

MEETING MINUTES

Arizona State Board of Education
Accountability Technical Advisory Committee

AMENDED NOTICE AND AGENDA

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona State Board of Education, the Accountability Technical Advisory Committee and to the general public that the Committee will hold a meeting, open to the public, on **Monday, August 7, 2023, at 1:00 P.M at the Arizona Department of Education, Room 416, 1535 W Jefferson St, Phoenix, AZ 85007.**

A copy of the agenda for the meeting is attached. The Committee reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. One or more members of the Committee may participate telephonically.

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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 (H), the Committee may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

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For individuals wishing to submit public comment

Written Comment:

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- email inbox@azsbe.az.gov(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com//SU/YhrEghWngpFB0plus4VUf5yDQ==>)
- fax to (602) 542-3046
- USPS to 1700 W. Washington St., Executive Tower, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The deadline to submit a written comment will be Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Written comments received after the deadline will not be posted and will not be provided to members.

Written comments will not be read into the record, however, staff will post all written comments received by the deadline on the Committee's agenda by **Friday, August 4, 2023 at 5:00 PM.**

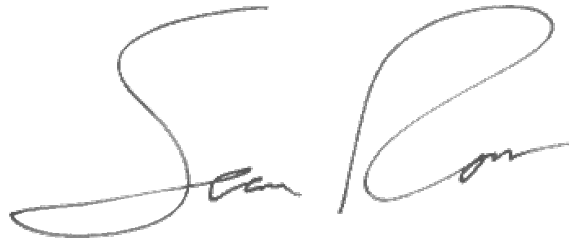
Verbal Comment:

Verbal comment will not be provided at this Committee meeting.

DATED AND POSTED this 4th day of August, 2023

Accountability Technical Advisory Committee

by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Ross". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sean" and last name "Ross" clearly distinguishable.

Sean Ross, Executive Director
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1. Operational

Committee Meeting commenced at 1:06pm.

Attendees

Sean Rickert, Chair
Jason Piontkowski, Vice Chair
David Jordan, Committee Member
Debbie Penn, Committee Member
Kelly Powell, Committee Member
Mary Berg, Committee Member
Rick Guyer, Committee Member
Maja Aleksic, Committee Member
Katie Dauphinais, Committee Member
John Kelly, Committee Member
Julie Davis, Committee Member
Jennifer Fletcher, Committee Member (*joined at 1:15pm*)
Jeff Geyer, Committee Member (*joined at 1:24pm*)

Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, took attendance. The Committee has a quorum.

Jessica Mueller made comments regarding the minutes.

A. UPDATED - Comments for the record - UPDATED

Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, provided an update on the public comments received. Multiple documents were added to the agenda on this item.

Sean Ross, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, read a letter from Christy Hovanetz into the record.

2. Technical

A. Study and discussion of ADE/Accountability questions

i. UPDATED - School climate survey (possible action on a recommendation to the Board) - UPDATED

Superintendent Tom Horne, Superintendent for the Arizona Department of Education, presented to the Committee about the intent and purpose regarding the school climate survey. He clarified that it is not a school climate survey; it is an adult behavior survey.

Committee Member Jen Fletcher joined the meeting at 1:15pm.

A Member discussed an analysis regarding other areas in which a School Climate Survey could be utilized.

Committee Member Jeff Geyer joined the meeting at 1:24pm.

Superintendent Horne emphasized the importance of the survey and flexibility on the bonus point application in the A-F model.

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, stated that the Department is working on the pilot survey.

Dr. Joseph Guzman, Associate Superintendent of the Arizona Department of Education, stated that the Panorama vendor can ensure a 10 question survey that will generate statistically significant data. The Department engaged WestEd to ensure the data is significant.

Superintendent Horne stated he initially only thought four questions was necessary; however, was informed by Dr. Joseph Guzman that ten questions was necessary based on recommendations from Panorama Education for a reliable and valid survey.

A Member requested information on how the questions were chosen.

Dr. Joseph Guzman, Associate Superintendent of the Arizona Department of Education, stated that some questions came from the vendor's bank and were amended for Department's mission.

Ben Friedman of Panorama Education introduced themselves to the ATAC.

Sean Ross, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, sought clarification about the questions being utilized in the survey.

