



My name is Brandi Marien and I have been a proud Aurora parent for the past three years. My son Gunnar is playing on the U11 Boys Premier team for the 2025-26 season. I am interested to join the board so I can be part of a collaborative effort to make Aurora the best club it can be. I want to work with other Board members to identify, discuss and most importantly solve existing problems in the club and forge a path forward that allows Aurora to continue to be successful moving forward.

In my professional life, I have been employed with TCU Financial Group for the past 16 years. In my time there I have held several different positions including: 8 years as an Account Manager where I advised members regarding personal finances (lending and investments); Supervisor of the contact center department from January 2020-March 2021, where I led my team through the challenges of operating through the pandemic, managing people and gaining a deep recognition of the value of the perspective of others; and have since been part of the Systems Department as a Business Analyst, administering the banking system and ancillary systems with extensive knowledge on all business processes. This role has included working on major projects such as a recent banking system conversion where my attention to detail, extensive knowledge and understanding of business processes, focus on finding solutions to obstacles and ability to work with stakeholders is consistently appreciated.

I am a strong candidate for the Board as I am hardworking, reliable, honest and ethical. I am willing to contribute towards decisions being made in the best interest of the club and its members. I believe in transparency and am prepared to stand behind the decisions made while ensuring that club members understand how and why decisions are made. I am highly-committed to any task assigned and I am prepared to contribute what is required to make Aurora the best club for children to play soccer and develop skill and passion for the game. This club also plays a role in the development of these young players as good teammates, good humans and future leaders and that great responsibility should not be taken lightly.

Currently my job consists of identifying and working as a team to identify and solve problems reactively when necessary but more importantly, proactively. I would suggest this is very similar to the role the Board plays for Aurora. In addition, my experience and skills in financial roles can be an asset to discussions, decisions and tasks that are required of the Board.

I believe in the Aurora values and vision. I think what will continue to make Aurora successful in the future is keeping the Vision and Values at the center and implementing proper policies and procedures to ensure that all decisions made at the club level are in the best interests of the club and all members, with the utmost consideration of the best interests of the kids. This consideration was shown in the much-improved evaluations this season, and must be ongoing by continuing to reflect and evaluate to find improvements and solutions that benefit the players and the club.

The key to Aurora's success will be continued refinement, striving to be better each season for current club and Aurora in the future. I am grateful for this nomination and excited at the possibility of being a part of the Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brandi Marien

