

Policy ADVS-012: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Committee of Practitioners

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A. Purpose

1. The Committee of Practitioners ("Committee") is established as an advisory committee to the State Board of Education ("SBE" or "State Board") and the NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) to provide feedback and recommendations. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the State in carrying out its responsibilities under the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

B. Duties

1. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and include:
 - a. To advise the State in carrying out its responsibilities under the ARP;
 - b. To review, before publication, any proposed or final State rule or regulation created pursuant to the ARP; and
 - c. To carry out any other responsibility as directed by federal law or the State Board.
2. In an emergency situation where such rule or regulation must be issued within a very limited time to assist local education agencies with the operation of the program under the ARP, the State Board may issue a regulation without prior consultation but shall immediately thereafter convene the Committee to review the emergency regulation before issuance in final form.

C. Membership

1. All members shall be appointed by the State Board with recommendations from NCDPI and shall be residents of North Carolina with a demonstrated commitment to public education and shall include stakeholder groups as outlined in the ARP.
2. The Committee shall consist of 33 members as follows to include representatives from stakeholder groups as outlined in the ARP as a majority of its members;
 - a. nine stakeholders, must include advocates/stakeholders for children with disabilities, English learners, homeless children, children in foster care, migratory children, incarcerated children, or other underserved children;
 - b. four teachers selected from traditional public schools, charter schools, or career and technical educators;

- c. two principals or other school leaders;
 - d. two superintendents;
 - e. four parents, must include one parent of a child with disabilities;
 - f. two students;
 - g. two members of local school boards;
 - h. four members from Civil rights and educational unions or organizations;
 - a. one representative of the Charter Schools Advisory Board (CSAB);
 - j. two charter school leaders; and
 - k. one member of the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE).
3. Staff from the Department of Public Instruction shall attend and appropriately staff the Committee meetings.

D. Terms of Office

1. The initial term of office shall be for two or three years beginning October 1. The State Board of Education shall designate two-year and three-year term limits for initial members of the Committee. Committee membership terms will be staggered, thereby permitting new appointments to be made while retaining some experienced members.
2. All subsequent appointments will be two-year terms. A member could serve a maximum of two terms consecutively with a required separation of two years before receiving a third term appointment.
3. The SBE shall fill vacancies on the Committee and shall approve reappointments to the Committee upon recommendation from NCDPI.
4. The Committee shall annually elect a Chair and Vice Chair from one of the members appointed in subsection (C)(2).

E. Procedures

1. The Committee shall meet quarterly or as often as necessary to conduct its business. At its first official meeting, the Committee shall approve a calendar of meeting dates. The Committee may have called meetings outside of the dates approved on its meeting calendar.
 2. Meetings shall be open to the public.
 3. Official minutes must be kept of all meetings and must be made available to the public upon request.
 4. All meetings and agenda items must be announced in advance to allow interested parties a reasonable opportunity to attend.
 5. Each member shall serve without compensation by the State; however, the State may reimburse the members for reasonable and necessary expenses for attending meetings and performing duties.
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