

STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

General Provisions

NRS 388A.150 Creation; purpose.

1. The State Public Charter School Authority is hereby created. 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.

2. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to create a duty for the State Public Charter School Authority to provide any assistance, support or services to a charter school other than to carry out its purpose as described in subsection 1.

(Added to NRS by [2011, 2353](#); A [2017, 3382](#))—(Substituted in revision for NRS 386.509)

NRS 388A.153 Appointment and qualifications of members; terms; vacancies; selection of Chair and Vice Chair; compensation, allowances and travel expenses.

1. The State Public Charter School Authority consists of nine members. The membership of the State Public Charter School Authority consists of:

(a) Two members appointed by the Governor in accordance with subsection 2;

(b) Two members, who must not be Legislators, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate in accordance with subsection 2;

(c) Two members, who must not be Legislators, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly in accordance with subsection 2;

(d) Two members appointed by the State Board of Education; and

(e) One member appointed by the Charter School Association of Nevada or its successor organization.

2. The Governor, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly and the State Board of Education shall ensure that the membership of the State Public Charter School Authority:

(a) Includes persons with a demonstrated understanding of charter schools and a commitment to using charter schools as a way to strengthen public education in this State;

(b) Includes a parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in a charter school in this State;

(c) Includes persons with specific knowledge of:

(1) Issues relating to elementary and secondary education;

(2) School finance or accounting, or both;

(3) Management practices;

(4) Assessments required in elementary and secondary education;

(5) Educational technology; and

(6) The laws and regulations applicable to charter schools;

(d) Insofar as practicable, reflects the ethnic and geographical diversity of this State; and

(e) Insofar as practicable, consists of persons who are experts on best practices for authorizing charter schools and developing and operating high-quality charter schools and charter management organizations.

3. Each member of the State Public Charter School Authority must be a resident of this State.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, a member of the State Public Charter School Authority must not be actively engaged in business with or hold a direct pecuniary interest relating to charter schools, including, without limitation, serving as a vendor, contractor, employee, officer, director or member of the governing body of a charter school, educational management organization or charter management organization.

5. Not more than two members of the State Public Charter School Authority may be teachers or administrators who are employed by a charter school or charter management organization in this State. For a teacher or administrator employed by a charter school or charter management organization to be eligible to serve as a member of the State Public Charter School Authority, the charter school or charter management organization which employs the teacher or administrator must not have ever received an annual rating established as one of the three lowest ratings of performance pursuant to the statewide system of accountability for public schools.

6. After the initial terms, the term of each member of the State Public Charter School Authority is 3 years, commencing on July 1 of the year in which he or she is appointed. A vacancy in the membership of the State Public Charter School Authority must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. A member shall continue to serve on the State Public Charter School Authority until his or her successor is appointed.

7. The members of the State Public Charter School Authority shall select a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members. After the initial selection of those officers, each of those officers holds the position for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the unexpired term.

8. Each member of the State Public Charter School Authority is entitled to receive:

(a) For each day or portion of a day during which he or she attends a meeting of the State Public Charter School Authority a salary of not more than \$80, as fixed by the State Public Charter School Authority; and

(b) For each day or portion of a day during which he or she attends a meeting of the State Public Charter School Authority or is otherwise engaged in the business of the State Public Charter School Authority the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

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