



CASA of Santa Cruz County

Board Member Time Commitments

We are looking for Board members with a passion for CASA's mission who want to bring their experience, ideas, relationships, and time to strengthening our work with children, youth, and families. Board service is most meaningful when members come prepared, participate actively, follow through on commitments, and contribute in ways that draw on their individual strengths.

Typical commitment: about 5–7 hours per month on average

Approximately 60–85 hours per year, with some months lighter and others more active depending on committee work, events, subcommittees, and special projects.

What Board Service Includes

Commitment	What this typically includes
Board meetings & preparation	10 Board meetings per year, generally the 2nd Monday, 6:00–7:30 PM. Members review the Board packet and other materials in advance so they are ready to participate in discussion and decisions.
Committee & subcommittee service	Serve on at least one committee. Most committees meet about monthly; Finance generally meets quarterly. Members may also participate in short-term subcommittees or special projects and complete follow-up work between meetings.
Fundraising & community engagement	Support CASA's fundraising and awareness efforts through events, donor and community relationships, introductions, outreach, and other activities that fit individual strengths and networks.
Retreat, learning & Board development	Participate in the annual Board & Staff Retreat (typically about two-thirds of a day) and Board learning or development opportunities throughout the year.

What We Hope Board Members Will Bring

- Passion for CASA's mission and commitment to children, youth, and families
- Active participation, collaboration, and respectful dialogue
- A willingness to share expertise, relationships, and community connections
- Thoughtful preparation, curiosity, and willingness to learn
- Follow-through on Board, committee, and subcommittee commitments
- Support for fundraising, community engagement, and CASA events

Time will vary by role and season. Board officers, committee chairs, and members who take on additional project leadership may spend more time in some periods. CASA values the different strengths and perspectives each member brings and works to make Board service purposeful, well-supported, and connected to our mission.