



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and

Integrity

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI)

ACTION: Notice of Membership

SUMMARY: This notice lists the members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). This notice is required under Section 114(e) (1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NACIQI's Statutory Authority and Functions

The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA, and is composed of a maximum of 18 members, who are appointed -

- (A) On the basis of the individuals' experience, integrity,

impartiality, and good judgment;

(B) From among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, representing all sectors and types of institutions of higher education; and,

(C) On the basis of the individuals' technical qualifications, professional standing, and demonstrated knowledge in the fields of accreditation and administration of higher education.

The NACIQI meets at least twice a year and advises the Secretary of Education with respect to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2, part H of Title IV of the HEA;
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations;
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations;
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvements in such process;
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions; and

- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary of Education may prescribe by regulation.

What Are the Terms of Office for the Committee Members?

The term of office of each member is six years. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

Who Are the Current Members of the Committee?

The current members of the NACIQI are:

Members Appointed by the Secretary of Education with Terms Expiring September 30, 2031:

- Robert S. Eitel, J.D., President and Co-Founder, Defense of Freedom Institute for Policy Studies, Alexandria, Virginia. Appointed by Secretary Linda E. McMahon.
- Joshua D. K. Figueira, J.D., Deputy General Counsel and Managing Director of the Office of Compliance, Risk, and Legal Affairs, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, Idaho. Appointed by Secretary Linda E. McMahon.
- Jay P. Greene, Ph.D., Director of Research, Do No Harm, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Appointed by Secretary Linda E. McMahon.
- Adam Kissel, Visiting Lecturer, Formal Organizations Program, Trinity College (Hartford), Charleston, West Virginia. Appointed by Secretary Linda E. McMahon.

- Emilee Reynolds, Student Appointee, Western Carolina University, Lincolnton, North Carolina. Appointed by Secretary Linda E. McMahon.
- Steven Taylor, D.B.A., Director and Senior Fellow, Economic Mobility, Stand Together Trust, Charlottesville, Virginia. Appointed by Secretary Linda E. McMahon.

Members Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with Terms Expiring September 30, 2026:

- Kathleen Sullivan Alioto, Ed.D., Strategic Advisor, Fundraiser, and Consultant, New York, New York, San Francisco, California, and Boston, Massachusetts. Appointed by Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.
- Roslyn Clark Artis, J.D., Ed.D., President, Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina. Appointed by Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.
- Jennifer Blum, J.D., Principal, Blum Higher Education Advising, PLLC, Washington, DC. Appointed by Congressman Kevin McCarthy.
- Arthur E. Keiser, Ph.D., Chancellor, Keiser University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Appointed by Congressman Kevin McCarthy.
- Robert Mayes, Jr., CEO, Columbia Southern Education Group, Elberta, Alabama. Appointed by Congressman Kevin McCarthy.
- Robert Shireman, Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation, Berkeley, California. Appointed by Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.

Members Appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
with Terms Expiring September 30, 2028:

- Debbie Cochrane, Bureau Chief, California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, Alameda, California. Appointed by Senator Chuck Schumer.
- Zakiya Smith Ellis, Ed.D., Principal, Education Counsel, Atlanta, Georgia. Appointed by Senator Chuck Schumer.
- Michael Poliakoff, Ph.D., President, American Council of Trustees and Alumni, Washington, DC. Appointed by Senator Mitch McConnell.
- Gary Ransdell, Ed.D., President Emeritus, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Appointed by Senator Mitch McConnell.
- José Luis Cruz Rivera, Ph.D., President, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona. Appointed by Senator Chuck Schumer.

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