Ben Friedman of Panorama stated that the questions for the Department are completely customized.

Members and Superintendent Horne engaged in a robust discussion regarding the survey's data validation, placement in A-F scores, school's concerns regarding the survey data, and parent's desire for schools to return to academics.

Members and Superintendent Horne discussed how the data can be misinterpreted.

Superintendent Horne stated that the Survey does not measure proficiency, but will provide a signal for a school to change. Until change is made, the school would not qualify to earn the bonus points.

Members and Superintendent Horne discussed how the survey is nonacademic and therein is taking away from academic learning, requested proof this survey would work in the manner being discussed vs. misrepresent a school's situation.

Chair Sean Rickert stated that proficiency is challenging when there is a teacher shortage. The Committee must weigh how their decisions may harm such a situation further.

A motion was made to recommend to the Board that a "school climate" survey be utilized in A-F accountability as a bonus point, beginning with SY2023-2024.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made by: Kelly Powell

Motion seconded by: none

B. Presentation and discussion on AOI SY2021-2022 accountability data

Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, presented to the Committee.

Members discussed CCRI data of AOIs in addition to student mobility for the graduation rate indicator.

Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, stated that some AOIs are not longer in operation.

Members discussed the advantages of AOIs.

Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, stated that applications were received regarding the current vacancies. Jessica Mueller suggested that the ATAC Committee consider a subcommittee for AOI-ATAC to study AOI accountability.

i. Possible action to recommend that the Board re-convene the AOI accountability sub-committee of ATAC

A motion was made to recommend that the Board re-convene the AOI accountability committee as a sub-committee of ATAC.

Motion passed: 13-0.

Motion made by: Kelly Powell

Motion seconded by: John Kelly

Voting:

Sean Rickert - YES

Jason Piontkowski - YES

David Jordan - YES

Debbie Penn - YES

Kelly Powell - YES

Mary Berg - YES

Rick Guyer - YES

Maja Aleksic - YES

Katie Dauphinais - YES

John Kelly - YES

Julie Davis - YES

Jennifer Fletcher - YES

Jeff Geyer - YES

C. UPDATED - Discussion on SY2022-2023 cut scores - UPDATED

Sean Ross, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, made comments about the future proposal to move back the cut scores timeline. This change will allow schools more time. Executive Director Ross stated that today the Committee will discuss the potential cut score options. The Committee will make a formal recommendation for the Board to review at the September Board Meeting and the Board will vote in October. A long-term map will be drafted to move back the timeline in the upcoming academic year 2023-2024.

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, presented the data for the potential cut score options.

Members discussed the multiple models of cut scores and the grade level outcomes for each.

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, stated that utilizing the standard deviation cut scores does make it more challenging for schools to achieve an A letter grade, minimizes the previous gains accomplished by schools, and reduces the consistency of the A-F letter grade data.

Executive Director Ross stated that Agenda Item 2C does not have a motion to vote. The Committee will consider the preferred cut score model for a vote at the September ATAC Meeting. Committee Members may submit written comments to the Board regarding their recommendation.

D. Study and discussion of ATAC member questions

Sean Ross, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, stated that this agenda item will be at every ATAC Committee Meeting. Executive Director Ross requested question and discussion topics from the Committee, but received none.

No Feedback.

E. Study and discussion of ADE/Accountability questions

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, presented to the Committee.

i. 5, 6, 7-year graduation rate: N count (SY2023-2024)

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, clarified how cohort eligibility would be determined for SY23-24. Out of the cohorts, schools would be awarded points consistent with the percentage of cohorts the school meets the minimum N count of 10 students for.

ii. FAY testing capture date

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, stated that in the future, the testing capture date can be based on when the majority of students are tested.

Agenda item 2Eii will be pushed to a future meeting for discussion.

3. Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas

Chair Sean Rickert reminded committee members that future agenda items can be send via email to Jessica Mueller or Executive Director Ross.

Members requested that Sean Smith of the Department and Jessica Mueller of the Board cooperatively work together on the AOs from agenda item 2B and that RAELS Math Proficiency clarification from agenda item 2D.

Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, stated that the item for Board members questions will be on the September ATAC agenda.

Chair Sean Rickert stated that the TAC calendar dates will be sent via email and posted to the State Board of Education website.

The Committee Meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.