



Board of Directors

Imagine a world guided by knowledge and compassion, not prejudice or bigotry. That's the world we're building at Facing History and Ourselves. We engage students of diverse backgrounds in an examination of racism, prejudice, and antisemitism in order to promote the development of a more humane and informed citizenry. Our students make the essential connection between history and the moral choices they confront in their own lives.

Facing History's footprint is global, with nine offices in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada, and educational partnerships around the world. We support educators within the reach of our regional offices and beyond through professional development, extensive online training and resources, and in person educator and community events.

Facing History and Ourselves' Board of Directors is responsible for the fiduciary, strategic, and generative governance of the organization. Composed of individuals with diverse professional and personal backgrounds who are committed to the organization's mission, the Board plays a critical role in the organization's success, sustainability, and advancement. The Board of Directors, working with the President & CEO, is responsible for the strategic direction of the organization to help guide future growth. It oversees the affairs and exercises all powers of the corporation.

Members of the Board of Directors:

- ❖ Connect deeply with the mission and projects of Facing History and Ourselves;
- ❖ Offer expertise in areas including, but not limited to, finance, fundraising, education, strategic planning, and overall direction;
- ❖ Deliberate on the organization and talent strategies while reflecting on the broader context of the education sector, current events, technological trends, and other pertinent areas;
- ❖ Provide representatives to select and evaluate the President & CEO of the organization;
- ❖ Elect the Board Chair and Board members, appoint an Executive Committee, select the Chair (or Co-Chairs) of the Leadership Council and appoint Leadership Council members;
- ❖ Review, approve, and oversee the annual budget;
- ❖ Maintain and approve changes to the organization's by-laws.
- ❖ Fully commit to building a community of inclusion within the Board and the greater Facing History community.

Leadership in action:

- ❖ **Meetings:** The Board of Directors meets quarterly. Directors commit to attending all meetings - November & June meetings in person, and September & February meetings virtually.
- ❖ **Committees:** Directors serve on at least one standing committee, ad hoc committee or task force, or a regional advisory board, or lend their expertise on specific topics upon request. Committees include: Executive, Governance, Finance, Development, Audit, and Compensation.
- ❖ **Giving:** Directors make a personally significant gift to Facing History each year to support the organization's general operating and special funding priorities.
- ❖ **Programming:** Directors attend local Facing History events and participate in at least one of the organization's educational programs each year (classroom visit, online workshop, in person professional development, or other opportunity).
- ❖ **Advocacy:** Directors fulfill a highly visible and essential ambassadorial function, connecting Facing History to schools and teachers, community leaders, and donors.
- ❖ **Length of Term:** Directors serve for three-year terms, which are renewable.