

Board Principles

1. The primary function of the board of directors (“Board”) of West Houston Charter Alliance, Inc. (“Charter Holder”) is to uphold and support the vision, mission, and philosophy of the Charter Holder and West Houston Charter School (“School”). All decisions will be made in light of the mission, philosophy, goals and objectives established by the Board for the Charter Holder and School.
2. The Board must ensure the provision of its quality educational program for all students at the School and the health, safety, and welfare of every child admitted to the School. Every decision or action taken by the Board must be made in the best interest of **all** School students, not what is only in the interest of the Board, staff, or parents individually or individual students. Each Board member acknowledges and agrees that he or she owes a duty of loyalty to the School under law.
3. The Board is responsible for providing strategic leadership for the School. It must plan for the long-term operation of the school.
4. The Board will maintain a policy book so that governing decisions made over a period of years may be readily available to subsequent leadership and administration.
5. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the community and School students receive the maximum benefit from the educational resources the School has at its disposal.
6. The Board has complete and final responsibility in all fiscal affairs of the School, including assets represented by buildings and grounds.
7. The Board will operate in openness; communicate positions in an effective, civil, and clear manner; follow the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; and encourage frequent communications between the administration and parents.
8. At least one Board member will sit on each Board appointed committee in support of the committee’s goals and objectives. The Board member’s role is to provide a Board perspective and to ensure that the committee’s direction and action support the Charter.

Board Member Agreement

I, _____, as a member of the West Houston Charter Alliance, Inc. , Board of Directors will adhere to the Board Duties and Responsibilities and the Board of Directors Principles in order to be a valuable, productive member of the Board of Directors of West Houston Charter Alliance, Inc.

Signature/Date

Approved 6/7/10