

# Characteristics of Board Members

Following is a sample memorandum listing some ideal characteristics of board members.

## MEMORANDUM Hope Rising

TO: Board Nominating Committee

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RE: Attributes for New Board Members

Below are attributes for new members to the Hope Rising Board. Candidates do not need to have all of these characteristics; they are just skills and characteristics that would help strengthen our board.

1. Passion for the mission
2. Strategic decision making ability
3. Ability to access community resources
4. Ability to access financial resources
5. Ability to access volunteers
6. Willingness and ability to give financially to Hope Rising
7. Community connections
8. Business leaders of the community
9. Minority representation
10. Consumer representative
11. Human resource expertise
12. Attorney
13. Accountant/Banking/Financial individuals

The next step is for us to ask the Board, former Board, and others to help us identify individuals who would have these characteristics.