



## MEETING MINUTES

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

#### **AMENDED** 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 **Monday, January 13, 2025 at 9:00 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 **Monday, January 13, 2025 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 8:40 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>.

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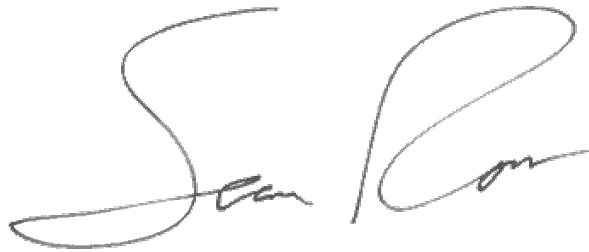
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DATED AND POSTED this 7th of January, 2025.

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 9:02 A.M.*

Attendees:

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

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

Jessica Mueller invited all attendees to introduce themselves.

Jessica Mueller, Policy and Research Administrator for the State Board of Education, introduced herself. Shannon, Etz, Project Director for Constituent Services for the State Board of Education, introduced herself.

Sean Ross, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, introduced himself.

Bruce Duplanty, Deputy Director for the State Board of Education, introduced himself.

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, introduced himself.

Bethany Spangenberg, Deputy Associate Superintendent for the Arizona Department of Education, introduced herself.

Jessica Mueller, presented the background and operations of the Committee.

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

Jessica Mueller presented the agenda item to the Committee.

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members need to recuse themselves. No recusals were indicated.

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members wish to identify any specific appeals for discussion.

Committee Member Meyerson provided clarification that discussion is not necessary.

### Adverse Testing Conditions

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

Jessica Mueller noted that agenda item 2A7 lacks a recommendation due to pending information necessary from the testing vendor to evaluate the appeal.

Jessica Mueller noted that 2A2 L. Thomas Heck Middle School and 2A6 Verrado Middle School are in attendance in person and invited to speak to the Committee if desired. Their representative declined.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 2A1-2A6 and 2A8 as presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Hagerman

Second: Member Meyerson

Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee held discussion on agenda item 2A7 Victory Collegiate Academy.

Bethany Spangenberg, Deputy Associate Superintendent of Assessment for the Arizona Department of Education, presented information to the Committee.

A motion was made to recommend approval for the appeal for Victory Collegiate Academy, pending information validating the concerns with the testing conditions, to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Meyerson

Second: Member Hagerman

Motion passed unanimously.

### Other/Multiple Categories

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 2B1-2B2 as presented to the

Board for consideration.  
Motion: Member Clay  
Second: Member Hagerman  
Motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Mueller noted that agenda item 2B3 lacks a recommendation on the second appeal factor due to pending information necessary from the testing vendor to evaluate the appeal.

A motion was made to deny the appeal 2B3 Step Up School, pending new information from ADE Assessment to reconvene the A-F Appeals Committee as needed, to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Meyerson  
Second: Member Clay  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### School/Community Events or Emergency

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 2C1-2C2 as presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Hagerman  
Second: Member Clay  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### Tragedy

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 2D1-2D2 as presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Hagerman  
Second: Member Meyerson  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### Incorrect Data

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 2E1-2E5 as presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Meyerson  
Second: Member Hagerman  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### Incorrect Data - Acceleration Readiness Eligibility

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for Arizona Department of Education, provided information about this area of appeals.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 2F1-2F6 as presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Clay  
Second: Member Hagerman  
Member Meyerson is recusing herself from the vote.  
Motion passed 2-0.

#### Incorrect Data - Self-Reporting

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 2G1-2G4 as presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Hagerman

Second: Member Meyerson

Motion passed unanimously.

#### Incorrect Data - Special Education Inclusion

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for Arizona Department of Education, provided information about this area of appeals.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 2H1-2H5 as presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Hagerman

Second: Member Meyerson

Motion passed unanimously.

#### Incorrect Data - Withdrawal Code

Jessica Mueller sought clarification about whether any voting members choose to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Removal of agenda items was not requested.

Jessica Mueller informed the Committee that item 2I3 is removed from the agenda due to the school withdrawing their appeal application.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 2I1, 2I2, and 2I4 as presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Clay

Second: Member Hagerman

Motion passed unanimously.

### **A. Adverse Testing Conditions**

- 1. Emerson Elementary School**
- 2. L. Thomas Heck Middle School**
- 3. Liberty Elementary School**
- 4. Nevitt Elementary School**
- 5. Payson High School**
- 6. Verrado Middle School**
- 7. Victory Collegiate Academy**
- 8. Webster Elementary**

### **B. Other/Multiple Categories**

1. Casa Grande Union High School

2. High Desert Middle School

3. Step Up School

**C. School/Community Events or Emergency**

1. Academy of Tucson Middle School

2. Dreaming Summit Elementary School

**D. Tragedy**

1. Riverside Traditional School

2. The STAR School

**E. Incorrect Data**

1. Amerischools Academy Yuma South

2. Crismon High School

3. Desert Star Academy

4. Desert Sunrise High School

5. San Marcos Elementary School

**F. Incorrect Data - Acceleration Readiness Eligibility**

1. Center for Online and Innovative Learning

2. SLAM Arizona

3. Vista College Preparatory - Metro North Elementary

4. Yarnell Elementary

5. Young Elementary School

6. Yuma District One Digital Learning Academy

**G. Incorrect Data - Self-Reporting**

1. Navajo County Instruction for Success

2. Ray Junior Senior High School

**3. Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy**

**4. San Carlos High School**

**H. Incorrect Data - Special Education Inclusion**

**1. Desert Wind Middle School**

**2. Ignacio Conchos School**

**3. Maxine O Bush Elementary School**

**4. Phoenix Day School for the Deaf**

**5. Saddleback Elementary School**

**I. Incorrect Data - Withdrawal Code**

**1. Bradshaw Mountain High School**

**2. East Valley Academy**

**3. ITEM REMOVED - Snowflake High School - ITEM REMOVED**

**4. Yuma High School**

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

Jessica Mueller presented the agenda item to the Committee.

Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Executive Director of Accountability, Assessment and Research for Chandler Unified School District, provided information to the Committee on the appeal applications 3A1-3A3. Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, provided information to the Committee on the appeal applications 3A1-3A3.

A motion was made to approve the draft recommendations for appeals 3A1-3A3 as presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Member Hagerman

Second: Member Clay

Motion passed unanimously.

**A. Dr Howard K Conley Elementary School**

**B. Galveston Elementary School**

**C. Hartford Sylvia Encinas Elementary**

**4. Summary of current events, future meeting dates, and items for future agendas**

Committee's recommendations to be forwarded for final action at the January 27th Board meeting.

*Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:06 A.M.*