

# Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Parent Oversight Committee

**PURPOSE:** To collaborate and interact with the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Attorney General and, as appropriate, the Auditor General to review: (1) the implementation of policies and procedures relating to the Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Account program and the program's effectiveness; (2) the concerns of parents of qualified students who receive Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Account monies; and (3) the work of the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide on complaints associated with administering the Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Account program.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Other One parent of a qualified student who receives Empowerment Scholarship Account monies, appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives:  
**Vacant**

Two parents of qualified students who receive empowerment scholarship account (ESA) monies, appointed by the Governor:  
**Vacant**

One parent of a student receiving an empowerment scholarship account (ESA) due to a disability, and uses the monies for educational therapies and services, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate:  
**Vacant**

One parent of a student receiving an empowerment scholarship account (ESA) due to a disability, and uses the monies for educational therapies and services, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
**Vacant**

**Notes:** The Committee shall annually elect a Chairperson from among its members and meet at least once each calendar quarter. Parents are prohibited from serving on the Committee if they are an employee or relative of an employee of ADE; receives monies or compensation from or is otherwise associated with a lobbyist organization, a school choice advocacy group or a private financial management firm that manages ESAs; or provides goods or services to students that qualify as permissible ESA expenses.

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**REPORT DATE:** None

**EXPIRATION DATE:**

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