

2004 REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS

A distinguished group of the country's top educational leaders served as the Review Board for The Broad Prize for Urban Education. The Review Board members examined performance indicators, demographic statistics and other information about the urban school districts that were eligible for the Prize. Based on their examination, the Review Board narrowed the list of more than 100 eligible school districts to the five finalists for the Prize.

Russlynn Ali is the executive director of The Education Trust West. Ali previously worked for the Children's Defense Fund, where she served as the President's liaison for the Children's Defense Fund's "The Act to Leave No Child Behind" campaign.

Anne L. Bryant is the executive director of the National School Boards Association, a national federation of state school board associations. Bryant also is an advisory commissioner of the Education Commission of the States and is the chair of the Board of Trustees at Simmons College.

Carl Cohn is a Clinical Professor at the Rossier School of Education at the University of Southern California. Previously he served as the Superintendent of Long Beach Unified School District, winner of the 2003 Broad Prize. In 2001, Cohn was the recipient of The Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education.

Ramon Cortines is a former chancellor of the New York City Public Schools and former superintendent of Pasadena, San Jose and San Francisco school districts. He also served as interim superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Cortines was appointed by former U.S. Secretary of Education Riley to be a special advisor to the secretary focusing on urban issues and school improvement.

Christopher Cross was formerly president and CEO of the Council for Basic Education, and served as an assistant secretary of education under President Bush. He is currently a senior fellow with the Center on Education Policy and with the Education Commission of the States.

Charles Desmond is the executive director of the Great Cities' Universities Coalition, a national network of 19 urban universities. He previously served as associate chancellor at the University of Massachusetts.

Frederick Hess is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and the author of several books on education reform.

Paul T. Hill is the acting dean and research professor at the University of Washington's Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs. He also directs the Center on Reinventing Public Education, and is a visiting fellow at The Hoover Institution.

David Hornbeck was recently appointed president and CEO of the International Youth Foundation. He is a member of the Founding Council at Good Schools Pennsylvania. He previously served as superintendent of the School District of Philadelphia, State Superintendent of Schools in Maryland and as a key consultant to the State of Kentucky during implementation of the Kentucky Educational Reform Act (KERA) of 1990.

Tom Houlihan is the executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers, representing the nation's education chiefs and state education agencies. He previously served as president of the North Carolina Partnership for Excellence and senior educator advisor to former North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.

Phyllis Hunter is an education consultant in Houston, Texas, and a literacy consultant to President George W. Bush.

Lisa Graham Keegan is chief executive officer and a founder of the Education Leaders Council, a national organization of reform-minded educators, advocates and policymakers. In 1994 and again in 1998, Keegan was elected as Arizona's state superintendent of public instruction.

Sandy Kress is an attorney and a former member of the Dallas Independent School District board of trustees. He is an education advisor to President George W. Bush.

Wendy Puriefoy is the president of the Public Education Network (PEN), the nation's largest network of community-based school reform organizers. Under her leadership PEN has grown into a national network of local education funds in 31 states and the District of Columbia reaching over 10 million poor and disadvantaged students in urban and rural school districts across America.

Andrew Rotherham is director of the 21st Century Schools Project at the Progressive Policy Institute. Currently, the project is specifically focused on improving teacher quality, public charter schools and public school choice, special education, and modernizing the federal role in education. Mr. Rotherham previously served as special assistant to the president for domestic policy during the Clinton Administration.

Carmen Russo has served for over three decades in leadership positions in large urban school districts. She most recently served as the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System. She previously served as associate superintendent in Broward County Public Schools and as the chief executive for the division of high schools in New York City.

Ted Sanders most recently served as president of the Education Commission of the States, an interstate compact that helps state policymakers shape education policies.

Anthony Trujillo is a senior associate at the National Center on Education and the Economy. He was formerly superintendent of public schools in El Paso Ysleta School District in Texas and Marin County and Sweetwater Union High School District in California.