



## **BCU Board Member Position Description**

**Overview:** The Boston Cyclists Union (BCU) Board of Directors is a diverse group of local leaders committed to advancing the mission and vision of the organization by providing strategic and management oversight, ensuring financial and organizational health, and spearheading outreach, fundraising and promotion of the BCU to the broader community. As the BCU's highest leadership body, the board provides governance to the Boston Cyclists Union organization, stewarding and protecting its mission while representing the organization to the community, and accepting ultimate legal and fiduciary authority for it.

**The BCU's mission:** Our mission is to transform the streets of Greater Boston into equitable and inviting people-centered spaces affording access and connection for every body. We accomplish this through organizing, advocacy, public actions, and holding city and state agencies accountable to build out the network of safe, protected bike infrastructure.

[You can read our complete Strategic Plan — including mission, vision and values — by clicking here](https://bostoncyclistsunion.org/strategic-plan) or by visiting: [bostoncyclistsunion.org/strategic-plan](https://bostoncyclistsunion.org/strategic-plan)

### **Board Member Requirements:**

Meetings and time commitment:

- The Board of Directors meets on a bi-monthly basis, generally on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 6-8 p.m. The meeting rotation begins in January. Board members are expected to regularly attend and participate in board meetings.
- Participation on a standing committee of the Board is expected, as is serving on ad-hoc committees as necessary. Committees include Governance, Development, Finance & Operations, and Executive. They typically meet five to twelve times per year, depending on their respective work agendas.
- Board members are asked to attend the two signature fundraising events per year, and additional programs and events as time and interest allows.
- Contribute an amount of personal significance (there is no monetary giving requirement; we value time, talent, passion and connections that further our work just as much as direct contributions.)

Expectations of board members:

- Be informed of the organization's mission, strategies, policies and programs.

- Provide organizational leadership and advice, collectively with the full board.
- Help communicate and promote the Boston Cyclists Union's mission and programs to the community.
- Be familiar with the organization's finances, budget, and financial/resource needs
- Help bring in resources and funds through a variety of channels and means.
- Be alert to community concerns that can be addressed by the organization.

Qualifications:

- Passion for the mission of the organization
- Minimum of one year's experience as a volunteer for the organization (preferably on a Board committee) or commensurate experience in a similar organization
- Willingness and ability to play a leadership role in the organization and to learn and grow in the role
- Documented commitment to execute the role and responsibilities of Board member for this organization
- Absence or disclosure of any conflict of interest with the organization