

COMMISSION MEMBER PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

OCASD's membership is designed to bring together individuals who have a wide range of experiences regarding autism spectrum disorder. These include autistic youth and adults, their parents and other caregivers, professionals who regularly provide services to autistic individuals, agency staff, and legislators. The reason for having a diverse membership is to bring a 360° view to any issue before the Commission. Many of the challenges faced by those with ASD and their families arise from the way services and supports are split across health care, education, and social services. This makes it difficult to see each individual as a unique whole and to respond to their needs in a coordinated manner. Deep and lasting improvements require a full understanding of what must be changed, why current services and supports are structured the way they are, the barriers to change, and the sequence of steps needed to reach the desired goal. In other words, they require multiple perspectives and resources working together.

OCASD has set a number of membership slots, some appointed by the governor and others appointed by the legislature and agencies serving autistic individuals.

Current Open Positions

The following positions are currently in holdover status, meaning that these members will resign when a new member is recruited to fill their slot:

- Representative of autism or disability advocacy organization
- Healthcare provider to autistic individuals (other than a physician or mental health professional; (position currently held by a behavior analyst)
- Representative of a local education agency (currently filled by a regional program administrator, but could be filled by a school district employee; in the near future it is expected that this position will be split in two: one slot for a regional program employee and one for a school district employee)"

These positions will be filled by appointment of the governor.

[The Commission Member Position Description](#) provides details about Commission membership. If you wish to apply for Commission membership, please contact us at staff@orcommissionasd.org. An interview with the commission chair is part of the application process.