

Materials related to the
confirmation hearing
for
Charter School Institute
Board
in Senate Education
on

Thursday, March 5

STATE OF COLORADO

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

136 State Capitol
Denver, Colorado 80203
Phone (303) 866-2471
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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

MEMBER

CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD

ORDERED:

That the following named person be and she is hereby appointed to the:

CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD

effective July 1, 2014 for a term expiring July 1, 2017:

Elizabeth Dina Aybar Conti of Denver, Colorado, a Democrat who has experience as a public school teacher and as a public school administrator working with charter schools, appointed.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this thirtieth day of
May, 2014.

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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

May 30, 2014

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate and submit to your consideration, the following:

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effective July 1, 2014 for a term expiring July 1, 2017:

Elizabeth Dina Aybar Conti of Denver, Colorado, a Democrat who has experience as a public school teacher and as a public school administrator working with charter schools, appointed.

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor



STATE OF COLORADO

APPLICATION - 2013
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JOHN W. HICKENLOOPER

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SLOT _____

Please attach a resume and fill ALL fields.

Please be advised that applications will not be processed if unsigned or resume is not attached and a board or commission is not specified.

BOARD OR COMMISSION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: (Only one per application, your application will not be processed if left blank.)

CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD

Name (Last, First Middle): Aybar Conti, Elizabeth Dina		County: Denver	Cong. District: 1	Senate District: 32	House District: 6
Home Address: 1001 S. Monroe St.		City: Denver	State Colorado		Zip Code 80209
Mailing Address:		City:	State		Zip Code
Date of Birth:	Driver's License #	Gender Female	Registered Voter? Yes	Ethnicity: Caucasian	
	SSN #		Party Affiliation? Democrat		
Present Employer/Title Gulfco (Margulf Foundation)/ Executive Director		Business Phone # 303-640-5451		Home Phone # 3038862190	
		Cell Phone # 3038862190		E-mail aybare@yahoo.com	
Business Address 370 17th St., #5150		City Denver	State Colorado	Zip Code	

EDUCATION AND GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

LEVEL	NAME OF SCHOOL	LOCATION	No. Years Attended	Did You Graduate?	Major Course of Study
High School	Cherry Creek High School	Englewood, CO	4	1993	
College	Middlebury College	Middlebury, Vermont	4	1997	Psychology/ Education
Graduate Studies -or- Trade/Business/Correspondence	Harvard University	Cambridge, MA	1	2002	Master's in Education, Teaching and Curriculum
Memberships in Organizations And Offices Held (Indicate if Past or Present)	Please see resume (I had a problem with submission on this one-- sorry!).				

REFERENCES (List three persons, not related to you, who you have known for at least one year.)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #
Wayne Eckerling	2962 S. Josephine St. Denver, CO 80210	303-829-9565
Susan Korach	University of Denver Morrisroe College of Education	303-618-3265
Alyssa Whitehead-Bust	Denver Public Schools 300 Grant Street, 7th Floor	720-841-1608

Have you ever been a party to or the subject of or otherwise involved in any legal proceeding that might adversely affect your qualifications to serve on this board or commission? Is there anything in your background that might be an embarrassment to the Governor or you if it were to become public? (On Pg. 2 if applicable) Response: No

If appointed, you are expected to attend fully to the duties of the position. How much time are you capable of committing?: I have talked extensively with Wayne Eckerling, current Board Chair, and Ethan Hemming, Executive Director, about the time commitment and feel confident that I will be able to attend fully to the duties of the position.

Please explain why you wish to serve on a board or commission (On Next Page)

I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and the references listed above to obtain any and all pertinent information, personal and otherwise. I further

authorize the Office of the Governor to conduct a criminal background check, including requesting a criminal history from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. I release all parties for all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such information.

I understand that the Colorado Open Records Act may require that certain information contained in this application be available for inspection by the general public.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
Romaine Pacheco, Director
Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions
136 State Capitol Bldg.
Denver, CO 80203
Fax: 303.866.6368
boards@state.co.us

SIGNATURE: Elizabeth Dina Aybar Conti DATE: April 21, 2014

Having served as a teacher and a principal in both district-run and charter schools, I understand the importance of having an effective charter authorizer and the unique and valuable role that the Colorado Charter School Institute plays in Colorado's education landscape. I have followed the organization's progress for years and have been interested in the past in joining the Board. My hope in becoming a Board member is that my background in both policy and in schools would contribute a unique addition to this already insightful and collaborative group of Board members. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the CSI Board. Thank you for your consideration of my application.

ELIZABETH AYBAR CONTI

1001 S. Monroe St.
Denver, CO 80209

303-886-2190 (c)
aybare@yahoo.com

Experience

MARGULF FOUNDATION

EXEC. DIRECTOR
Summer 2010 -
Present

Denver, CO
Serve as the first staff member for this family foundation focused on education. Collaborate with the Board Chair to develop the foundation's mission, focus area, strategy, measures of success, and next steps. Provide grants to support "experiments in education".

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

ADJUNCT FACULTY
Fall 2010 -
Spring 2013

Denver, CO
Serve as a faculty member Denver Public Schools/DU Ritchie Program for School Leaders that prepares educators for school leadership roles. Prior to my current role, filled a similar role for the Executive Leaders for Successful Schools program. Design learning experiences and provide coaching for aspiring school leaders.

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EXECUTIVE COACH
Fall 2011 -
Present

Denver, CO
Provide coaching school leaders. Areas of support include: personal goal-setting and development as a leader; values and beliefs awareness; hiring; professional development; evaluation; school culture; and many other realms of school leadership.

