



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **May 7, 2019**

**TITLE:**            **Designation of Student Suspension and Expulsion Hearing Officer 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:**

During the 2017-2018 school year and pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(f), the Governing Board appointed certain administrators to act as hearing officers to hear long-term suspension and/or expulsion hearings for District students. At this time, the Administration also recommends that Interscholastic Activities Director Armando Soto be appointed as a hearing officer.

Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel Michelle Tong will continue to preside at most student expulsion hearings and Equal Opportunity and Compliance Director Anna Maiden 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. This appointment will allow for these 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 individual 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: April 30, 2019**

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