



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**        **September 28, 2021**

**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. Several of those appointed have since retired. The current approved student discipline hearing officers are:

- Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education,
- Kristin McGraw, Executive Director of Student Services,
- David Rucker, Equity and Safety Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator,
- Armando Soto, Interscholastic Director, and
- Michelle H. Tong, Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

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 David Rucker 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 the following additional individuals be approved to serve as student discipline hearing officers for such occasions:

1. Matthew Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education,
2. Shannon McKinney, Ed.D., Director of Curriculum and Assessment, and
3. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education

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.

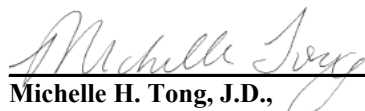
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

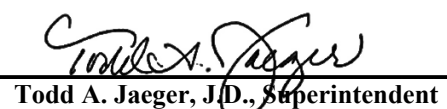
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**INITIATED BY:**



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

**Date: September 15, 2021**



**Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent**