

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Career Gear Greater Houston Advisory Council is a body of professionals who bring expert knowledge and skills that will enhance the formal board of directors. The council consists of industry experts who have previous board experience and are seeking opportunities to be strategic advisors in support of the general operations of Career Gear's mission. Their advisory stems from wide variety of disciplines, such as finance, technology, fundraising, energy, philanthropy, healthcare, etc.

PURPOSE

The Advisory Council is designed to help keep the Executive Board of Directors and leadership apprised of industry trends, demographic needs, and legal and/or financial trends that might affect the health of Career Gear and the reach of its mission. The council's members can offer support for board members before they take action and provide feedback after activities take place.

GOALS

The Advisory Council serves to make recommendations and/or provide key information and materials to the formal Executive Board of Directors. Council members maintain formal and visible relationships with people who have particular strong status, for example, people whose terms have expired on the governing Executive Board, leaders in the community and people with highly respected skills in certain program areas. Leadership from the council may be asked to act as advisors for programming initiatives or committees to help guide strategic goals, review budgets, provide feedback on organization's programming and/or help with fundraising.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Board or leadership experience
- Be familiar with board structures and processes
- Be residents of Greater Houston and be familiar with economic and development needs of the community
- Must be engaged in community programming, supportive efforts and development
- Have an understanding of nonprofit fundraising

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Act as agency ambassadors
- Serves as a connector, influencer or decision maker to external resources
- Provide pro bono work to assist with other board-driven needs
- Advising on programs / helping with organizational planning
- Providing pro bono work to assist with other staff-driven needs
- Commitment - two (2) year term
- Serve as a "think tank" for Career Gear

To submit your interest in joining the Career Gear Advisory Council, visit this link
<http://careergearhouston.org/advisorycouncil.html>

The mission of **Career Gear Houston** is to empower men and male youth to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help men thrive in work and life.