

## MEETING MINUTES

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### Arizona State Board of Education Alternative Accountability Technical Advisory Committee

#### 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 Alternative Accountability Technical Advisory Committee and to the general public that the Committee will hold a meeting, open to the public, on **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 09:30 A.M at 100 N 15th Ave Room 101, Phoenix, AZ 85007.**

Members of the public will have physical access to the meeting location 10 minutes before the Committee meeting, at 9:20 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. One or more members of the Committee may participate telephonically.

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.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (2), the Committee may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection.

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Please see below on how to access the meeting and provide public comment on agenda items.

#### **Methods on Accessing the Committee Meeting**

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Please refer to materials published on this agenda, procedure for submitting public comment, and minutes published online: <https://azsbe.az.gov/public-meetings/committee-meetings>.

**Procedure for Submitting Public Comment:**

For individuals wishing to submit public comment

**Written Comment:**

Written comments for the meeting will be accepted by:

- email [inbox@azsbe.az.gov](mailto:inbox@azsbe.az.gov)
- 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 Friday, May 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM.**

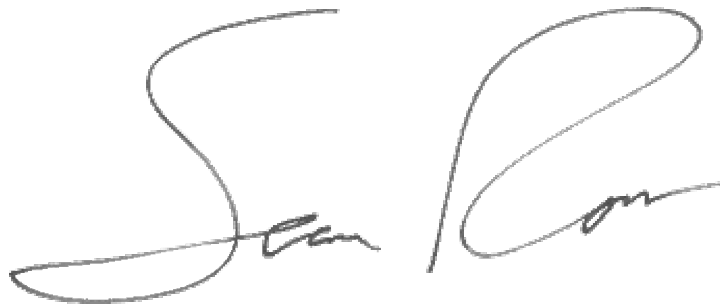
Written comments received after the deadline will not be posted and will not be provided to members.

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, May 30, 2025 at 5:00 PM.**

DATED AND POSTED this 27th day of May, 2025.

Alternative 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**

Meeting commenced at: 9:30am

Binky Michelle Jones, Chair  
Mary Berg, Vice Chair  
Dr. Kellie Burns, Committee Member  
Kelly Powell, Committee Member (virtual)  
Sue Durkin, Committee Member (virtual)  
Wayne Tucker, Committee Member (virtual), joined at 9:33am  
Harriet Caruso, Committee Member (virtual), joined at 10:19am  
Dr. Kristi Glassmeyer, Committee Member

#### **A. Comments for the record**

No written comments were received by the deadline.

#### **B. Update on FY26 applications for alternative school designation submissions. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (2), the Committee may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection**

Committee Members discussed alternative school designated submission windows.

Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer for the Department of Education, discussed the final date submissions would be accepted. He offered flexibility in expanding the submission window timeframe while relaying the deadline cannot be moved.

Committee Members deliberated on deadlines and proposed January 1st to March 31st for FY27.

Jessica Mueller, Policy and Research Administrator for the Arizona State Board of Education, offered that this would allow submitting schools to receive feedback in a timely manner for qualitative data.

Committee Members discussed the issue of late submissions and requested that the Department extend the late submission window through June 30th for the current review year (FY26). After further discussion, the Committee agreed to retain the March 31st submission deadline to ensure consistent communication across years. However, the Department will implement an "appeals" process allowing submissions through June 30th in most years. For FY26 specifically, the appeals window will be extended to August 1st due to delays in notifying schools of their review status.

## **2. Technical/Policy**

#### **A. UPDATED - Review of mission statements under review by ADE during alternative school designation application review and application of rubric: Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (2), the Committee may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection**

Chair Jones opened discussion by requesting whether the Committee would make a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing records exempt by law from public inspection.

Committee Member Glassmeyer motioned and Vice Chair Berg seconded the motion. Committee members voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session.

Jessica Mueller summarized the item and informed the Committee that the rubric will be finalized by the Department at the July 7th Committee meeting.

**B. UPDATED - Update on modeling for identifying schools that meet alternative schools criteria**

Tobias Butler, Director of Accountability for the Arizona Department of Education, presented an analysis of the criteria that must be met by a school to qualify for alternative school status (quantitative review).

Committee Members discussed the percentage of students to meet the threshold (70%) and determined it is appropriate to retain the threshold for the FY26 review of applications.

Tobias Butler defined "false negatives" as schools that may qualify as alternative but require further review, and "false positives" as traditional schools that were incorrectly flagged as alternative.

Committee Members affirmed that any changes proposed to application criteria must take effect in FY27.

Committee Members noted that the removal of "MP" status for poor academic standing must go out for public comment. ADE also shared that expelled (W3) codes may not appear in data due to students being "counseled out" to another school or records later corrected to W1.

This item will be reviewed on a future agenda.

**C. UPDATED - Discussion on SY25-26 A-F accountability business rules**

This item will be moved to a future agenda.

**D. Presentation and discussion on calculation of graduation rate indicator**

This item will be moved to a future agenda.

**E. Presentation and discussion on calculation of college and career readiness indicator (CCRI)**

This item will be moved to a future agenda.

**3. Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas**

Next Meeting is July 7th at the Arizona Department of Education North Building.

Adjourned at 12:20pm