Arizona State Board of Education



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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's <u>March 28, 2022</u>, meeting. You can watch a recording of the meeting on <u>YouTube</u>.

New Board Members

The Board welcomes seven new Board members:

Jason Catanese is an algebra and geometry teacher at Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in the Isaac School District. He is also chairman and executive director of the Camp Catanese Foundation and is a co-founder of the Foundation. He is also the camp director of Camp Catanese and is a former national teacher of the year for Teach For America.

Jenny Clark is founder and CEO of Love Your School, a non-profit organization that helps families navigate the school options available to them. Clark is passionate about empowering families and schools to share more about the ways Arizona kids are learning, growing and loving their education – whether they are in district, charter, private, online, homeschool, microschool, learning pod or receive an Arizona Empowerment Scholarship.

Jacqui Clay currently serves as the Cochise County superintendent of schools. Clay has been a teacher, an assistant principal and director of career technical education. She also served as an Army Command Sergeant Major for 25 years.

Dr. Scott Hagerman has served as the superintendent of the Tanque Verde School District since 2017. Dr. Hagerman's experience includes positions as superintendent of Continental Elementary School District, director of exceptional education for Tucson Unified School District, principal of Kellond Elementary School and as a classroom teacher.

Katherine Haley has nearly 20 years of experience in public policy and philanthropy. Over the course of her career, she has expanded educational opportunity, built coalitions to advance federal policies that improve school choice and strengthened students' workforce readiness.

Julia Meyerson is the founder and executive director of Vista College Prep, a high-performing charter school with three locations spread across South Phoenix and Maryvale. Born and raised in central Phoenix, Meyerson joined Teach For America after college and taught in Brooklyn, New York.

Karla Phillips-Krivickas has over 20 years of experience in state and federal policy. The CEO and founder of Think Inclusion, Phillips-Krivickas uses her unique professional and personal experiences to advise education leaders on sound policy and best practices to advance academic achievement for all students, including those with disabilities.

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The Board is grateful to the departing members for their combined decades of service on the Board: Calvin Baker, Jill Broussard, Michele Kaye, Janice Mak, Lucas Narducci, Armando Ruiz and Patricia Welborn. The Board wishes the departing members well and looks forward to continuing to work with them on furthering the Board's mission.

Best Practices for Social Media and Cell Phone Use Between Educators and Students

A.R.S. § 15-203(A)(44) requires the Board to "establish best practices for social media and cellular telephone use between students and school personnel, including teachers, coaches, and counselors". The statute also requires the Board to: 1) encourage school districts and charter schools to adopt the best practices (schools are not required to adopt the best practices); and 2) make them available to both public and private schools.

The Draft Best Practices are intended to protect student safety while accounting for the expanding use of technology in education. They can be reviewed here:

https://azsbe.az.gov/files/draft-social-media-and-cell-phone-use-guidance-between-school-personnel-and-students#overlay-context=users/catcherbadenazsbeazgov.

Comments on the draft can be submitted to inbox@azsbe.az.gov. The Board may adopt the best practices as early as the April 22, 2022 Meeting.

Educator Discipline Lookup

Prior to hiring both certified and non-certified educators, schools are required to check the Arizona Department of Education's (ADE) public-facing and internal systems for possible discipline or open investigations for immoral or unprofessional conduct. More information and guidance can be found here.

To assist schools, the Board is providing a list of many of the educators who were disciplined at the most recent meeting.

Please note that this information is only be a snapshot of most educators who were disciplined at the most recent Board meeting and does not, in and of itself, satisfy the requirement for schools to check ADE's systems described above prior to hiring. Because educators have the right to appeal their disciplinary action, there may be an approximately 30-day lag in reporting some disciplinary action.

To view the list please use this link:

https://c0abe837.caspio.com/dp/5a506000251753529c6846539a08

Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2022 however, the Board may move the meeting to April 22, 2022. Please stay tuned.