



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM**  
**AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **September 27, 2022**

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

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**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(F), the Governing Board has appointed certain administrators to serve as hearing officers to hear long-term suspension and/or expulsion hearings for District students. The current approved student discipline hearing officers are:

- Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education,
- Kristin McGraw, Executive Director of Student Services,
- Matthew Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education,
- Elizabeth Rusiecki, Equity and Safety Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator,
- Armando Soto, Interscholastic Director,
- Michelle H. Tong, Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel, and
- Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education

Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel Michelle Tong will continue to preside at most student expulsion hearings and Equity and Safety Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator Elizabeth Rusiecki will continue to preside at most long-term suspension hearings. However, there will be occasional conflicts of interest or times where additional hearing officers may be required. Therefore, Administration recommends that **Elizabeth Jácome, Director of Curriculum and Assessment**, be approved to serve as a student discipline hearing officer for such occasions.

All new hearing officers have and will continue to 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. General Counsel Michelle Tong will be responsible to ensure that this training occurs.

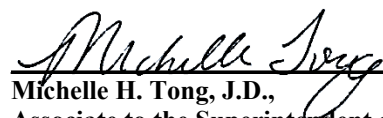
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

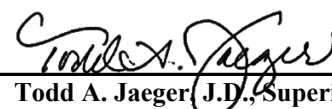
The Administration recommends the Board appoint the individuals listed above as a long-term suspension and expulsion Hearing Officer.

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**INITIATED BY:**

  
Michelle H. Tong, J.D.,  
Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

Date: September 19, 2022

  
Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent