## 🧑🏽‍⚖️ Board of Trustees

### Stewarding Legacy with Vision

The **Board of Trustees** at **BNB Learning Center** is the institution’s highest governing authority, entrusted with safeguarding its mission, ensuring strategic alignment, and preserving the legacy of transformative education. As the **custodians of BNB’s values**, they guide the school with wisdom, purpose, and foresight, ensuring that every decision uplifts students, staff, and community.

Composed of **five highly accomplished leaders** with backgrounds in medicine, education, mental health, international development, and organizational governance, the Board reflects **diversity of thought** and a unified commitment to excellence.

### 🎯 Purpose and Responsibilities

The Board plays a **multi-dimensional leadership role**:

* **Strategic Direction**: Anchoring decisions to BNB’s Strategy 2024–2034, ensuring relevance and responsiveness.
* **Governance Oversight**: Approving policies, strategic goals, and evaluating institutional performance metrics.
* **Leadership Appointment**: Selecting and supporting the CEO and executive team, ensuring capable management.
* **Financial Stewardship**: Reviewing budgets, supporting fundraising efforts, and ensuring fiscal health.
* **Mission Assurance**: Ensuring every policy aligns with BNB’s core values: dignity, diversity, joy, and lifelong learning.

### 👥 Members of the Board

#### 🔹 **Dr. Isaac Bekalo Bateno** — Chairman & Co-Owner

An international development strategist with 40+ years of experience, Dr. Isaac has led the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) and authored renowned models like the Writeshop methodology. With degrees in **Public Health**, **Agriculture**, and a **PhD in Organizational Development**, he brings unparalleled insight into participatory learning and ethical leadership.

#### 🔹 **Dr. Pearl Diana Bekalo Mwansa, MD** — Board Member

A physician dedicated to geriatric care and hospice wellness in Texas, Dr. Pearl balances clinical leadership with a heart-centered approach. Her contributions elevate BNB’s focus on emotional intelligence, well-being, and family-oriented education.

#### 🔹 **Dr. Krystle Sharna Bekalo Quinlan, DNP, FNP-C** — Board Member

An advanced nurse practitioner specializing in neurological and psychiatric care, Dr. Krystle is a champion of holistic healing. Based in California, she merges her clinical training with an empathetic vision for learner support and mental wellness in schools.

#### 🔹 **Prusevie Bekalo Boncato** — Board Member & Co-Owner

With a deep love for children and experiential learning, Prusevie infuses the board with **emotional depth, empathy, and inclusive perspectives**. Her advocacy for student dignity and creativity resonates in BNB’s Happy School philosophy.

#### 🔹 **Ato Saamuel Bekalo** — Board Secretary & Managing Director

A steadfast pillar of operational leadership at BNB, Ato Saamuel is known for his **calm authority and servant-leadership**. His work harmonizes discipline with care, and strategy with community presence—making him central to both governance and daily administration.

## 🧭 Structure and Committees

The Board operates under a **collaborative governance model** that values shared leadership and inclusive decision-making. It is supported by specialized **committees**:

* **Academic Excellence & Curriculum Review**
* **Finance and Risk Management**
* **Infrastructure and Innovation Oversight**
* **Community Engagement and Partnerships**
* **Human Resources and Succession Planning**

Each committee is led by a board member and collaborates with school directors to ensure strategic and practical impact.

## 📌 Ethical Standards and Evaluation

Board members serve **voluntarily**, adhering to a strict code of conduct:

* **Confidentiality & Integrity**
* **Objectivity in Decision-Making**
* **Commitment to Inclusion & Equity**

Regular board evaluations and a structured nomination process ensure renewal, accountability, and diversity of expertise.

## 🌍 Looking Ahead

As BNB implements its **decade-long strategy**, the Board stands as the **guardian of its future**—protecting its soul, expanding its reach, and transforming its dreams into structured, sustainable action.

Through this **visionary and heart-led governance**, BNB remains a **beacon of hope and transformation**, ensuring that every student is not only educated—but deeply empowered.