

# GENERATION 25 BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHICAL AFFIDAVIT

Name of Proposed Charter School: 7Cs Academy

Name of Sponsoring Entity: 7Cs Thrive

## BACKGROUND

Full Legal Name: Doyle Anthony Valdez

Home Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Business Name:

Business Mailing Address:

Business Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Indicate whether you currently or have previously served on a board of a school district, another charter school, a non-public school or any not-for-profit corporation.

☒ Yes

☐ No, does not apply to me

If Yes, state the name of the entity: Austin Independent School District

## RESPONSE BOXES WILL AUTO-EXPAND AFTER TEXT IS INSERTED

1. What was your motivation to serve on the board of the proposed charter school?

I have had the opportunity to know Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian for the last three years. I have come to see and understand his vision that every child deserves and should get an excellent education and be supported. I have also served on the Austin ISD Board from 1998-2006 and believe I have the experience that could help 7'Cs Thrive Academy get started and perform in the best interest of the students, parents and community.

2. What is your understanding of the appropriate role of a public charter school board member?

The role of a charter school board member is oversight of the legal processes, strategic plan, student achievement and fiduciary responsibility of the school. The key to a well run school and board is the institution of a governance model that the CEO and board members strive to implement every day.

3. Describe any previous experience you have that is relevant to serving on the charter school's board (e.g., other board service). If you have not had previous experience of this nature, explain why you have the capability to be an effective board member.

I served four years as vice president and four years as president of the Austin ISD Board. Currently serve on the Austin Partners In Education Board, The 100 Club of Central Texas Board and Austin Education Foundation Board.

4. Describe the specific knowledge and experience that you would bring to the board.

The experience I bring to the board from being on the Austin ISD board will be helpful in working with my fellow board members and the CEO and establishing a sound governance model. I have worked with school budgets, personnel, superintendents, governance models and how to advance student achievement for all students. I am also chair of the finance committee for Austin Partners In Education and the The100 Club of Central Texas.

## SCHOOL MISSION AND PROGRAM

1. What is your understanding of the school's mission and guiding beliefs?

1. The mission of the school is to "inspire every child to think critically, solve problems, and seek to improve their communities". In addition to that our students will master the 7Cs Curriculum.

2. What is your understanding of the school's proposed educational program?

Our elementary students will master the 7Cs curriculum which include Character, Competencies, Communication, Critical thinking, Collaboration, Creativity, and Citizenship. The school will also master the TEKS, STREAM and follow all TEA requirements.

3. What do you believe to be the characteristics of a successful school?

I believe the success of a successful school is multi faceted. Governance from the board and CEO are key to setting the tone of leadership. From that you develop leadership from board, CEO, principals and teachers. Through the governance model you can monitor student learning and teaching. Parent engagement

is key to working with parents and community members. Communicating and collaborating with all stakeholders is important if we are going to be successful.



4. How will you know that the school is succeeding (or not) in its mission?

I think by developing a good governance model you will be able to monitor student outcomes and focusing on learning and teaching. Through this model you can also establish and maintain a high level of professional development for teachers and all personnel.

## GOVERNANCE

1. Describe the role that the board will play in the school's operation.

The role of the board in the school operation is to hire CEO, pass a budget and evaluate the CEO. Through the governance model the board can support the CEO and monitor the finance, student learning and evaluate the CEO.

2. How will you know if the school is successful at the end of the first year of operation?

After the first year of operation you will know if the schools is successful by monitoring the goals of the charter school and student outcomes. CEO will present the student TEA accountability data and update of the students progress on the 7Cs to the board. There are will be other key goals that the board and CEO will agree on and set up for review on set schedule.

3. How will you know at the end of four years if the school is successful?

The board will be able to know if the charter school is successful after four years by monitoring the TEA data for the time period with continued improvement for all students. There are also numerous other criteria that will need to be evaluated by the board and CEO. TEA A-F law rates all schools so this will also be considered every year.

4. What specific steps do you think the charter school board will need to take to ensure that the school is successful?

The charter school board will need to ensure that the governance model is implemented and followed. Through this model we need to make sure that we collaborate and communicate with all stakeholders.

