

Bobby Thandi

Nomination for Re Election

As a current Trustee at Learn Academies Trust and Deputy Chief Executive at L.E.A.D. Academy Trust, I am seeking re-election for the vacancy on the NGA Board.

My roles as both Trustee and senior executive within multi-academy trusts have afforded me an in-depth understanding of governance, strategic leadership, and the crucial importance of robust oversight within educational organisations. I am dedicated to advancing transparency, accountability, and ongoing improvement across the sector, and am confident that my experience will enable me to make a significant contribution to the NGA Board.

For the past four years, I have served as the elected representative for the East Midlands region with the NGA, and for the last three years, I have also held the position of treasurer. In my capacity as Deputy CEO and CFOO at L.E.A.D. Academy Trust which serves 11,500 pupils—where I have been since 2013—I lead the business support functions and oversee commercial operations. My professional background encompasses leadership positions in education, public sector institutions, and regulatory bodies.

Additionally, I serve as the Network Leader for the East Midlands Finance Directors Forum, facilitating sector-wide collaboration. Throughout my career, I have contributed to business development, change management, mergers, charity law, and governance across various sectors, including education, social care, local authorities, police, NHS, and the Audit Commission.

My commitment to supporting children and making a positive difference in their lives continues to motivate my work. I believe my expertise and perspective would further enhance the Board's business acumen and complement the skill sets of current Trustees.

Beyond my existing responsibilities, I am passionate about promoting inclusive leadership and fostering innovation in educational governance. My active involvement in sector forums and professional networks keeps me informed of evolving best practices and policy trends, strengthening my capacity to serve the NGA Board effectively. I look forward to working collaboratively with fellow Trustees to address sector challenges, drive strategic developments, and champion initiatives that advance organisational excellence and positive outcomes for children and communities. I am committed to upholding the mission and values of the NGA and welcome the opportunity to continue making a meaningful impact as a Board member.