

APPLICATION FOR

BOARD APPOINTMENT



THE GOVERNOR JOHN ENGLER

**CENTER FOR
CHARTER SCHOOLS**

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Thank you for your interest in serving on the governing board of a public school chartered by Central Michigan University (CMU).

Whether this is the first time you have considered serving on the board of a charter public school or you are seeking reappointment, we want you to know that CMU is committed to ensuring you have all the information necessary to make sound decisions.

Service on the board of a charter public school can be a rewarding experience and an opportunity to be part of one of the most significant education reforms in modern history.

CMU's involvement with charter public schools expands a tradition of leadership that began in the late 1800s when we educated our first public school teachers.

In 1994, we became the first university to charter a school. Rather than wait on the sidelines, we took a risk. We supported charter schools because we believed they would serve as a catalyst for advancing public education and benefit Michigan's school children. Indeed they have.

As independent public schools, schools chartered by CMU operate under a performance contract called a charter.

Fundamentally, charter schools are:

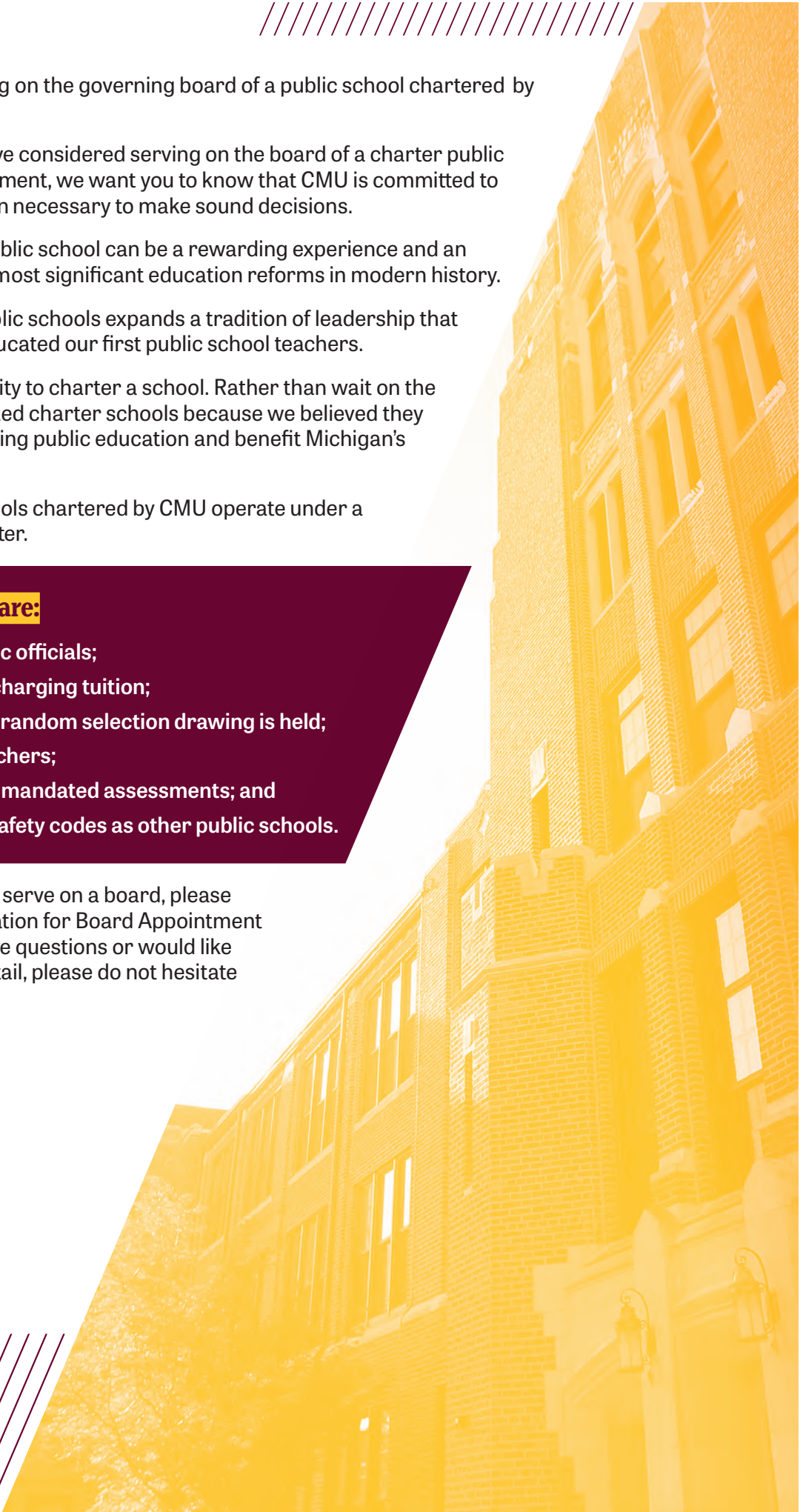
- » Public schools governed by public officials;
- » Free – they are prohibited from charging tuition;
- » Open to all – if oversubscribed, a random selection drawing is held;
- » Required to employ certified teachers;
- » Required to administer the state mandated assessments; and
- » Subject to the same health and safety codes as other public schools.

