

REACH Edmonton
Board Member Job Description

- Positions:** Four (4) volunteer Board Members
- Time Commitment:** Approximately 4-6 hours per month to attend monthly board and committee meetings (up to 2 hours long each), participate in an annual retreat and attend special events.
- Term:** Three (3) years with potential to extend one additional term. Board members will be elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting in June 2021.
- Application deadline:** February 26, 2021
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About the Opportunity

REACH Edmonton is recruiting for **four (4) volunteer Board Members** to bring their diverse perspectives, knowledge, skills, lived and professional experiences to this leadership role.

We recognize the importance of our Board accurately reflecting the communities our work aims to benefit. We are encouraging qualified individuals who have lived experience as a member of historically underrepresented communities, as we seek to increase representation from these groups.

About REACH Edmonton

REACH is Edmonton’s Council for Safe Communities. We are a backbone organization striving for collective impact. We support and bring together organizations, community groups and Edmontonians to co-develop solutions to make Edmonton a safer city for everyone. We partner on prevention strategies that address the root causes of conditions that place children, youth and families at risk of poor outcomes.

<p>REACH Vision A city in which every Edmontonian contributes to a community where everyone is safe and feels safe.</p>	<p>REACH Mission To inspire citizen engagement and coordinated agency action to strengthen and sustain community safety in Edmonton.</p>
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About the Role

The Board of Directors is responsible for the governance of REACH Edmonton. As a member of the Board, a Director's role is to guide the strategic direction of the organization in making Edmonton safer for everyone.

REACH Edmonton is accountable to the City of Edmonton, funders and stakeholders. The Board of Directors provides oversight and is responsible for REACH Edmonton's performance in achieving its goals, and for effective financial management of the organization.

Board Member Expectations

- Support and advocate for the vision, mission, [core values](#) and mandate of REACH Edmonton
- Become informed about community safety and crime prevention issues
- Be committed to diversity and inclusion principles, and develop inclusive and equitable relationships with Board members, staff and community
- Develop, approve, monitor and evaluate the Board's strategic direction, policies and budgets
- Actively participate in Board and Committee meetings:
 - Review materials, prepare for meetings, and engage in discussions and decision-making
- Actively participate in board discussions and support the decisions of the Board after a decision has been made
- Approve the hiring of the REACH Edmonton Executive Director and contribute to the Executive Director's annual performance evaluation
- Attend the annual retreat, special events and the Annual General Meeting
- Bring and share lived experience, skills and network contacts
- Develop skills through attending workshops and training sessions
- Able to commit approximately 4-6 hours per month to attend meetings and events:
 - The Board meets approximately 10 times a year or as required
 - Committees normally meet monthly

Desired Qualifications and Experience

These are ideal, but not all required. If you do not have direct experience in these areas, please let us know how other experiences have equipped you to succeed in the role.

- Commitment to REACH Edmonton's vision, mission and values
- Experience with or knowledge in one or more areas of board governance:
 - Policy development, human resources, financial competency, risk management, legal, advocacy, fund development, public relations and communications, community leadership.
- Knowledge of or experience in one more of the following:
 - Not-for-profit organization
 - Business acumen/experience
 - Strategic planning or project management
 - Building community capacity or partnership
 - Diversity, inclusion, equity and anti-racism principles and practices
 - Working with people from diverse racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds
 - Legal expertise/experience

Remuneration

None. Board members serve in a voluntary capacity; however, members will be compensated for any approved out-of-pocket receipts such as parking, bus fare, taxis, including child care (for meeting attendance) incurred as a result of conducting board activities.

To Apply

Please email your resume to the attention of Linda McConnan at hr@reachedmonton.ca.

Pilar Martinez (pilar.martinez@epl.ca), REACH Edmonton Chair, is also available to answer questions about the role and selection process.

The Selection Process

The Board Recruitment Sub-Committee will review all applications, interview a short-list of candidates and nominate four individuals to REACH Membership for election at the Annual General Meeting in June 2021.

We will make every effort to accommodate candidates' needs in all parts of the recruitment process.

Commitment to Equity

REACH Edmonton is committed to inclusion and equity and strives for a Board that reflects the rich diversity of our community. At REACH Edmonton, diversity means understanding, recognizing and valuing the differences that make each person unique. We are committed to removing barriers faced by under-represented groups.

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We thank you for your interest in the governance of REACH Edmonton, and appreciate the effort required to apply for this position. Applicants will be contacted by mid-March if they are selected for an interview.

REACH acknowledges the work it does in Treaty 6 Territory. Together we acknowledge all the many First Nations, Metis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.