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Las Vegas/Clark County Library Board of Trustees

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (Library District) was formed in February 1985 to consolidate the City of Las Vegas and Clark County Library Districts. The purpose of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees (Board of Trustees) is to establish, supervise, and maintain a library system, including the annual preparation of the budget. The Board of Trustees appoints the Library's Executive Director and has the authority to make policies.

The Board of Trustees consists of ten (10) members, five (5) appointed by Clark County, and five (5) appointed by the City of Las Vegas. The Board of Trustees is an independent authority and does not report to the Clark County Board of County Commissioners nor to the Las Vegas City Council.

Members serve four-year (4-year) terms and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

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North Las Vegas, Nevada 89084

Employer: Abundance Academy **Occupation:** Founder

Affiliations: I am the Founding Executive Director of Abundance Academy NV, North Las Vegas, Nevada. A Nevada nonprofit pursuing SPCSA authorization as a public charter school targeting grades 6 through 12, with a 2028 projected opening. I lead all operations, governance development, community engagement, and pre-authorization planning. Executive Director, KS Impact, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on youth development and community engagement. Not a board member, however, committee member for the FLEX program with the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority.

Skills & Experience:

I am the Founding Executive Director of Abundance Academy NV, a nonprofit public charter school in formation in North Las Vegas, where I manage youth development budgets, governance structure, policy development, and executive oversight. Those are the core functions of this Board. I hold a B.A. in Psychology, an M.S. in Education, and an MBA, and am completing a doctorate in Educational Leadership. I teach English Composition at the college level and have served as a court-appointed youth advocate, working directly with court-involved young people and the systems surrounding them. Literacy is the Library District's foundational purpose, and I work with it daily alongside the same population this district exists to serve. I grew up in the 89030 and 89106 zip codes on the Westside of Las Vegas, where the public library was one of the only free resources available. I came from the community this district exists to serve, and that shapes how I would approach every policy and budget decision at the board level.

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Application Questions:

A resume or letter of interest is REQUIRED. Please attach it to this application.

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I certify that I am a resident of the consolidated Library District. I verify by my signature below that all statements made on this application, as well as any information attached hereto, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that an electronic signature has the same weight and effect as a handwritten signature. Furthermore, I understand that an incomplete application and any modifications to this application will not be accepted or considered. This document and accompanying materials become public record once received by Clark County.

Yes

Signature

Dezmone Black

Date

06/09/2026

DEZMONE BLACK

EDUCATION

Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

Expected May 2027

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Educational Leadership

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.)

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Abundance Academy NV, North Las Vegas, NV

Present

Founding Executive Director

- Leads all operations, governance development, policy drafting, and executive oversight for a nonprofit public charter school in formation targeting grades 6-12
- Manages annual nonprofit youth development budgets and full organizational compliance
- Develops mastery-based academic programming for underserved youth and oversees SPCSA pre-authorization planning

English Composition Instructor, Las Vegas, NV

Present

College Faculty

- Teaches ENG 101 and ENG 102 to first-generation college students and adult learners with documented literacy gaps
- Develops curriculum aligned with foundational literacy, academic writing, and critical thinking outcomes

Court-Appointed Youth Advocate, Las Vegas, NV

- Represented the interests of court-involved youth in legal and social service proceedings
- Collaborated with legal, educational, and social service professionals to support individual youth outcomes

Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA), Las Vegas, NV

Present

Interim Program Coordinator, FLEX Program

- Coordinates workforce and social service programming for Jones Gardens residents
- Connects residents to employment, training, and community resources within Clark County

KS Impact, Las Vegas, NV

Present

Executive Director, 501(c)(3)

- Leads organizational strategy, community programming, and budget management for a youth-focused nonprofit
- Manages grant applications, community partnerships, and program development

Findlay Middle School, Las Vegas, NV

Gallery Gang Curriculum Developer

- Designed and led a photojournalism and media literacy curriculum for middle school students

- Program received both the Walsworth Award and NSPA Pacemaker Award

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Doolittle Active Adult Center, Las Vegas, NV

Present

Volunteer

- Provides direct programming support and community engagement for senior residents

Rwanda Service Initiative, International

Service Leader

- Led annual international service initiative over three consecutive years serving communities in Rwanda

Dezmone Black



June 8, 2026

Board of Trustees
Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

Re: Application for Board of Trustees

To the Board of Trustees:

Those closest to the problem are closest to the solution. They rarely have a seat at the table. That belief has shaped every initiative I have led, from building a public charter school in North Las Vegas to advocating for court-involved youth to teaching English Composition to adult learners who deserve better than what the system gave them the first time.

I am applying to serve on the Board of Trustees because the Library District was designed to belong to everyone, and I want to make sure it stays that way.

I grew up in the 89030 and 89106 zip codes on the Westside of Las Vegas. The library was infrastructure in that community. I carry that understanding into every policy and budget decision I make.

My professional background supports this work directly. As the Founding Executive Director of Abundance Academy NV, I manage youth development budgets, govern a nonprofit organization, develop policy, and lead executive operations for a public charter school in formation. I hold a B.A. in Psychology, an M.S. in Education, an MBA, and am completing a doctorate in Educational Leadership at Liberty University. I teach English Composition at the college level and have served as a court-appointed youth advocate. Literacy runs through all of it.

What I bring to this Board is governance experience, a clear equity philosophy, and the perspective of someone who grew up needing exactly what this district provides. I am prepared to contribute that to every budget decision, policy conversation, and appointment this Board makes.

I welcome the opportunity to serve and am happy to discuss my application further.

Respectfully,

Dezmone Black

