

Review Board

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Christopher Cross formed Cross & Joftus, LLC in 2004 to provide education leaders with personalized and expert assistance in policy analysis and development, evaluation, executive coaching, planning and communication strategies. Cross is a former senior fellow with the Center on Education Policy and with the Education Commission of the States. Previously, he served as president and CEO of the Council for Basic Education and as an assistant secretary of education under President George H.W. Bush.

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Jane Hannaway is vice president of the American Institutes for Research in Washington, D.C. and director of the Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER), which focuses on analyses of state longitudinal student- and teacher-level administrative databases, particularly analyses associated with teacher labor markets. Hannaway previously served as founding director of the Education Policy Center at the Urban Institute and on the faculty of Columbia, Princeton and Stanford universities.

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Rick Hanushek is the Paul and Jean Hanna senior fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University. Hanushek is also chairman of the executive committee for the Texas Schools Project at the University of Texas at Dallas, a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a board member of the National Board for Education Sciences.

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Karen Hawley Miles is the president and executive director of Education Resource Strategies, specializing in strategic planning, organization and resource allocation in urban public school districts. She has taught school leaders at Harvard University, in school districts, with New Leaders for New Schools, and with The Broad Institute for School Boards. Previously, she was a strategy and management consultant for hospitals and corporations at Bain & Company.

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Patricia Levesque is the chief executive officer of the Foundation for Excellence in Education and executive director of the Foundation for Florida’s Future, both non-profit public policy organizations founded by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to improve the quality of education in that state and across the nation for all students. Prior to that, Levesque was Gov. Bush’s deputy chief of staff for education, general government services, business and professional regulation, elder affairs, veteran’s affairs, workforce, lottery and juvenile justice.

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Deborah McGriff is a partner at NewSchools Venture Fund. She previously held numerous positions at EdisonLearning, including president of Edison Teachers College, executive vice president of charter schools, and executive vice president of several external relations functions. McGriff was also the first female general superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, the first female assistant superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools in Massachusetts, and the first female deputy superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools in Wisconsin. She is the former president of the Education Industry Association, the leading professional association of education service providers, and she was a teacher and administrator in the New York City Public Schools for more than a decade.

Tom Payzant

Board Chair, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Former Superintendent, Boston Public Schools

Tom Payzant is board chair of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. From 1995 to 2006, he served as superintendent of Boston Public Schools, which won the 2006 Broad Prize after being a finalist for four years. Before Boston, Payzant served as superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District for 11 years, as superintendent of Oklahoma City Public Schools for three years and as superintendent of Eugene

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Margot Rogers is vice chairman and senior advisor at The Parthenon Group’s Education Center of Excellence. Prior to joining Parthenon, she was chief of staff to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Rogers also has served in multiple roles at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, including deputy director of education and special assistant to the director of education, where she managed the development of the foundation’s college-ready education strategy and staff realignment.

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