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## ***Biography for Paul McGovern, Chief Financial Officer, Council of Directors:***

Paul is from Ireland and graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He has been CEO of Database Republic (DBR) for 14 years. DBR has developed and maintains workflow solutions for multiple California State agencies. It also developed and helped create the C2P platform for Compliance & Risks helping Fortune 500 companies monitor and manage regulatory change. He is Director of business development for Compliance and Risks and works with many Fortune 500 firms in the area of global environmental regulations.

As a teaching professional, he co-owned a children's Summer tennis camp in Ireland and taught tennis to children up to international level. His awards include receiving Northern California Tennis Association teacher of the year.

Paul was a founder of YES and believes that YES plays a vital role in educating children to become academic masters, understand environmental issues and to contribute positively. He is also a founder of and actively involved in Good Food Farms a food Coop based in Oregon House. Good Food Farms grows year round and delivers weekly produce to its local members.

Paul lives with his wife Natasha in Oregon House. He has one son, Oliver and likes to travel, play sport and read.

## ***Biography for Louise Miller, Principal, Council of Directors:***

Louise Miller is the Principal/Superintendent of Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy where she leads a dynamic school community. Educators at YES Charter Academy guide students as they apply the scientific method to solve real world environmental problems through hands on investigations and collaborative projects.

Louise earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from California State University, Chico, in 1983 and a Multiple Subject Credential from Chapman University in 1996. In 2010 she earned a master's in educational leadership and Administration from California State University, Chico, graduating with distinction.

In her over 20 year career as a teacher, she fulfilled roles such as teacher in charge, literacy coach, and Shady Creek Outdoor School principal. As a literacy coach Louise lead professional development, coached teachers, and analyzed data for school improvement. With special interests in literacy and science, she served on both English Language Arts and science curriculum

adoption committees and developed year-long thematic units of study that integrated science, social studies, writing, and art.

Louise reaches out to the community to create rich experiences for students. She has partnered with businesses and organizations to complete beautification projects, to hatch salmon eggs in the classroom, and to bring exciting field trips and assemblies to her students.

Her interests are native plants and pollinators. She is an avid gardener and member of the Xerces Society (What the Audubon Society is to birds, the Xerces Society is to bugs). A pollinator friendly California native landscape that she developed was featured in the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Garden Tour in 2015. She is a beekeeper and was on the panel of tasters that developed the UC Davis Honey and Pollination Center Honey Flavor and Aroma Wheel. Her honey was a finalist for the Martha Stewart American Made Agriculture and Sustainability Award in 2014 and won Best of Show, Specialty Food at the 2015 Taste of Yuba Sutter.

Louise is married and has a blended family with children and grandchildren.

### ***Biography for Linda Cohee, Vice President, Council of Directors:***

Linda Cohee's work as an advocate for educational excellence for children includes service in varied roles including as a principal, elementary teacher, Yuba College instructor and administrative consultant and coach. Additionally, she is the parent of two incredible children and a resident of Browns Valley, California.

Ms. Cohee has 35+ years of experience as an elementary school principal and teacher in grades K-8. She is a long time resident of Browns Valley and has two children and two grandchildren. Her educational background includes a B.A. in Psychology from CSU Sacramento, M.A. in Education/Reading from CSU Chico and post graduate work in school leadership from Harvard University and U.C.L.A. Ms. Cohee's philosophy is that children are the future and that involvement in their education is our most important work. Ms. Cohee has had the pleasure of meeting many YES parents and community members as the interim principal for YES in 2017.

### ***Biography for Pamela Cook, Council Member, Council of Directors:***

Pamela (Pam) Cook began working with children and families in 1973 as volunteer at a school for children with special needs through Future Teachers of America (FTA). She received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Northern Illinois University in 1974 and has been working with children and families since that time as a teacher, vocational counselor, Program Manager, and Director. In 1999, she joined the Yuba

County Health and Human Services Department and continued to assist children and families overcome difficulties as a social worker and program manager with the Children and Adult Protective Services Division. Pam retired in 2018 after working with the County of Yuba for 19 years.

