

The mission of Minnesota Online High School is to engage, inspire, and educate the whole student for an options-rich future through a challenging, flexible, teacher-developed curriculum; with the encouragement of responsive faculty and staff; within a creative, equitable and supportive learning community.

Vision: At MNOHS, all students define their unique identities and entry points into adult life; their reasons to persist and to stretch toward excellence; and their individual and collective purposes that make school, work and life meaningful. MNOHS encourages students to engage with learning not only online but everywhere adults will support their achievements.

CALL FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mnohs_board

Minnesota Online High School (MNOHS), a teacher-led public charter school and a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization, is an award-winning online community school; a collaborative environment for board, faculty, staff, students and families across Minnesota; and a credible voice for creative, connected online learning.

MNOHS Board members are:

- REPRESENTATIVES of MNOHS to the larger community
- STEWARDS of the school's resources
- ADVOCATES for public, teacher-led and student-centered, online and charter school education
- LEADERS in demonstrating commitment to educational equity and each student's success

School board membership is a public office. An eligible board candidate must be at least 21 years old, a resident of Minnesota for at least 30 days prior to election, and an eligible Minnesota voter. **To better reflect the diversity of our student body, we especially encourage people of color and of all genders and abilities to apply.** If you are interested in applying, please read the information below and complete the online application.

What is the MNOHS Board of Directors?

- A group of individuals that believes in the MNOHS mission and vision and takes action to support both
- A volunteer board
- At least one of the board members must be:
 - A PELSB-licensed professional working at MNOHS, primarily with students.
 - A parent or legal guardian of a comprehensive (MNOHS-only) student currently enrolled at MNOHS.
 - A community member who is not a relative of an enrolled MNOHS student or a MNOHS employee.
- Three of the board members are the governing officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer)

What can I learn through board service?

As a member of the Board, you can:

- Learn how educational innovations and education policy work in practice
- Understand the governance, management, and challenges of a non-profit organization
- Experience the inner workings of a successful virtual organization
- Develop new knowledge and skills in finance, policy, program evaluation, strategic planning, and more
- Develop relationships with others who are passionate about K-16 public education and committed to racial equity

How are board members selected?

- Regular elections held each May for a three- year term OR
- Midyear vacancies filled through a Board of Directors vote to serve for the remainder of the fiscal year

What does a board member do? How much time does it require?

- Complete an initial three-hour online training/orientation (plus ongoing training during regular board meetings)
- Actively participate in monthly, one and a half hour evening meetings
- Volunteer 2-4 additional hours per month for work on policies, resource development, strategic planning, or advocacy
- Support fundraising and community building efforts
- Share knowledge and skills with MNOHS
- Determine and monitor the mission of MNOHS and the strategy that supports it
- Ensure the accuracy and transparency of MNOHS's financial filings

When and where are board meetings?

- One Tuesday each month from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- Meetings are held at the MNOHS office in St. Paul – 2314 University Ave. W, Suite 10—and a limited number of meetings per year can be attended online.
- Please note that all board meetings are public meetings. All attendees must be able to hear and see you. A working computer, headset, web cam and high-speed Internet access are requirements for attending remotely.

How do potential board members apply to become candidates?

- Complete this online survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mnohs_board
- Questions? Contact MNOHS Board President Mary Mehsikomer (<mailto:m.mehsikomer@mail.mnohs.org>).

Your application information will be used to determine that you do not have a conflict of interest. Information on your application will be used for school board purposes only and will not be used for solicitation.