5. How would you handle a situation in which you believe one or more members of the school's board were acting unethically or not in the best interest of the school?

All board members need to be held to the highest ethical standards and should follow the governance model and not micro manage the CEO or other board members. It's important that a policy is in place that the board leadership talk to the board member who has acted in a way that not in the best interest of the school. If that doesn't work then the board will need to schedule a meeting in executive session to discuss the issue.

## DISCLOSURES

1. Indicate whether you (or your spouse) knows the other prospective board members for the proposed school.

☐ Yes

☒ No, I/we do not know these individuals

If yes, describe the precise nature of your relationship.

2. Indicate whether you (or your spouse) knows any person who is, or has been in the last two years, a school employee.

☐ Yes

☒ No, I/we do not know any such employees

If yes, describe the precise nature of your relationship.

3. Indicate whether you (or your spouse) knows anyone who is doing, or plans to do, business with the charter school (whether as an individual or as a director, officer, employee or agent of an entity).

☐ Yes

☒ No, I/we do not know any such persons

If yes, describe the precise nature of your relationship and the nature of the business that such person(s) or entity is transacting or will be transacting with the school.

4. If the school intends to contract with an education service provider or management organization, indicate whether you or your spouse knows any employees, officers, owner, directors, or agents of that provider.

☐ Yes

☒ No, I/we do not know any such persons

If yes, describe the precise nature of your relationship.

Not applicable because the school does not intend to contract with an education service provider or school management organization.

5. If the school intends to contract with an education service provider, indicate if you, your spouse or other immediate family member anticipate conducting, or are conducting, any business with the provider.

☐ Yes

☒ No, I/we or my family do not anticipate conducting any such business.

If yes, describe the precise nature of your relationship.



6. Indicate whether you, your spouse, or other immediate family members are a director, officer, employee, partner or member of, or are otherwise associated with, any organization that is partnering with the charter school. To the extent you have provided this information in response to prior items, you may so indicate.

☐ Yes

☒ Does not apply to me, my spouse, or family.

If yes, describe the precise nature of your relationship.

7. List all business or organizations of which you are a partner or in which you have a majority interest.

Valco Resource Management, Inc.  
Advancing America LLC  
Mobility Blueprint LLC

8. List all previous experience with charter schools. Include open-enrollment schools and/or campus or program charters including dates, charter schools/charter holders, addresses and positions held.

None

9. Will you be employed by or contract with the sponsoring entity, the charter school, or the managements company of the school?

☐ Yes

☒ Does not apply to me.

If yes, state the compensation you expect to receive.

10. Is any relative within the third degree of consanguinity (i.e., your parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, child, grandchild, great-grandchild, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew) or with the third degree of affinity (i.e., your spouse or your spouse's parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, child, grandchild, great-grandchild, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew) a member of the governing body of he sponsoring entity or of the governing body of the charter school?

☐ Yes

☒ Does not apply to me.

If yes, describe the precise nature of your relationship.

11. Will any relative(s) within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity (See definition in question 10.) be employed by or receive any compensation or remuneration from the sponsoring entity, charter school, or the management company of the charter school?

☐ Yes

☒ Does not apply to me.

If yes, provide information relating to the matter(s).

12. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; a felony; an offence listed in TEC § 37.007(a); or an offence listed in Article 62.01(5) Code of Criminal Procedure?

☐ Yes

☒ Does not apply to me.

If yes, describe the precise nature of your relationship.

# CERTIFICATION

I, Doyle Anthony Valdez, certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the information I am providing to the Texas Education Agency as a board member is true and correct in every respect.

Signature

Doyle Anthony Valdez

Date

1-20-2020

State of Texas

County of TRAVIS

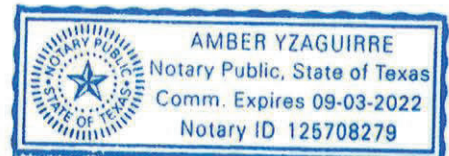
On this day, Doyle Anthony Valdez (name of affiant) appeared before me the undersigned notary public and deposed that he/she executed the above instrument and that the statements and answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

(Notary Public) [Signature]

(Seal)

My commission expires 9/3/2022



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