

State Board for Charter Schools

PURPOSE: To: (1) exercise general supervision over charter schools sponsored by the Board and to recommend legislation pertaining to charter schools to the Legislature; (2) grant charter status to qualifying applicants for charter schools; (3) adopt rules and policies for the Board; (4) delegate to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the execution of Board policies; and (5) prepare a budget necessary for expenditures for the proper maintenance of the Board and the accomplishment of its purposes.

MEMBERSHIP:

House Three legislators as advisory members, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Z-1 House Vacant

Senate Three legislators as advisory members, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Z-1 Senate Vacant

Other The Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee:
Honorable Diane Douglas, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Arizona Department of Education

One teacher who provides classroom instruction at a charter school, appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate:
Ms. Mary Ellen Lee (1/18/2021)

Two representatives of the business community, appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate:
Mr. Matthew Mason (1/21/2019)
James Swanson (1/18/2021)

Four public members, appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate:
Mrs. Kathy Senseman (1/15/2018)
Rachel Yanof (1/15/2018)

One operator of a charter school, appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate:
Mr. Erik Twist, President, Great Hearts Academies

One public member who is a resident of a school district with 60% national school lunch eligibility and resides on an Indian Reservation, appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate:
Vacant

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Notes: Business and public members serve four-year staggered terms. Members are eligible for reimbursement of expenses. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall serve a term that runs concurrently with the Superintendent's term of office. Legislators shall serve two-year terms that begin and end on the third Monday in January and that run concurrently with their respective terms of office. The Board shall annually elect a president and such other officers as it deems necessary from among its membership.

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REPORT DATE: None

EXPIRATION DATE: 07/01/2024

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