

Charter School Board

The board meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meetings are held at Kids Unlimited Academy located at 821 N. Riverside Ave. Medford, OR 97501. The public is welcome to attend. The most current meeting agenda will be posted here 3 days prior to the meeting

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Meeting Agenda

Michelle Blum Atkinson – Board Chair



Michelle grew up in Medford and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from the University of Oregon. She also has a background in computer science and business. She is the Board Chairperson for Kids Unlimited Academy and serves on the boards for Family Nurturing Center and Friends of the Medford Library. When our local libraries were in danger of closing, Michelle helped lead the effort to establish the Jackson County Library District as a co-founder of Libraries for All. She is on the Medford School District Budget Committee and the Medford Food Project Steering Committee. Michelle is married to Chris Atkinson, whom she met at south Medford High School, and they are the proud parents of 2 young children.

Julie Mcfadden – Vice Chair



Bio coming soon

Frank Phillips – Treasurer



A Rhode Island native, Frank moved to Oregon in 1989, and started a long career at St. Mary's School as a teacher and administrator. Frank taught Latin and AP English for many years while coaching basketball and golf. As Head of St. Mary's School and then as its President, Frank instituted several changes at St. Mary's such as establishing the first Confucius Classroom in North America in 2008, a 70-student international boarding program in 2012, launching eight St. Mary's campuses in China, and converting St. Mary's School to a seven-term "module system" that offers students over 300 courses to choose from in high school. Frank enjoys working with international students and seeing the fresh perspectives they bring to the American high school curriculum. Frank has wide-experience in school accreditation in both the public and private school worlds, serving as Chair and Vice-Chair of several accreditation teams. Frank graduated magna cum laude from Brown University with a BA in English and minor in Latin. He earned a master's in business, cum laude, from Notre Dame's Mendoza School of Business. Frank and his wife Beverly enjoy life on their fifty-acre hay ranch in beautiful southern Oregon.

Greg Aldridge – Secretary



Greg Aldridge was born and grew up in Eugene, OR. He received a Bachelor of Science from Oregon State University where he studied business, music and education. Following graduation, he spent about 20 years in the education profession in California. Greg received his Master of Arts degree from California State University, Chico. Greg taught and served as a Student Activities Director at the high school level, Vice Principal at the Middle school level and nine years as an elementary principal. During his time at principal, that school received two California Distinguished School Awards and was a recipient of a Sonoma County Merit Award for improvement and performance. In 1995, Greg left education and returned to the business sector. He served as a Human Resources Director and Chief Operating Officer for a company operating in the long term care industry and worked in commercial real estate. Recently, Greg retired from the Coquille Economic Development Corporation of the Coquille Indian Tribe where he served as Executive Director of Development for over 18 years working in all types of business development activities. He formed a consulting company, GNR Solutions and continues to work on various business development projects. He is also a licensed real estate broker in the State of Oregon. In addition to KUA board, Greg has served on several other boards, including Chairman of the South Coast Development Council in Coos County for 5.5 years. He is currently serving on the LSNetworks Board of Directors where he has served for the past 16 years. Greg and his wife Rosalie have one high school aged daughter, Bailey. Greg and Rosalie divide their time between North Bend, OR and Jacksonville, OR. In his spare time Greg enjoys cooking, wine collecting, Harleys, and is a musician and has a working jazz group called Hip Pocket where Greg plays piano, Hammond Organ clone, and sometimes sings.

Pedro Cabrera – Member



Bio coming soon

Carol Fischer – Member



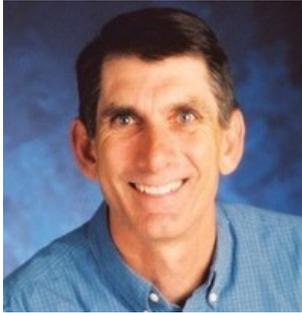
Carol was born in Carroll, Iowa. She worked for US National Bank in Omaha, NE and Bank of Newport in Newport Beach, CA before joining Cutler Investment Group in 1983. Carol is an investment advisor for Cutler Investment Group. Her passion is helping people achieve their investment goals. She has been with Cutler for 36 years. She has served as a Board Member of the local Chamber of Commerce, current Board Member of the University Club and University Club Foundation. Carol remains active in the Medford Rogue Rotary Club and has served as a past Board Member of the Medford Rogue Rotary Foundation. She is also a past Rotary President of her club. Carol has also served as a Board Member of the local Boy Scouts Council.

Martha Ibarra – Member



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Pat Barry – Member



Pat Barry has been a resident of the Rogue Valley for 50 years. Born and raised in Medford, Pat attended public schools in Medford. After high school Pat attended Oregon State University and earned a degree in Chemical Engineering. Upon graduation from OSU Pat moved to Portland, Oregon to take a job with the Reynolds Aluminum Company. In 1985 he and his wife Anne moved back to Medford to raise their two daughters. Upon returning to the Rogue Valley, Pat began a 20 year working career in transformer manufacturing with an international electrical products company. In 2005 he embarked on a second career, this one in banking. After seven years of work with a local community bank he retired in order to devote more time to the community and his family. He has served on the boards of Community Works and the Medford Ski Education Foundation. Currently Pat is involved with the Medford Rogue Rotary Club and the Southern Oregon University Pre-College Youth Programs. He states that he is passionate about helping young people in our community to have equal opportunities for success.

Lisa Hutchins – Member



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