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#### Check all that apply:

- ✓ Experience with K-12 Education
- ✓ Resident of South Carolina

#### **College and Training:**

Elon University, B.A. Elementary Education (K-6) Southern Wesleyan University, MEd Classroom Leadership Gardner-Webb University, Post-Masters Certificate: School Administration

#### **Non-Profit Board Experience:**

N/A

# Why do you want to serve on the Carolina Voyager Board of Directors?

Carolina Voyager Charter School has become an integral part of the Charleston educational landscape since its inception. CVCS is at an important crossroads now that the student body is grown. It is time to focus on growing out programming and, most importantly, finding a permanent home for the school so it will be successful for years to come. I believe that I can be an asset in achieving both short term and long term goals for the school community.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? The mission of Carolina Voyager is to create resilient learners and empathetic citizens. Carolina Voyager has an amazing staff who ensure, daily, that students are receiving a strong education rooted in standards with a focus on Social Emotional Learning. In order to continue that work, students and staff need a permanent home and a renewed Charter contract with our authorizing district. I would like to serve on the board to ensure the future of the school is one of longevity and success.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? Over the past 16-years, I have served in various education roles in the Lowcountry. I have extensive knowledge in State and local educational requirements as well as SC Teaching standards. Additionally, as a former administrator at Carolina Voyager I have intimate knowledge of the unique past of the school, as well as the challenges the school faces as it moves forward. I believe that I can be an asset to the board as we look ahead at Charter renewal, school governance, and determining what the next chapter holds for the CVCS community.



#### **Whitney Quick**

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## Check all that apply:

- ✓ Experience with Business
- ✓ Experience with K-12 Education
- ✓ Parent/Legal Guardian of Carolina Voyager Student(s)
- ✓ Resident of South Carolina

## **College and Training:**

College of Charleston, BS in Foundations of Secondary Education (Special Education)
Diversity & Ethics Training, Conflict Management Training, Contract & Proposal Development Training,
Privacy (PII) Training, Active Shooter Training, Cyber & Physical Security Training, Records Management
Training

## **Non-Profit Board Experience:**

A Longer Table (DBA Friends of Joseph Floyd Manor): Founding Member + Board Secretary, March 2021 - Present

Summerville Soccer Club: Sponsorship & Fundraising Director, Events Coordinator, Social Media & Website Manager, Tournament Director, General Board Member, 2011 - 2018

## Why do you want to serve on the Carolina Voyager Board of Directors?

I want to serve on the CVCS Board of Directors because of my passion for and experience in public education. My well-rounded, unique perspective and background will bring something that I strongly feel our Board is missing, and has been for a while. My diverse professional and non-profit experience, including work as a K-12 special education teacher, technical writer, project manager and non-profit board member, will provide a solid base to serve our school community, specifically our teachers, staff, students, and parents.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? I recognize how special Carolina Voyager Charter School is and how important it is to maintain and advance its mission to create resilient learners and empathetic citizens. I hope to bring a knowledgeable and practical approach to advocate for the values, mission and vision of our school, as well as to serve as a vocal conduit between our school and community, and most importantly for our teachers and staff.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? Through my volunteer and work history, I have many years of experience in fundraising, corporate

sponsorships, events management, financial management, contracts management, project management, documentation and policy creation, data collection, individualized education, classroom accommodations, curriculum development, differentiated instruction, etc.. These skills can be best utilized to help CVCS engage in additional fundraising initiatives, vet curriculum choices and changes, create new partnerships with community leaders and businesses, and much more. But ultimately, my greatest strength is the compassion and dedication that I have for our faculty, staff, students, and the CVCS mission - all of which will bring a much-needed change and perspective to our board.



# **Corrigan Rutherford**

Principal (currently)—note last day is June 30. at NA Ridgeville, South Carolina corr528@gmail.com

# Check all that apply:

✓ Experience with K-12 Education

# **College and Training:**

Old Dominion University, BS-Psychology

College of Charleston, University of South Carolina, MAT-Special Education, MEd-Educational Leadership Crisis Management training (through non-profit work), multiple trainings related to K-12 education

# **Non-Profit Board Experience:**

No previous experience serving on a board. Two years of experience working with a board as a school leader.

## Why do you want to serve on the Carolina Voyager Board of Directors?

I have learned so much as a school leader of a charter school. I would love to support another charter by volunteering my expertise. Carolina Voyager seems to be a unique school with amazing potential. Would be grateful to be given the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? I am aware that the mission of Carolina Voyager Charter School is to create resilient learners and empathetic citizens by fostering, supporting, and promoting excellence in learning in an engaging, technology rich environment balanced with the social and emotional development of the 21st century student.

I am hopeful that my skill sets as a former teacher, Special Education Coordinator, and principal would be a resource to the board and school. I have been a resident of the lowcountry for 30+ years. My knowledge of schools and potential for community partnerships would be as asset to growth for Carolina Voyager Charter School.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? Greatest strengths include the ability to see the "big picture" from a variety of angles as well actively listen to various stakeholders of an organization. In addition, I am passionate about public education and particularly charter schools.

