



BOARD SMART • SCHOOL SAVVY

## Finance Committee<sup>©</sup>

### General Purpose

The finance committee is commissioned by and responsible to the Board of Trustees. It has the responsibility for working with the School Leader and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to create the upcoming fiscal year budget; presenting budget recommendations to the Board; monitoring implementation of the approved budget on a regular basis and recommending proposed budget revisions; recommending to the Board appropriate policies for the management of the charter school's assets. The finance committee shall be assisted by the School Leader and CFO.

### Appointments and Composition

1. The members of the finance committee shall be the treasurer of the Board who shall serve as chair, the Chair who shall serve as an ex-officio member, together with other trustees appointed by the Chair with the advice and consent of the Board in accordance with the bylaws.
2. Both the School Leader and the CFO will be members of the finance committee.
3. Additional committee members may be appointed and need not be members of the Board of Trustees.

### Responsibilities

1. Prepare an annual budget for the charter school in collaboration with the School Leader and CFO.
2. Also in collaboration with the School Leader and CFO, develop and annually revise a five-year financial forecast and develop long-range financial plans based on the forecast.
3. Arrange for an annual audit to be provided to the Board of Trustees.
4. Provide oversight of the procurement process.
5. Review monthly financial statements and variances from budget, and recommend action to the Board, as appropriate.
6. Create specific measurable board-level goals for the year as part of the full board planning process.
7. Develop and implement a board-level training program to ensure that all trustees (especially those without a financial background) can be effective stewards of the school's financial resources.
8. Report to the Board of Trustees at regular meetings of the Board in a manner determined by the Board.
9. Annually evaluate its work as a committee and the objectives it has committed itself to and report on same to the Board of Trustees.

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