

STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Nevada Revised Statutes [388A.150](#)

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AUTHORITY MEMBERS

The Authority consists of nine members, as follows:

- Tania Holmes-Sutton, Chair, appointed by the State Board of Education;
- Cindi Rivera, Vice Chair, appointed by the State Board of Education;
- Tamika Shauntee Rosales, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;
- Lee Farris, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;
- Jackson Olsen, appointed by the Office of the Governor;
- Ty Whitaker, appointed by the Office of the Governor;
- Kurt Thigpen, appointed by the Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore;
- Victor Salcido, appointed by the Charter School Association of Nevada; and
- Sandra Kinne, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE AUTHORITY

The purpose of the State Public Charter School Authority is to:

(A) Authorize charter schools of high-quality throughout this State with the goal of expanding the opportunities for pupils in this State, including, without limitation, pupils who are at risk.

(B) Provide oversight to the charter schools that it sponsors to ensure that those charter schools maintain high educational and operational standards, preserve autonomy, and safeguard the interests of pupils and the community.

(C) Serve as a model of the best practices in sponsoring charter schools and foster a climate in this State in which all high-quality charter schools, regardless of sponsor, can flourish.

Note: The Authority is deemed a “local educational entity” as defined in federal law and, among other duties, may sponsor charter schools, direct available federal and State funds to charters schools, enter into contracts, plan for the growth and management of charter schools, adopt regulations, review regulations and statutes, and make recommendations to the State Board of Education, Nevada’s Department of Education (NDE), and the Legislature.

BACKGROUND

LEGISLATION

[Senate Bill 212](#) (2011) created the Authority.

[Assembly Bill 49](#) (2017) revised the qualifications for membership on the Authority.

REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE

Before March 1 of each even-numbered year, the Authority shall:

(a) In consultation with NDE and each board of trustees of a school district, college, or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school, review all statutes and regulations from which charter schools are not exempt and determine whether such statutes and regulations assisted or impeded the charter schools in achieving their academic, fiscal, and organizational goals and objectives;

(b) Make recommendations to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education concerning any legislation that would assist charter schools in achieving their academic, fiscal, and organizational goals; and

(c) Make recommendations to the State Board of Education and NDE concerning any changes to regulations that would assist charter schools in achieving their academic, fiscal, and organizational goals.

REVIEW BY THE SUNSET SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

The State Public Charter School Authority has not been reviewed by the Sunset Subcommittee.

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