Positive additions would include the ability to remain calm and professional even under the most stressful situations. I love to think outside of the box and I have no problem making connections within the community to further the school's goals/mission.





# **Craig Thompson**

Assistant Principal at Charleston Charter School for Math and Science Charleston, South Carolina craig.a.thompson73@gmail.com

#### Check all that apply:

- ✓ Experience with K-12 Education
- ✓ Parent/Legal Guardian of Carolina Voyager Student(s)
- ✓ Resident of South Carolina

## **College and Training:**

Clemson University, BA - Secondary Education Southern Wesleyan University, M. Ed. Administration and Supervision

# **Non-Profit Board Experience:**

N/A

# Why do you want to serve on the Carolina Voyager Board of Directors?

I want to serve the students, faculty, and staff of Carolina Voyager Charter School and promote school growth. I want to build strong school and community relations and cultivate a culture that is safe, welcoming, and supports learning.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? I would assist in advancing the mission of Carolina Voyager Charter School by equipping teachers and staff with the necessary resources to provide intellectually engaging and meaningful lessons in a technology rich environment. I would support teachers and staff in creating resilient learners who are prepared, both socially and emotionally, to become 21st century leaders.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? I have been an educator for 20 years serving in the classroom and as an administrator. During this time, I have acquired knowledge in school operations, finance and budgeting, and curriculum and instruction. My 17 years of service as an Officer in the South Carolina Army National Guard has taught me loyalty, integrity, and selfless service, values I live each and every day. Lastly, I will bring organization and leadership skills where all members of the Carolina Voyager Charter School feel supported and encouraged.

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#### Michelle Trementozzi

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CCRI, Associates in Science
CCRI, 1
Accounting, Business Planning and Time Management

## **Non-Profit Board Experience:**

The Point non profit, Presidential Campaign

Why do you want to serve on the Carolina Voyager Board of Directors?

Depends what's open, any position

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? To keep diversity and equality within the school, provide middle schoolers with a better middle school environment,

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? Positive attitude, Flexible, open to all opinions and values and I have had children in CVCS for 6 years almost





#### **Harry Walker**

CVCS Founding School Leader - Retired Summerville, South Carolina mrdoctorwalker@gmail.com

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Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee, Doctorate of Education Johns Hopkins University, Mast of Science/Doctorate of Education Extensive knowledge of Charter School Law and Operations

#### **Non-Profit Board Experience:**

Board Member - Port Discovery Children's Museum, Baltimore, Maryland

#### Why do you want to serve on the Carolina Voyager Board of Directors?

Serving as the School Leader for Voyager's first seven years was the culmination of my career of service to students and families in both Maryland and South Carolina. While enjoying retirement, I would like to stay connected and contribute to the mission of ensuring a bright and prosperous future for the school community. The challenges of this past school year have strengthened my desire to get involved again and seek a position as one of your board members. I believe my knowledge of Voyager's history and understanding of charter school laws and operations would be an asset to the board.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? Carolina Voyager is at a critical point in its eight year history. This year proved to be the most challenging as a result of staff resignations, student withdrawals, culture changes, and declining staff morale. As a board member, I hope to provide insights into the governance of the school, as well be able to provide guidance on the construction of the new school, submission of the ten year charter renewal to CCSD, and strategies to fill student seats that are currently empty.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? My greatest strength is the passion that I have for the "work", including that which lies ahead for Voyager. In my role as School Leader, each and every day I modeled enthusiasm and optimism, as well as concern for one another. Second, I understood the importance of regular communication with students, staff, and parents, even if the news was not good. If elected to the board, I pledge to improve the lines of communication between the Board to the school community.





#### **Lindsay West**

Mother of 3 (soon to be 4) Voyager students at N/A Ravenel, South Carolina miniminikins@gmail.com

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Florida Institute of Technology, BA

# **Non-Profit Board Experience:**

N/A

#### Why do you want to serve on the Carolina Voyager Board of Directors?

As a member of the Board of Directors at Carolina Voyager it is my goal to be a voice for my and other parents' views and authority regarding the policies of our Charter School, both those aligning with CCSD and (especially) the freedoms we exercise as a Charter School.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? I plan to support Carolina Voyager by encouraging parent support and authority on matters concerning their own child's (children's) safety and development.

I hope to promote the advantages of real-life experiences over complete reliance on "book learning," and test-training (i.e. field trips, clubs, interactive teacher-directed activities, guest speakers.)

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board? I am dedicated and determined to speak out for the parents of Voyager's students and for Voyager's staff regarding matters of classroom curriculum and personal safety and choice. I respect the authority of families over the education and care of the most precious members of our community: our children. I bring with me the will and promise to address the needs of our children and the goal to provide a positive environment in which they can learn and grow.

