



## MEETING MINUTES

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### Arizona State Board of Education A-F Appeals Committee

#### Agenda

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

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 A-F Appeals Committee and to the general public that the A-F Appeals Committee will hold a meeting, open to the public, on **Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.**

The meeting will be a hybrid-access meeting. This means that the public has the opportunity to participate in-person or virtually.

Please note the location of the **Thursday, March 7, 2024 Committee** meeting: 1700 W. Washington St., Executive Tower, 3rd Floor Boardroom, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The public will have physical access to the meeting location 20 minutes before the Board meeting, at 9:40 A.M.

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. Agenda materials can be reviewed online at <http://azsbe.az.gov>.

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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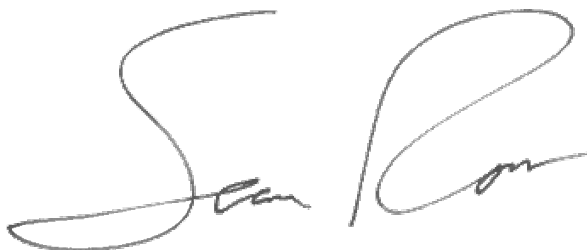
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DATED AND POSTED this 4th of March, 2024.

Arizona State Board of Education

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

Sean Ross

Executive Director

(602) 542-5057

Roll Call

**1. UPDATED - Presentation and discussion regarding background and operations of the Committee, and information on schools on this agenda - UPDATED**

*Committee Meeting called to order at 10:06am.*

Attendees:

Julia Meyerson, Committee Member  
Dr. Scott Hagerman, Committee Member  
Dr. Jacqui Clay, Committee Member

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

Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, invited all attendees to introduce themselves.

Sean Ross, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, introduced himself.  
Shannon Etz, Constituent Services for the State Board of Education, introduced herself.  
Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, introduced herself.  
Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, introduced himself.  
Yassin Fahmy, Director of Accountability for the Arizona Department of Education, introduced himself.  
Bethany Spangenberg, Deputy Associate Superintendent for the Arizona Department of Education, introduced herself.

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

## **2. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to consider the expedited appeals of schools:**

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

A motion was made to approve agenda items 2A1 through 2A4, 2B1 through 2B4, and 2C1.

Motion passed: 3-0.

Motion made by: Dr. Scott Hagerman

Motion seconded by: Julia Meyerson

Voting:

Dr. Jacqui Clay - Yes

Dr. Scott Hagerman - Yes

Julia Meyerson - Yes

### **A. Incorrect Data - Alternative School Self-Reporting**

- 1. Pillar Academy of Business & Finance**
- 2. Navajo County Instruction for Success (NCIS)**
- 3. Camp Verde Online**
- 4. White Mountain Institute**

### **B. Incorrect Data - Chronic Absenteeism**

- 1. Desert Cove Elementary School**
- 2. Desert Shadows Elementary School**
- 3. Larkspur Elementary School**
- 4. Palomino Intermediate School**

### **C. Incorrect Data**

- 1. Duncan High School**

### 3. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to consider the non-expedited appeals of schools:

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

#### A. Other/Multiple Categories

##### 1. Ellsworth Elementary School

Dr. Timothy Fountain, Director of Leadership for Ellsworth Elementary School, presented to the Committee.

Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, sought clarification about the agenda item.

Bethany Spangenberg, Interim Deputy Associate Superintendent of Assessment for the Department of Education, sought clarification about the agenda item.

Dr. Timothy Fountain provided clarification about the agenda item.

Bethany Spangenberg made comments about the agenda item.

Dr. Timothy Fountain made comments about the agenda item.

A motion was made to accept the drafted recommendation as presented for agenda item 3A1.

Motion passed: 3-0.

Motion made by: Dr. Scott Hagerman

Motion seconded by: Dr. Jacqui Clay

Voting:

Dr. Jacqui Clay - Yes

Dr. Scott Hagerman - Yes

Julia Meyerson - Yes

#### B. Incorrect Data

##### 1. UPDATED - Astravo Online Academy - 91246 - UPDATED

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

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, made comments about this agenda item.

Brian Bissell, representative for Arizona Education Solutions, presented to the Committee.

Committee Member Dr. Clay sought clarification about the agenda item.

Sean Smith provided clarification about the agenda item.

Sean Ross, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, sought clarification about the agenda item.

Sean Smith provided clarification about the agenda item.

Executive Director Ross sought clarification about the agenda item.

Sean Smith provided clarification about the agenda item.

Brian Bissell made comments about the agenda item.  
Executive Director Ross made comments about the agenda item.  
Brian Bissell made comments and sought clarification about the agenda item.  
Sean Smith provided clarification and made comments about the agenda item.

*Federico Yanez, Project Director of Policy for the State Board of Education, joined the Committee Meeting at 10:40am.*

Executive Director Ross made comments about the agenda item.  
Brian Bissell made comments about the agenda item.

Committee Member Dr. Clay sought clarification and made comments about the agenda item.

Committee Member Meyerson sought clarification about the agenda item.  
Executive Director Ross provided clarification about the agenda item.  
Committee Member Meyerson made comments and sought clarification about the agenda item.  
Executive Director Ross provided clarification and sought clarification about the agenda item.  
Sean Smith provided clarification about the agenda item.  
Committee Member Meyerson made comments and sought clarification about the agenda item.

Jessica Mueller made comments about the agenda item.  
Executive Director Ross provided clarification and made comments about the agenda item.

Brian Bissell made comments about the agenda item.

A motion was made to approve the drafted recommendation as presented for agenda item 3B1.

Motion passed: 3-0.

Motion made by: Julia Meyerson  
Motion seconded by: Dr. Scott Hagerman

Voting:

Dr. Jacqui Clay - Yes  
Dr. Scott Hagerman - Yes  
Julia Meyerson - Yes

Committee Member Meyerson explained her vote.  
Committee Member Dr. Clay explained her vote.

## **2. UPDATED - Astravo Online Academy - 91184 - UPDATED**

**Agenda item 3B2 was partially discussed during agenda item 3B1.**

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

Brian Bissell, representative for Arizona Education Solutions, presented to the Committee.

Committee Member Dr. Clay sought clarification about the agenda item.  
Sean Ross, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, sought clarification about the agenda item.

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, provided clarification about the agenda item.

Brian Bissell sought clarification about the agenda item.

Sean Smith provided clarification about the agenda item.

Brian Bissell made comments and sought clarification about the agenda item.

Sean Smith provided clarification and made comments about the agenda item.

Brian Bissell made comments about the agenda item.

Executive Director Ross made comments about the agenda item.

Committee Member Dr. Clay made comments and sought clarification about the agenda item.

Sean Smith provided clarification about the agenda item.

Committee Member Dr. Clay made comments about the agenda item.

Sean Smith made comments about the agenda item.

Brian Bissell made comments about the agenda item.

A motion was made to approve the drafted recommendation as presented for agenda item 3B2.

Motion passed: 3-0.

Motion made by: Julia Meyerson

Motion seconded by: Dr. Scott Hagerman

Voting:

Dr. Jacqui Clay - Yes

Dr. Scott Hagerman - Yes

Julia Meyerson - Yes

Committee Member Meyerson clarified her vote.

Committee Member Dr. Hagerman clarified his vote.

Committee Member Dr. Clay clarified her vote.

#### **4. Information on concluding A-F Appeals for the 2022-2023 school year**

Jessica Mueller, Research and Data Analyst for the State Board of Education, made comments about the agenda item.

*Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:19am.*