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1. Describe your personal and educational background, as well as in what areas you have an expertise that will aid the NLA School Board in its missions of proper governance, financial oversight, and academic growth.

I have a bachelors of arts in political science from the University of Minnesota Duluth, I have Juris Doctorate from Hamline University and earned my education credentials in a Master's level program from Bethel. I currently teach special education at the Upper School. I have been teaching special education on and off for the last twelve years. I am well versed in many aspects of the law involved in school operations. I have started and ran my own business on different occasions and have a basic understanding of business finances that would translate into this position. Finally, I have a unique perspective on academic growth with my back ground in special education that would offer a different point of view that other teachers who work with the general education population.

2. What do you see as the primary responsibility of a school board for a charter school? *

Provide oversight of administration. Set education policy and mission for the district. Make the difficult decisions related to growth and oversight of the district.