

2021-2022 Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC) Member Nominations

The FOC Interview Sub-Committee interviewed 11 candidates and they are bringing forward to the Board of Education the following 5 candidates (plus 2 alternate candidates) for membership to the Fiscal Oversight Committee. Each applicant submitted the summaries below to provide evidence of their qualifications and reasons for volunteering.

Maya Rosochacova – Littleton – Term 2019-2022

I would like to contribute to the committee, education in accounting, current position in auditing.

Gabrielle Lyon – Castle Rock – Term 2020-2023

I am a Management Consulting Manager who has managed the budgets of innumerable projects and programs, including leading long-range budget planning and project management financials. I am well versed in accounting reports (corporate annual reports, financial statements, etc.) and healthy fiscal decision-making. I volunteer with Junior Achievement to teach financial responsibility and take a personal interest in educating others in the world of money (credit, investments, company benefits (equity & retirement), family budgets and more). I am a leader within my company and community and as a passionate resident of Castle Rock, with a child entering a Douglas County school in August, I am determined to find an outlet to help this school system with as many of my talents as are relevant. Thank you.

Kate Federhar – Highlands Ranch – Term 2020-2023

I am a mom of an entering 1st grader at Wildcat Mountain Elementary. I am looking to get involved with the school district, and as someone who manages a multi-million-dollar budget at work, I see how financial decisions can make an impact downstream. I currently work as the manager of Marketing Technology and Digital Operations at Lumen Technology, and will also bring the technology and infrastructure to my role.

Tania Stewart – Parker – Term 2021-2024

I am applying for consideration of membership to the Fiscal Oversight Committee. I am a proud mother to a Douglas County student, who will be entering the Discovery Program at Pine Lane Elementary and am very interested in using my knowledge and talents to help the Committee and the Board of Education ensure that finances are prioritized and disciplined. My particular interests are around the effective deployment of resources to build facilities and talent, and the alignment of financial plans with educational strategies.

I believe, as a mother of three, that our children come first, and that financial administration in the Board of Education exists to support the well-being and educational development of our children. I have always believed, in every job I have held, that a job well done means rolling up your sleeves and learning about the intricacies of the business, the priorities of all stakeholders, and understanding both the immediate and long-term challenges of the organization. As I was once told in high school by one of my coaches: "No one ever drowned in sweat." I believe in honesty and straight-forwardness, and I believe that difficult conversations, while difficult, are a necessary part of moving forward with integrity. I am proud that I earn the trust of my colleagues and staff, and I never take that for granted.

Professionally, I am the Director of Finance for Koenig, Oelsner, Taylor, Schoenfeld & Gaddis, PC, a mid-sized corporate and commercial law firm with offices in Denver and Boulder. In this position, I oversee all budgeting, forecasting, cash management, performance management, and financial growth strategy, supporting ten partners and twenty-two legal staff, and overseeing four administrative staff. Previously, I have held financial leadership positions at CSX Corporation in Florida, where I managed an \$850 million operating budget, and JBS USA, where I was corporate controller of a \$14 billion business unit. I also founded and ran a boutique supply chain consulting business. I hold degrees from Harvard University (BA) and Cornell University (MBA in Managerial Finance).

My husband, Greg Forlenza, and I believe in serving and giving back to our community. He, a pediatric endocrinologist at the Barbara Davis Center, provides professional guidance to Douglas County school nurses (as well as to other district nurses in Colorado) regarding treatments and therapies for students with Type 1 Diabetes. We believe in leaving a positive impact and to driving change, to improve the lives of those around us in whatever way we can. For me, my talents lie in fiscal management and administration, and that is where I can best serve the kids of Douglas County. I thank you very much for your consideration.

Aaron Cowan – Castle Pines – Term 2021-2024

I believe that education is the critical foundation upon which our society's success rests. I also believe that strong financial management and accountability are key to properly serving the educational needs of our community and meeting the important objectives of our board of education. I want to use my skills and experience as a financial and accounting leader to serve the board of education and our school district by helping to gather relevant and reliable information, lend my expertise, and share insights to help good decision making and reporting to all stakeholders. I have a background in accounting, financial analysis, and financial reporting, as well as financial oversight and governance. I have an active CPA license and I am a chartered financial analyst (CFA). I have extensive experience in financial services and public company financial reporting. I currently work in accounting policy and external reporting at The Charles Schwab Corporation in Lone Tree, including reporting to and work with the audit and disclosure committees. This work also includes regular updates on financial forecasts, capital spending and investments, as well as general investments in debt securities and cash instruments. I previously worked with the city of Castle Pines as the appointed Treasurer for an interim period before it became a home-rule municipality. I have been actively involved in other volunteer endeavors, including currently serving on the School of Accounting advisory board at the University of Utah, teaching junior achievement for several years in 3rd and 4th grade classes in the Douglas County school district, working with youth ages 11 to 18 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and being a scout leader and merit badge counselor in the Boy Scouts of America. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my talents and passion for education and financial management on the financial oversight committee of the board of education. Thank you for your consideration.

Alternates:

Alternate 1: Mike Barrows – Parker – School Year 2021-2022 (one year term)

With my son starting first grade in Douglas County Schools, I would like to contribute to the Districts' success. With a background in state and Federal regulatory audit and compliance, I feel I can offer a useful perspective regarding fiscal oversight and meaningful recommendations to the Board and Superintendent.

I have extensive practice in analyzing and interpreting proposed and implemented Federal regulations for their applicability and impact on the industry they serve. I have performed this practice through audits and compliance reviews that ultimately result in advisement of changes in reporting and internal control environment. I am a team player with a focus on building

relationships across organizational boundaries to achieve mission success. I am excited to hear more about this opportunity. Thank you in advance for consideration.

Alternate 2: Jerrod Taylor – Highlands Ranch – School Year 2021-2022 (one year term)

I am interested in joining the fiscal oversight committee. I have 3 children currently in the Douglas County School District. A first grader at Stone Mountain Elementary and two in Pre-K also at SME. I am also a graduate of Highlands Ranch High School in 1995. Douglas County Schools are world class and part of that is the financial stewardship that has been shown over the years. Being part of this committee would be my contribution to ensuring that responsible financial stewardship continues, and all of our children continue to have access to world class education. I am a non-profit accountant for a local health care system for my day job. I have degrees in accounting and political science along with an MBA in finance and accounting. I believe that I have skills that the school district will benefit from and have served on community boards before. I understand board dynamics and know how to work with people who have differences in opinions. Thank you for your consideration.