

My Brother's Keeper Nashua

Description

My Brother's Keeper is a national call to action launched by President Barack Obama to address persistent opportunity gaps facing boys and young men of color and ensure all young people can reach their full potential.

It was brought to Nashua by Mayor James Donchess and will remain under the purview of the Mayor's Office.

Board Powers, Responsibilities and Accountability

- (a) The business and affairs of My Brother's Keeper shall be managed by the Board pursuant to these Bylaws.
- (b) The Board under the purview of the Mayor, shall have ultimate responsibility for the affairs of My Brother's Keeper Nashua. The Board's role is one of strategic leadership in defining and implementing the vision, mission and core values of My Brother's Keeper Nashua.
- (c) The Board shall be fully accountable to both the Mayor and the community at large for its stewardship of My Brother's Keeper Nashua and for the accomplishment of My Brother's Keeper Nashua mission and purposes.
- (d) The Board as a whole should be seen by the community it serves, the government, and the broader community as capable, experienced and well able to lead My Brother's Keeper Nashua. The board is a public body under NH Right to know law and will follow all RTK law requirements.

Board Structure

The Board of My Brother's Keeper Nashua (MBK Nashua) shall consist of a minimum of 16 members and a maximum of 23 members.

The Board shall be open to the following elected officials and municipal employees: the Mayor or his/her designee; the President of the Board of Aldermen or his/her designee; the Police Chief or his/her designee; the Library Director or his/her designee; the President of the Faith-based community or his/her designee; the President of the Board of Education or his/her designee; the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee; and the Director of Public Health and Community Services or his/her designee. The Board shall also be open to the following members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor that shall serve for three years, Each member shall be permitted to serve not more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms. Five representatives of the non-profit organizations within the community; and a minimum of five and a maximum of eight community members representing a broad spectrum of racial, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity. Two seats are reserved for the Standing Committee Chairs who will serve as members of the Board.

Members are expected to attend all meetings of the year.

Officers and their Duties

The Board may appoint an Executive Committee. The officers of the Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and the Mayor's Liaison. All officers shall be elected at the July meeting. Officers shall serve for one year. No officer shall hold the same office for more than three (3) years.

Any officer may resign by submitting written notification of his/her intention. Election to fill a vacancy prior to the expiration of a term due to death, resignation or other cause shall be for the remainder of the term of the member whose death, resignation, or other cause created the vacancy.

Specific duties are as follows:

1. The President of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board, create the meeting agenda and recommend committees and work groups with input from the board.
 - (a) The President shall also perform such other duties and may exercise such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by these Bylaws or by the Board.
2. The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President or in the event of a vacancy in the office.
3. The Secretary will handle Board-related correspondence, and will maintain minutes of Board meetings and forward minutes to be posted.
 - (b) If the Secretary is absent from any meeting of the Board, a temporary Secretary chosen at the meeting shall exercise the duties of the Secretary at the meeting.
4. The Mayor's Liaison shall serve as the liaison between the Board and the Mayor's Office regarding any matters involving funding. And to ensure the Board maintains the focus of the MBK Nashua priorities.
 - (a) The Liaison shall participate in the preparation of the proposed budget for the MBK Nashua initiatives each new fiscal year.
 - (b) Provides oversight to the Arlington Street Community Center Director.
 - (c) The Liaison shall be a voting member of the Board
 - (d) The Liaison shall not serve in the position of President

Voting

Quorum

At any meeting of the Board, a majority of the members, present in person, then in office shall constitute a quorum. Any meeting may be adjourned to a later date or dates by a majority of the votes cast upon the question, whether or not a quorum is present, and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice.

Action by Vote

Each member of the Board shall have one (1) vote. No organization shall have more than one vote. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of the votes properly cast shall decide any questions, unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws of the Board.

Committees

My Brother's Keeper Nashua will have two standing committees, one to focus on the Arlington Street Community Center and one to concentrate on efforts to enhance community collaboration.

Standing Committee: Arlington Street Community Center Committee (ASCCC)

The ASCCC will assist the ASCC director in the operations of the property at 36 Arlington Street, which is owned by and will be maintained by the City of Nashua. The ASCCC will approve programming consistent with the goals of My Brother's Keeper Nashua and will leverage partners to offer and participate in programming. The ASCCC will provide support and accountability to the ASCC Director.

Standing Committee: MBK Community Collaboration Committee (MCCC)

The goal of this committee is to leverage partners and resources to work toward reducing violence among youth and providing second chances. Members will explore collaborative funding opportunities, share program data, successes and challenges, and provide support to strengthen services for youth.

The Board may create, in its discretion, any additional committees that it deems necessary for the good of My Brother's Keeper Nashua. Unless otherwise specified herein, or as directed by the Chair, the Committee Chairperson shall determine the frequency and dates of committee meetings.

Ad hoc workgroups deemed necessary to carry out the mission and purpose of My Brother's Keeper Nashua may be established by a majority vote of members to accomplish specific short-term objectives (e.g., required activities of grants). Workgroup composition will be specific to the assigned task. MBK members and other interested community members may be solicited to assist in the work of the committee/workgroup. Each workgroup may select its own workgroup Chair, who is responsible for sending notices of meetings, recording minutes of meetings and providing copies of notes/minutes/ handouts to the MBK Community Collaboration Committee chair.

Meetings

Regular Meetings of the MBK Nashua Board shall be held in July, October, January and April on the second Wednesday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and will be posted in two places 24 hours in advance.

Special Meetings of the MBK Nashua Board may be held at any time provided a 5-day notice is provided by regular mail, phone call, or email, and posted in two places 24 hours in advance

Committee and/or Workgroup Meetings shall be held as required at dates and times determined by the Committee Chairperson. And posted in two places 24 hours in advance.

All meetings are open to the public and minutes will be posted within 5 days of the meeting.

Amendments to the Bylaws

Unless otherwise provided, these Bylaws may be amended or repealed, and new Bylaws may be adopted in whole or in part, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.

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Ratified: March 23, 2018

Separate document.

Arlington Street Community Center Committee (ASCCC)

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MBK Community Collaboration Committee (MCCC)

Oversight will be provided by the Chief of Police or Designee

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