

Advisory Committee for which you are applying: *	Special Education
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I am a....(Check all that apply.) *	Parent
List the members of your family, including students at home and the schools they are attending: *	Andrew Baird (spouse), Walker Baird (K student, George Mason), Ames Baird (Westminster Weekday Preschool), Hannah Baird (Trinity Preschool)
Summary of work and practical experience: *	Currently, I run my own business providing equity-focused research, policy, and evaluation services to schools and educational non-profits. I have a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Virginia as well as a M.A.T. in ESL and Spanish. Prior to starting my own business, I was a senior researcher at American Institutes for Research where I worked on the school turnaround at Jefferson Huston through 2016. I am also a former teacher and have served as the chair of a public charter school board.
Reason for requesting membership on the committee: *	As a parent of a child with special needs, I would like to provide the perspective of families to this committee.
Potential contributions to the committee: *	I have more than 20 years of experience working in the field of education as a teacher, administrator, school board member, and researcher. I have an in-depth knowledge of educational research, policy, and practice. I believe that I can provide an important perspective to the committee, help them provide necessary oversight, and make important policy decisions.
Past community involvement: *	I am currently chair of the George Mason PTA Family Outreach Committee. I have also volunteered for the Alexandria Community Alliance to help families meet their basic needs during the health pandemic. I am a fluent Spanish speaker.

Have you applied for another School Board committee within the past six months? *	No
Have you served in the past on School Board advisory committees? *	No
Are you currently a member of any other School Board advisory committees? *	No
1. Name *	Dana Chambers
Phone Number *	(703) 470-8866
2. Name *	Alexia Smokler
Phone Number *	(202) 222-8667
3. Name *	Beth Aiken
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Can you attend at least 75% of the regular meetings of the committee to which you may be appointed? *	Yes
Have you attended at least one advisory committee meeting or met with the Chair of the advisory committee? *	No
Have you read the advisory committee's Scope of Work? *	Yes
Have you read the advisory committee's most recent Annual Report? *	No