Business Advisory Councils 2023/2024

Qualifications for Membership

- Members must be currently employed in the industry represented by the council.
- Members should be cooperative, knowledgeable persons who have expertise, leadership, and work experience in the career-technical program they serve.
- Advisory councils should include a diverse representation of race, ethnicity, and gender.
- There should not be more than two members from the same company or organization on an individual program advisory council.
- Each council must add at least one new member each year with a maximum of 14 and a minimum of 8 members in any given year. Ideal total membership 8-12; Polaris Advisory Councils mandatory 8 member minimum.
- Members should be enthusiastic about their field and the Polaris program they serve.
- Council members cannot be current or former employees of Polaris Career Center
  - Substitute hires by Polaris must be approved by Superintendent for Advisory Councils
  - Newly Retired Industry candidates may only serve One Year
  - Polaris's retirees not applicable
- No Family Members on Polaris Advisory Boards

Council member make-up recommendations:

- Business, Industry and Labor   5-7 members
- Representatives of Higher Education   1-2 members
  - Higher Education Only (example: Tri-C, Cleveland State, Case Western, etc.)
  - Other Career Technical Staff does not meet this requirement
- Community, Civic and Government   1-2 members
- Current Student or Graduate   1 member (where appropriate)

Terms of office should be staggered to allow continuity of experience on the councils. It is recommended that your members serve a 3-5 year term. Under most circumstances' members should not serve longer than five years.

Meetings and Member Engagement

The minimum commitment is to attend scheduled meetings and to remain active and engaged by partnering with program teachers throughout the school year.

Special Note:

All council members must submit a member profile each year.

Members are not automatically moved from one year to the next.