

Manitoba Education Research and Learning Information Network

Note: this board is composed of representatives nominated by specific designated organizations and is not open to appointment from the general public.

Chair

Krista Curry, Altona ⁽¹⁾

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- (1) Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS)
- (2) Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
- (3) Post-Secondary Institution(s)
- (4) Department of Education and Advanced Learning – civil servant
- (5) Manitoba Association of Educational Technology Leaders (MAETL)
- (6) Manitoba Association of Computing Educators (ManACE)
- (7) Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre
- + Civil Servant

Mandate:

The role of the Advisory Board is to provide advice and feedback on the Agency's strategic direction, changes to its mandate, business practices and finances. It also comments on the Agency's performance through the review of proposed business plans as well as quarterly and annual reports. The Advisory Board ensures that MERLIN's priorities are aligned with those of the Department and the school system.

Authority:

Special Operating Agency

Responsibilities:

- Advise on the mandate, strategic directions of the Agency
- Review and advise on the agency's business plans and budgets

- Contribute to a forum of experienced individuals offering a variety of perspectives on major challenges and opportunities facing the Agency
- Advise on significant investment decisions
- Review and assess the Agency's financial and operational performance
- Advise on emerging issues and trends to position the Agency to respond effectively to the needs of existing and potential customers
- Act as an ambassador on behalf of the Agency and its services

Membership:

The Advisory Board is appointed by the Minister and is comprised of the following representatives from the Agency's target market:

- Department of Education and Training (1)
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS - 3)
- Manitoba Association of Educational Technology Leaders (MAETL - 2)
- Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO - 3)
- Manitoba Association of Computing Educators (ManACE - 1)
- Post-Secondary Institution(s) -2
- Chief Operating Officer, MERLIN

Length of Terms:

Two years

Desirable Experience:

- Must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language
- Have active listening skills
- Be able to read and interpret legislation and how it applies to the case
- Use plain language
- Adhere to a high degree of confidentiality
- Have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner

Time Commitment:

Members are expected to meet quarterly. It also comments on the Agency's performance through the review of proposed business plans as well as quarterly and annual reports.

Meetings:

Location: 100-135 Innovation Drive, Smartpark University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 6A8

Frequency: The Advisory Board meets three to four times annually.

Remuneration:

No remuneration.