



## **Peter N. Dawson**

Peter's passion is helping organizations run effectively and reach their potential. He understands that all "programs" and successful organizations are made up of people. People execute the vision of the organization, and thus he has spent his career recruiting, training, and developing people to become leaders of integrity, initiative and diligence. He has helped those same leaders recognize the numerous risks confronting their organizations and has helped them realize their vision through building successful teams.

The next critical piece to building successful teams of people with vision is having secure financial footing. In this respect, Peter has excelled throughout his career with a background in finance, tax law and asset protection. He has helped numerous organizations secure and utilize funds strategically to achieve their goals. He currently serves as the CFO for a multi-state, multi-practice medical group based out of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Prior to joining the medical group, he has been a partner at a boutique investment firm in Kansas City, served as a regional VP for a mid-sized life insurance company in the Midwest, was a founding member and CFO of a law firm in Salt Lake City, and has volunteered in numerous capacities in the communities he has lived in throughout the West and Mid-West. Some of the highlights of his career are:

- Secured financing for several large multi-family housing projects in the Kansas City Metro.

- Helped secure funding for several medical protocols and medical devices.

- Facilitated the purchase and sale of numerous businesses and medical practices across the United States.

- Helped numerous business owners, operate and grow successful businesses throughout the country.

In the community: Peter currently serves on the Vista School Board and is the Finance Committee Chair. Prior to serving on the School Board, he was the Vista School Foundation President.

Peter graduated from Utah State University with a bachelor's degree in political science. He attended Creighton University School of Law and received a Certificate in Business, Tax & Secured Transactions. He currently resides in Santa Clara, Utah, with his wife and three daughters.

**Peter's Skills and Experience:**

I have an extensive background in business, finance and law. I have helped numerous non-profit and for-profit organizations navigate the complexities of the tax code, business law and finance in order to grow their organizations intelligently and successfully.

**Relevant Community Experience and/or Employment:**

Vista Foundation, President

Vista School Board Member, Finance Committee Chair

While serving at Vista, I have helped with several events to raise funds and awareness of the mission, vision and values of Vista. It has been my pleasure to vote in favor of increased wages for all teachers, faculty and administrative staff at Vista, as well as being intimately involved with helping ensure the safety, welfare and protection of our students, teachers, support staff and administration from financial, legal and other risks.

**Why am I running as a board member:**

When my family learned of Vista, we sold our home and moved to Santa Clara, Utah, in order to enroll our three children. Vista is the ideal of what I believe the education of our children should be in America. I want to use my skills to help perpetuate and build Vista into an even stronger school.

**Areas of expertise that demonstrate how I will contribute:**

Law

Finance

Risk Assessment & Mitigation

Strategic Thinker