



2025 Election

Candidate Profile:

Marquis Flemings

Executive Director, Best Skills Academy



Check all that apply:

- ☒ Experience with Business
- ☒ Experience with K-12 Education
- ☒ Resident of South Carolina

College and Training:

Liberty University BS in Education

MEd Liberty university

Board Experience:

1 year Judson YMCA

Why do you want to serve on the Odyssey Online Charter School Board of Directors?

To help young people reach their goals.

How do you hope to advance the mission of Odyssey Online Charter School by serving on the board?

Support the administration and providing different view from a nonprofit and educational perspective.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

My educational and nonprofit leadership skills.



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Candidate Profile:

Robert McKenzie

Mentoring Program Director, BEST Skills Academy



Check all that apply:

- ☒ Experience with Business
- ☒ Experience with K-12 Education
- ☒ Parent/Legal Guardian of Odyssey Online Learning Student(s)
- ☒ Resident of South Carolina

College and Training:

Greenville Technical College / Southern New Hampshire University A.S Respiratory Care Therapy / B.A. Sociology

M.A. Psychology Liberty University

Currently co-owns a non-profit

Board Experience:

Odyssey Online Learning School Board Member, Oct 2023 to present

Why do you want to serve on the Odyssey Online Charter School Board of Directors?

As the parent of both an Odyssey Online Learning graduate and a current enrollee, I have personally experienced the positive impact this school has on students and families. I want to contribute my perspective and skills to support the continued success of the school and to help ensure it keeps growing, innovating, and serving students with excellence.

How do you hope to advance the mission of Odyssey Online Charter School by serving on the board?

As both a parent and an educator, I hope to contribute fresh ideas while also building on the school's proven strengths. My goal is to support Odyssey Online Learning in reaching more students, enhancing the learning experience, and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

One of my greatest strengths is my passion for researching and staying current with the latest studies in education. I enjoy learning how new approaches can be implemented to improve student outcomes. By bringing this knowledge to the board, I can contribute fresh perspectives, informed decision-making, and a focus on strategies that truly benefit students.



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Candidate Profile:

Elizabeth Sims

Vice President of Literacy and Partnerships, Footsteps2Brilliance



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- ☒ Experience with Business
- ☒ Experience with K-12 Education
- ☒ Parent/Legal Guardian of Odyssey Online Learning Student(s)
- ☒ Resident of South Carolina

College and Training:

University of South Carolina BA Organizational Leadership

Not yet conferred MA Organizational Leadership Columbia International University

Board Experience:

N/A

Why do you want to serve on the Odyssey Online Charter School Board of Directors?

My son is in his fourth and final year. I have witnessed first hand the impact this school has on students who are in need of an alternative to brick and mortar. Public Charter Schools offer families an excellent alternative to what is often, and sadly, a broken system. I have extensive experience working with districts across the country building leadership programs, designing and delivering professional learning and development, as well as conducting needs assessments with districts across leadership. I am also a PACE eligible educator however I have remained in the business sector and not yet ventured into teaching full time.

How do you hope to advance the mission of Odyssey Online Charter School by serving on the board?

I bring a unique perspective having done deep level work with so many district partners and state level DOE leaders.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

Strategy, evaluating gaps, and building sustainable frameworks.



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Candidate Profile:

April Timms

University Supervisor, Real Estate Agent, Business Owner,
Lander University/Josh Timms Builders



Check all that apply:

- ☒ Experience with Business
- ☒ Experience with K-12 Education
- ☒ Resident of South Carolina

College and Training:

Converse College, USC Upstate Bachelors in Elementary Ed
Masters in Elementary Ed, EdS Converse College
Home School Co-Op Director

Board Experience:

Church Board, Home School Co-Op Director

Why do you want to serve on the Odyssey Online Charter School Board of Directors?

Serving on a school board is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on students, families, and the community. This will give me an opportunity to help set the vision for education, ensure resources are used wisely, and advocate for programs that support both academic excellence and student well-being. It will be a chance for me to once again stand alongside teachers and parents, shaping policies that directly affect learning opportunities. School board service will allow me to represent community values, promote accountability, and strengthen public trust. Ultimately, it is a way to invest my time, skills, and passion into creating better schools and brighter futures for every child.

How do you hope to advance the mission of Odyssey Online Charter School by serving on the board?

I hope to advance the mission of Odyssey Online Learning by bringing both my passion for education and my heart for students to every decision made on the board. I believe every child deserves the chance to learn in an environment that meets their unique needs, and Odyssey's model creates that opportunity. My goal is to support teachers, encourage families, and help shape policies that make learning more engaging and accessible. Serving on the board allows me to use my experiences and gifts to invest in students' futures and ensure they feel valued, supported, and equipped to succeed.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

My greatest strengths are rooted in my diverse experience as a teacher, principal, and business owner. These roles have given me a unique perspective on education from multiple angles—classroom, leadership, and community. I bring strong organizational skills, clear communication, and a proven ability to work collaboratively toward goals. Just as important, I am positive and enthusiastic, with a genuine passion for people—parents, students, and teachers alike. I believe these qualities allow me to build trust, encourage others, and contribute to a culture of support and growth. I would bring energy, perspective, and dedication to this board.