

## **Melissa Mackedon**

Melissa is one of the founders of Oasis Academy and has served as its executive director since it opened its doors in 2011. Melissa is dually certified in elementary education and special education and has her master's degree in Educational Leadership. Prior to opening Oasis Academy, Melissa spent 8 years in both the general education and special education classroom.

Today she not only focuses her energy on making sure Oasis Academy remains in the top 5% of schools in the state, but also works on the charter landscape across the state as the Vice Chair of the State Public Charter School Authority and a board member of the Charter School Association of Nevada. She has participated in several educational advisory groups for the Nevada Department of Education, including the Every Student Succeeds Act.

In her free time Melissa enjoys reading, cooking, and spending time with her super star husband, Gib and her two children, Fenn and Hazel, who were ultimately her inspiration for founding a school.