



THE GOOD FIGHT

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Board Member Application and Questionnaire

On behalf of everyone at The Good Fight Community Center, thank you so much for your interest in board service. We know that those with an interest in leadership volunteering have many choices. In our community, in particular, there is an array of remarkable organizations engaged in the important work of making our world a better place. We are humbled that you are interested in serving with us.

The following application provides us an opportunity to know more about you and the skills, attributes, and advantages you would bring to our board. It also informs you on what matters to us in a candidate.

The goal of this process is to determine if we are a good fit, and establish your level of commitment and ability to deliver on our expectations, so we are confident you can help us increase the scope and impact of our work. We also want to know what motivates you and how you view our organization in order to create an excellent board experience for you.

Thank you again for your interest in our work, and for taking the time to complete this application. We look forward to reviewing it, and to continuing our conversations.

Personal Information

- Name
- Address
- Home Number
- Work Number
- Mobile Number
- Email Address
- Employer
- Employer Address
- Type of Business/Organization
- Preferred Method of Contact: Work Mobile Home

Volunteer Experience

Past and present membership:

Boards, committees, task forces in the public sector (business, civic, community, religious, political, professional, recreational or social).

Organization	Role/Title	Dates of Service

Why?

Those committed to volunteering in a leadership capacity have an abundance of organizations to choose from. We are most appreciative of your interest in ours, and would like to hear more. Why our organization and not another? Please share your motivation and what it is about our work that has led you to raise your hand to be a leading ambassador for us.

Skills/Expertise

Please indicate the skills and expertise you can bring to strengthen our board and enhance the ability of our organization to deliver on its mission.

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding budgets & balance sheets	<input type="checkbox"/> Public policy/ Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal expertise
<input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking/ presentations	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Event planning	<input type="checkbox"/> HR/Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Web design
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Nonprofit Experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Investment Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction

Attributes

A board is more than a collection of individuals. It is an entity that governs, approves strategy, and engages in robust discussion and debate on relevant issues. It must act as a single entity. As such, the personality traits you bring to the board will help us ensure we have a diversity of personality styles and traits that, when added to our current members, will enhance the ability of the board to work together as a governing body. (Check all that you believe apply as personal traits)

- Collaborative.** (I am good at working with others and building connections)
- Respectful** of varying points of view
- Willing and able to **lead a discussion**
- Facilitative** style. (I make sure everyone is included, heard, and their input welcomed)
- Enthusiastic.** (I believe in the work GFCC does & want to be involved as much as I can)
- Comfortable **speaking in front of groups**
- Can **manage time** well
- Optimistic.** (I believe there is a solution to every problem- we just have to find it!)
- Responsive.** (I can be relied upon to respond in a timely fashion to communications)
- Engaged.** (I can be relied upon to consistently show up for, & invest in, meetings and events)
- Good **sense of humor**
- Can **ask tough questions with respect**

Fundraising

Among other responsibilities, board members play a key role in raising funds for our organization. It is an expectation of board service that you will introduce people in your sphere of influence to our work and invite them to know and do more: as prospective volunteers, board members, staff, and as donors. Our organization commits to providing you with the information and tools necessary for you to stand as a vocal and visible ambassador for our work.

Further, we expect every board member to make an annual financial commitment during each year of board service, which represents one of the most significant donations you make each year. (Of course this is about individual capacity, and is not so much about an actual amount as it is about personal value and investment. For some this could be \$100, while for others it may look like several thousand.)

Are you agreeable and comfortable with this expectation?

Time

Board service is a true commitment of time and energy. We estimate board service could be a commitment of an average of 2-5 hours each month. In addition, we ask for attendance at fundraisers and special events, and occasional press and community engagements. For 2024, board meeting dates are currently set for 5pm on:

Jan. 9th

Mar. 12th

May 14th

July 9th

Sep. 10th

Nov. 12th

Do you have any concerns or potential conflicts that may serve as impediments to this time commitment? If so, how will you plan to manage this?

Other

Who recommended you for board service?

Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or plead no-contest to a crime?

(If yes, please explain)

Please identify at least two references we can speak with:

Name	Relationship	Best form of contact (phone or email)

Resume

Please attach your most recent resume and/or professional bio.

Statement Regarding Conflicts of Interest

The standard of behavior at The Good Fight Community Center is that all staff, volunteers, and board members scrupulously avoid conflicts of interest between the interests of The Good Fight on one hand, and personal, professional, and business interests on the other. This includes avoiding potential and actual conflicts of interest, as well as perceptions of conflicts of interest.

I understand that the purposes of this policy are to protect the integrity of The Good Fight's decision-making process, to enable our constituencies to have confidence in our integrity, and to protect the integrity and reputations of volunteers, staff, and board members. Upon or before election, hiring, or appointment, I will make a full, written disclosure of interests, relationships, and holdings that could potentially result in a conflict of interest. This written disclosure will be kept on file and I will update it as appropriate.

In the course of meetings or activities, I will disclose any interests in a transaction or decision where I (including my business or other nonprofit affiliations), my family, and/or my significant other, employer, or close associates will receive a benefit or gain. After disclosure, I understand that I will be asked to leave the room for the discussion and will not be permitted to vote on the question.

I understand that this policy is meant to supplement good judgment, and I will respect its spirit as well as its wording.

Signed:

Date: