



LCA Charter Documents - Section IV: Governance

For your reference: [Section 194-B:5 Chartered Public Schools; Authority and Duties of Board of Trustees. \(state.nh.us\)](#)

Current

LCA Board of Trustees

In accordance with RSA 194-B:5, Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School will be governed by up to ~~eight (8)~~ members of the Board of Trustees. The LCA trustees are the governing board and have authority over operations of the public charter school and will establish and approve a set of policies and procedures defining the responsibilities and authority of the School Administration. Trustees will be selected based on personal and professional backgrounds and a commitment to the school's mission, support, and sustainability. Trustees shall represent a diversity of stakeholders ~~not to exceed the following guidelines:~~

- ~~• Two or three (2-3) representing the professional/educational community (external member, three-year term)~~
- ~~• Two or three (2-3) founders or major contributors to the school (three-year terms)~~
- ~~• One or two (1-2) parents, comprising 25% or more of board members~~

The LCA Board of Trustees shall maintain no more than an eight (8) member board, and in addition can establish ex officio board members and/or advisors who will be non-voting. The board is not required to maintain eight (8) members but once the school officially opens for business ~~shall strive to maintain at all time~~ a board of at least five (5) board members. All decisions made by the LCA Board of Trustees will be determined by majority vote.

First-year trustees will be appointed for one-, two-, or three-year terms to establish initial staggered terms and governance stability. The trustees may appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy if vacated but that trustee will only be allowed to serve until the original term expires, but may be renewed by a majority vote of the LCA Board of Trustees. Trustees may serve consecutive terms if so voted by a majority. ~~Term limits~~ for the LCA Board of Trustees are expected to be set for all members with the option to serve multiple consecutive terms, helping establish the expectation for future turnover as well as provide flexibility for continuity of experienced and high performing trustees. Parent board membership is set as a one-year term.

DRAFT Recommended Changes - LCA Charter Document

LCA Board of Trustees

In accordance with RSA 194-B:5, Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School will be governed by up to **nine (9)** members of the Board of Trustees. The LCA trustees are the governing board and have authority over operations of the public charter school and will establish and approve a set of policies and procedures defining the responsibilities and authority of the School Administration. Trustees will be selected based on personal and professional backgrounds and a commitment to the school's mission, support, and sustainability. Trustees shall represent a diversity of stakeholders.

Trustees may include external community members and parents, but importantly, they are able to provide key areas of expertise such as Academics (Curriculum, Pedagogy), Finance and Accounting, Executive Leadership, or Legal. The Board of Trustees shall include no fewer than 25% or 2 parents of LCA students, whichever is greater.

The LCA Board of Trustees shall maintain no more than an eight (8) member board, and in addition can establish ex-officio board members and/or advisors who will be non-voting. The board is not required to maintain eight (8) members but once the school officially opens for business **the Board shall have at least five (5) board members, who are not of the same immediate family or related by blood or marriage.** All decisions made by the LCA Board of Trustees will be determined by majority vote.

First-year trustees will be appointed for one-, two-, or three-year terms to establish initial staggered terms and governance stability. **Parents serving in the Parent Trustee role will have a term set at one-year.** The trustees may appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy if vacated but that trustee will only be allowed to serve until the original term expires, but may be renewed by a majority vote of the LCA Board of Trustees. **All** Trustees may serve consecutive terms if so voted by a majority. **Terms** for the LCA Board of Trustees are expected to be set for all members with the option to serve multiple consecutive terms, helping establish the expectation for future turnover as well as provide flexibility for continuity of experienced and high performing trustees.

Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School Board of Trustees voted to approve on 8/8/2024. Minutes attached for reference.

DRAFT Recommended Changes #2 - LCA Charter Document

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- **Trustee(s) representing the educational community with experience in academics (recommended 2 or 3 year term)**
- **Trustee(s) representing the professional community with experience in financial management and/or accounting (recommended 2 or 3 year term)**
- **Trustee(s) representing contributors to the school who support outreach, fundraising, and grants (recommended 2 or 3 year term)**
- **Up to six additional Trustees with knowledge, expertise, background, education or training in an area of knowledge or vocation that will, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, aid LCA in achieving its mission and vision.**

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First-year trustees will be appointed for one-, two-, or three-year terms to establish initial staggered terms and governance stability. **In accordance with RSA 194: B-5, a chartered public school board of trustees shall include no fewer than 25 percent or 2 parents of pupils attending the chartered public school, whichever is greater.**

The trustees may appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy if vacated but that trustee will only be allowed to serve until the original term expires, but may be renewed by a majority vote of the LCA Board of Trustees. **All** Trustees may serve consecutive terms if so voted by a majority. **Terms** for the LCA Board of Trustees are expected to be set for all members with the option to serve multiple consecutive terms, helping establish the expectation for future turnover as well as provide flexibility for continuity of experienced and high performing trustees.

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