Pam moved from Oregon back to California to live on her grandparent's property in Dobbins just two months before the Pendola fire destroyed much of the Oregon House – Dobbins community. Her property was devastated and since that time she has been working to return/ improve her property/community to a natural and fire safe balance. Local activities include:

- Board President for the Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy
- Board Secretary for the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council
- Trustee for the Keystone Cemetery
- CalFire Volunteer in Prevention at Oregon Peak Lookout Tower every Sunday since 2000

Environmental issues are very important to her, she loves the out of doors and has turned her small property into a haven for local flora and fauna. Joining YES Charter Academy as a board member has been and will continue to be a wonderful opportunity to assist and support our local children and families while participating in/improving relevant environmental issues at the school level.

### ***Biography for Jamie Hyatt, Secretary, Council of Directors:***

I have been a resident of the Oregon House community for over ten years. My husband and I own a small pest control business. Since my family joined the community in 2010 we have been very involved in giving back and providing volunteer hours. I am currently the Secretary for the YES Charter Academy Council of Directors, Little League Coach/Team Mom, NYS Thunder Softball Stat/Scorekeeper, etc.

Two of my three children attend YES Charter Academy. I am impressed with the influence YES Charter Academy has with this small rural community and its surrounding communities. I strongly believe in the YES Charter Academy vision and mission. I have had the pleasure of not only watching this school grow and evolve, but the opportunity to be a part of it as well.

## ***Biography for Eve Domingo, Staff Representative, Council of Directors:***

Eve Domingo is the Education Specialist at Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy where she coordinates tier 2 interventions and tier three supports such as speech services, occupational therapy services, counseling services and academic support services. YES Charter Academy's special education program operates from a model of inclusive support practices with some pull out, one on one and small group support. Eve is also the staff representative on the YES Charter Academy Council of Directors. Eve holds a Bachelor of Science in General Psychology, a Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology, a CLAD multiple subject teaching credential and an Education Specialist credential. Eve began a career in teaching in 1993. She worked as a substitute teacher for Kindergarten through 12 the grade, an after school program director and a first grade teacher. When her son was born, Eve decided to work from home. During that time she established an organic fruit and vegetable farm with her husband.

Although she loved working outdoors and growing beautiful fruits and vegetables, she found herself longing to work with students again. Eve became the Education Specialist at YES Charter Academy in the fall of 2017 and since then has worked to support all the students of YES Charter Academy to see their own strengths and capabilities and to reach their fullest potentials. She is thrilled to be a part of a school with a strong focus on science and the environment and part of a team of teachers that deeply care about the wellbeing and academic success of their students.

## ***Biography for Lisa Thompson, Director, Council of Directors:***

Lisa Thompson has served on the YES Charter Council of Directors since 2022 and currently chairs the YES Outreach Committee. She has been a resident of the Sierra Foothills for the past 2 decades, and brings over 25 years of experience in IT, Web Development and Internet Marketing. As the former CEO of Chico Internet Marketing, she has now retired from the corporate sector to devote more time to community-focused endeavors.

She is deeply committed to advancing sustainable forestry and supporting local agriculture and food initiatives. Additionally, she is in her fourth year on the Lake Francis Mutual Water Company Board of Directors, where she, along with other community members helped establish the first NFPA Firewise community in Yuba County.

Lisa's husband, Michael Thompson, is also actively involved in the community serving as a Professional Life & Career Coach and Tribal Elder of the Eastom Yumeka tribe of Enterprise Rancheria Maidu. Celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in 2023, Lisa and Michael reside in Dobbins with their four beloved dogs.

***Elizabeth Yvette Rodriguez, Parent Representative Director:***

I spent most of my young life in San Jose where I graduated high school. I learned general bookkeeping/accounting skills working with my parents business as a teen. Started a family at 21. Returned to work when my son was 12. Became legal guardian of my grand nieces in 2018. Retired from Costco Sand City in March 2019 and moved our family to the Yuba County foothills to give our girls a better life and to be near my grandchildren.