

# State Board for Charter Schools

**PURPOSE:** To: (1) exercise general supervision over charter schools that are sponsored by the Board, recommend legislation pertaining to charter schools to the Legislature and adopt rules and policies that the Board deems necessary to accomplish the purposes prescribed in this section; (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:  
**Ms. Justan Rice (1/17/2022)**  
**Kathy Senseman (1/15/2018)**  
**Rachel Yanof (1/17/2022)**

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

Notes: Business and public members serve four-year staggered terms. Members are eligible for reimbursement of expenses. The Superintendent of Public

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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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