

City: Greer, South Carolina

Employment: Principal, Greenville County School District

Parent or Community Member: Community Member

College Degree: Grand Valley State University B.S. Physical Education and Movement Science

Graduate Degree: University of South Carolina Ed.S.

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board:

Non-Profit Board Experience:

SCVCS, 1 Year, Board Development Committee Chair

Please discuss the skills and experience you will bring the SCVCS board and how your skills can be best utilized:

Previous Experience: SCVCS parent, 3 years experience as a classroom teacher, 6 years experience as an educational administrator extensive coursework in the use of instructional technology in k-12 education, experience in curriculum mapping and implementation at the secondary level, experience gathering data from diverse populations and using the data as a guide for decision making.

I believe that having been a SCVCS parent and a principal in a local middle school give me a unique perspective that would be beneficial to the board of directors.

How do you hope to advance the mission of SCVCS by serving on the board? Explain why you want to serve:

Should I be elected to represent the SCVCS community, I would see my role on the board as one of "service" to the families. Ultimately, we all chose to be a part of SCVCS because we believe it to be the best available option for our children. As it grows, and continues to develop there will be difficult decisions that must be made. Strong leadership and unity between the parents, community, and school administration will support our school in providing a high quality, individualized learning experience for every child that enrolls.