



NOVEMBER 2003 AGENDA

SUBJECT: Appointments to Advisory Commission on Charter Schools.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION
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RECOMMENDATION:

Reappoint three members of the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools, representing (respectively) charter schools, teachers, and school district governing board members, pursuant to Education Code Section 47634.2(b) and State Board Policy 01-04, for two-year terms commencing January 1, 2004.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action.

The State Board appoints members to the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS) pursuant to Education Code Section 47634.2(b) and State Board Policy 01-04. The ACCS is composed of nine members, eight of whom serve two-year, staggered terms. The ninth member is a designee of the State Superintendent. Members represent specific interest area within the education community, including school district superintendents, charter schools, teachers, parents (guardians), members of the governing boards of school districts, and county superintendents of schools.

Summary of Key Issue(s).

Recommend reappointment for two-year terms (January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2005) of the following:

- Steve Barr, representative of charter schools
- Tom Conry, representative of teachers
- Beth Hunkapiller, representative of school district governing board members

The term of the representative of school district superintendents also expires on December 31, 2003; the incumbent is not eligible for reappointment. A recommendation to fill that position will be made at the January 2004 State Board meeting.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate).

N/A.

Background Information attached to this Agenda Item.

Brief biographical sketches of Mr. Barr, Mr. Conry, and Ms. Hunkapiller.

Steve Barr

Mr. Barr founded the Green Dot Public Schools in 1999. Green Dot's first school was launched on August 12, 2000, with the opening of Animo Leadership Charter High School. Animo Leadership was the first comprehensive public high school opened in the Los Angeles area in thirty years. Under Mr. Barr's leadership, Green Dot built on the success of the first Animo, by opening Animo Inglewood Charter High School in August 2002 (as a State Board of Education-chartered school) and Oscar de la Hoya High School (in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles) in August 2003. He is a founding member of the Charter Leadership Council.

Mr. Barr co-founded *Rock The Vote* in the summer of 1990. The *Rock The Vote* campaigns and field efforts led the way in the first upward surge in 18-24 year old in voting since the passage of the 26th Amendment. In 1994, he led the successful efforts to pass the *Motor Voter Bill*, which was signed into law in that year by President Clinton.

Mr. Barr hosted President Clinton's National Service Inaugural event, which led to Americorps. He oversaw an after-school program Americorps project in South Central and East Los Angeles working with transitional welfare mothers and mentoring groups.

Mr. Barr served as a correspondent on the nationally syndicated Disney-produced *The Crusaders*, and currently contributes to Discovery Channel's *Why Things Are?* He was the co-producer of the Peabody Award winning *Rock The Vote* Fox Network Voting Special in 1992.

Mr. Barr authored *The Flame, The Story Of An Unlikely Patriot* (Morrow, 1987). In the spring of 1998, he joined technology leaders and education reform advocates from in Silicon Valley in forming Californians For Public School Excellence (CPSE). CPSE led the change of California's charter school laws. He represents charter schools on the ACCS.

Tom Conry

Mr. Conry is a teacher in a non-charter public school in the Vista Unified School District. He resides in Oceanside, California. He serves on the Board of Directors of the California Teachers Association and represents teachers on the ACCS.

Beth Hunkapiller

Mrs. Hunkapiller is a nine-year member of the Board of Education of the San Carlos Elementary School District in San Carlos, California. She is also a founder of the San Carlos Charter Learning Center, the first school to receive a charter in California. Mrs. Hunkapiller is a board member of Aspire Public Schools whose mission is to raise the academic achievement of California's diverse students, to develop outstanding educators, to catalyze change in public schools, and to share successful practices with forward-thinking educators. Mrs. Hunkapiller represents school governing board members on the ACCS.