Should you wish to be considered to serve on a board, please complete the accompanying Application for Board Appointment and submit it to our office. If you have questions or would like to discuss board service in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,



Corey Northrop
Executive Director



CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

The following questions indicate the minimum conditions that must be met in order to be considered for appointment. Please complete the following section by indicating yes or no.

1. Will you be able to attend regularly scheduled board meetings? Yes No
2. Do you agree to complete six (6) hours of board orientation and development during the first year of your appointment and three (3) hours each year thereafter? Yes No
3. Do you agree to complete an annual conflict of interest disclosure? Yes No

RELATIONSHIP TO THE ACADEMY

Please complete the following section by indicating yes or no. If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet of paper. Please label explanations with the number of the corresponding question.

1. Do or will you or your spouse/partner have any contractual agreements with the academy? Yes No
2. Do or will you, your spouse/partner, or any member of your immediate family have any ownership interest in any educational service provider or any other company contracting with the academy? Yes No
3. Did or will you or your spouse/partner lease or sell property to the academy? Yes No
4. Did or will you or your spouse/partner sell any supplies, materials, equipment or other personal property to the academy? Yes No
5. Have you or your spouse/partner guaranteed any loans for the academy or loaned it any money? Yes No
6. Are or will you, your spouse/partner or any member of your immediate family be employed by the academy, its educational service provider or other contractors? Yes No
7. Did you or your spouse/partner provide any start-up funds to the academy? Yes No
8. Does any other individual, board, group or corporation believe it has a right to control or have input on votes you will cast as a member of the academy board? Yes No
9. Do you currently serve as a member of the board of any public school district or public school academy other than the board for which you are applying? Yes No
10. Do you currently serve as a public official? (If you are being re-nominated to the same public school academy board and do not serve as a public official in any other capacity, please select "No" as your response.) Yes No
11. To the best of your knowledge, are there situations not described above which may give the appearance of a conflict of interest between you and the academy, or which would make it difficult for you to discharge your duties or exercise judgment independently on behalf of the academy? Yes No
12. Did or do you or your spouse/partner, or any member of your immediate family, have ownership interest, directly or indirectly, in any corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity which would cause you to answer 'yes' to questions 1-12? Yes No

ETHICAL ISSUES

Please complete the following section by indicating yes or no. If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet of paper.

CITATIONS

Have you ever been cited for a breach of ethics for unprofessional conduct, or been named in a complaint to a court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee or other professional group?

Yes No

AGENCY PROCEEDINGS/CIVIL LITIGATION

Are you presently or have you ever been involved in administrative agency proceedings or civil litigation?

Yes No

Has any business involving you, your spouse/partner, close family members or close business associates been part of any administrative agency proceedings or civil litigation relevant to the board member position?

Yes No

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND DISCLOSURE

Central Michigan University will perform a criminal records check from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies prior to your appointment. If the reports received from these agencies do not match your representations listed below, appointment to an academy board may be voided at the sole discretion of Central Michigan University.

Complete this section by placing your initials in the space beside option 1, 2 and/or 3. If you initial option 1 or 2, please provide on a separate sheet of paper what the charges were and which courts were involved.

1. _____ I have been convicted or pled either guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) to one or more crimes.
Initial
2. _____ I am currently charged with one or more crimes.
Initial
3. _____ I have not been convicted or pled either guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) to any crimes, nor am I currently charged with more than one crimes.
Initial

APPLICATION VERIFICATION

I recognize that all information submitted with this application or gathered by Central Michigan University as a result of this application becomes a matter of public record, subject by law to disclosure upon request to members of the general public. I will hold Central Michigan University, its trustees, officers, employees and authorized agents harmless from liability for the disclosure of any information it reasonably believes is true based upon my representations or resulting from this application process.

I understand that if I am appointed, I will be required and agree to complete six (6) hours of board orientation and development during the first year of my term and three (3) hours each year thereafter.

I understand that if I am appointed, I will be required and agree to complete an annual conflict of interest disclosure.

I understand that Central Michigan University is under no obligation to appoint me or any nominee to a public school academy board. My signature below certifies that all information provided in this application is true and complete.

Signature

Date

CONSENT FOR PERSONAL BACKGROUND CHECK

A criminal records check must be conducted as a condition for appointment as a public official serving on the board of a public school academy authorized by Central Michigan University. This consent does not authorize, nor will Central Michigan University conduct, a consumer credit check.

Information requested on this page will be used to conduct a criminal records check and will not be used to determine qualifications as a proposed public school academy board member. This page will be removed prior to review of the information contained in the application.

Please print or type the following information:

Print or type your full name: _____
First Middle Last

Current Address: _____
Street Number

City State Zip

Former Address: _____
Street Number

City State Zip

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: American Indian or Alaska Native Asian American Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White Hispanic/Latino

By signing this document I acknowledge receipt of this disclosure and authorize Central Michigan University to obtain a copy of my criminal records report.

I consent to the release of information concerning my criminal record, subject to any restrictions that I have included, to Central Michigan University, The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools and its legal counsel. I specifically authorize Central Michigan University to conduct a criminal records check on me with the applicable local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

I will hold Central Michigan University, its trustees, officers, employees and authorized agents harmless from liability for the disclosure of any information it reasonably believes is true based upon my representations or resulting from this criminal records check consent process.

By my signature, I assert and certify that the information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete.

Signature

Date



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