



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: **August 25, 2026**

TITLE: Designation of Student Suspension Hearing Officers and Student Expulsion Hearing Officers to Hear Evidence, Prepare a Record and Bring Recommendations to the Board, Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843(F)(2).

BACKGROUND:

The Governing Board has the authority under ARS § 15-843(f) to appoint hearing officers to hear long-term suspension and/or expulsion hearings for students of Amphitheater Public Schools. When authorized by the Board, hearing officers may hold a hearing, prepare records and issue written recommendations to the District for a proposed long-term suspension or to the Governing Board for a proposed student expulsion. Only the Governing Board is permitted by law to actually take action which expels a student.

It is appropriate for a relatively small number of administrators to preside over long-term suspension and expulsion hearings. This allows for consistency in action and enables most timely direction to hearing officers from the Board.

There are times when additional hearing officers may be needed. The Administrators qualified by education, training and experience, and recommended by the Superintendent to serve as additional Hearing Officers are:

Ms. Tara Bulleigh, Principal, Canyon del Oro High School
Dr. Oranté Jenkins, Principal, Ironwood Ridge High School
Mr. A.J. Malis, Principal, Amphitheater High School

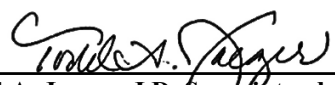
All new hearing officers will receive training and information regarding the District's policies and procedures for long-term suspension and expulsion hearings prior to assignment of their first hearing. Superintendent Jaeger will be responsible to ensure that this training occurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board appoint the individuals listed above as long-term suspension and expulsion Hearing Officers.

INITIATED BY:

Date: August 18, 2026



Todd A. Jaeger, J.D, Superintendent