GOVERNOR RITTER'S POLICY OFFICE, STATE OF COLORADO

POLICY ADVISOR
FOR EDUCATION
Summer 2009 -
Summer 2010

Denver, CO
Provided education policy support to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and senior staff. Supported the Lieutenant Governor in all initiatives surrounding Race to the Top. Led the Governor's initiatives on dropout prevention and recovery. Prepared the Governor's briefings on education-related events. Tracked & provided input on legislation. Served on the Quality Teachers Commission and supported the Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness.

MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL, DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ASST PRINCIPAL
Summer 2008 -
Summer 2009

Denver, CO
Led the school's initiatives around school culture and community; advisory; student services; and auxiliary academic programs. Served as a member of the team designing the school as it expanded to serve 11th and 12th graders in the following two years.

CONSULTANT
Fall 2007 -
Summer 2008

Worked with the Manual leadership team to design the school as it expanded to serve 10th, 11th and 12th graders in the following three years.

P.S.1 CHARTER SCHOOL, DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL
Summer 2005 -
Summer 2008

Denver, CO
Led this charter school that served 350 students aged eleven through twenty-one. Drove instruction, curriculum and school practices to support students' academic, social and emotional growth. Created and implemented professional development for P.S.1's 36 staff members. Partnered with the P.S.1 Board to create a clear mission and specific outcomes for the school. Engaged parents/guardians & community members in supporting student success.

TEACHER/ADVISOR,
COMMUNITY LINK
Spring 2001 and Fall
1997 - Spring 1998

Developed and taught curriculum for subjects including humanities, math, electives and interdisciplinary projects. Team-taught students ages ten through seventeen. Served as the advisor for fifteen students. Coordinated internships, school events, a parent volunteer program, and community outreach programs.

ADDITIONAL DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS ROLES

NEW SCHOOLS
APPLICATION
REVIEW TEAM
Summer 2008 -
Present

Denver, CO
Serve as a member of the team that reads and reviews applications for new schools or proposals for charter renewals. Conduct evaluative site visits. Interview potential school leaders. Provide recommendations for approval or denial of applications and additional comments on proposals' educational programs. Also have served for the past year on the Walton Foundation's team that reviews charter school grant requests.

ALTERNATIVE ED
TASK FORCE
Fall 2007 -
Summer 2008

Participated on this task force that examined DPS data, researched best practices and assembled recommendations to DPS staff and the Board of Directors. The team focused on reducing the dropout rate, raising the graduation rate, and providing multiple pathways for Denver's students.

**ASST. DIRECTOR,
COMMISSION ON
SECONDARY
SCHOOL REFORM** Partnered with the Director to lead the Commission's work. Researched best practices in high schools nationwide and current practices in Denver Public Schools. Convened DPS personnel, administrators, teachers and students to better understand the school system. Developed and coordinated meetings and events for the Commission. In collaboration with the Director and Commissioners, wrote and revised the recommendations presented to the Denver Public Schools Board of Education.
*Spring 2004 –
Spring 2005*

**HOUSE LEADER,
LEADERSHIP TEAM
MEMBER, TEACHER** Led a small learning community of eight 9th and 10th grade teachers in improving the culture, environment and instruction for 200 students. Served as an active member of West's Reform Team to implement Smaller Learning Communities throughout the school and West's Professional Development Team. Served as a social studies "lab teacher" in which teachers used my classroom to discuss curriculum and instruction.
*Summer 2002 –
Summer 2005*

CAMBRIDGE RINDGE AND LATIN HIGH SCHOOL Cambridge, MA
STUDENT TEACHER Developed and taught curriculum for social studies courses. Volunteered in the Cambridge School Volunteers Center helping Haitian students learn English. Coached girls' lacrosse.
*Summer 2001 –
Spring 2002*

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Washington, DC
**ASSISTANT TO
DEPUTY SECRETARY
F. HOLLEMAN AND
ASSISTANT
SECRETARY J.
HEUMANN** Created daily Briefing Books for Deputy Secretary of the Department and Assistant Secretary of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Updated them on urgent issues and news. Managed Deputy Secretary's and Assistant Secretary's day-to-day and long-term schedule. Read and directed all correspondence. Attended meetings. Served on the advance team for Secretary Riley, coordinating site logistics and directing on-site activities to ensure the Secretary's visit was successful. Participated on the Department's Teacher Quality Team which focused on improving teacher quality throughout the country. Exposed to a wide range of policy issues.
*Summer 1999 –
Jan 2001*

Education

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Denver, CO
Ritchie Program for School Leaders. Completion of the program and Principal's Certificate, May 2007.

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION Cambridge, MA
Ed.M. in Teaching and Curriculum, June 2002. Officer of Diversity, Student Government Association. Student Member, Admissions Committee. Research Assistant, Pedro Noguera's Pathways to Student Success Research Project. Member, Anti-Racist Student Organization.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE Middlebury, VT
B.A. magna cum laude with high honors in Psychology, May 1997. Phi Beta Kappa. Hazeltine-Klevenow Memorial Trophy - Best Female Student Athlete, Class of 1997. Varsity Lacrosse (Co-Captain 1997 Division III National Champions, All-American, Academic All-American).

Volunteer Experience and Interests

Anti-Defamation League: Board Member (June 2005 to Present); Member of the National Education Equity Task Force; Member of the National Civil Rights Committee and Education Committee; Co-Chair of the local Education Committee; Former Co-Chair of the Partners-in-Leadership Program, the Civil Rights Committee, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Task Force, and the Young Leadership Circle; Partners-in-Leadership Program. *Fall 2002 – Present.*

Making Connections: Baker Neighborhood Representative to the Partners Group. *Spring 2005 – Fall 2006.*

Westside Vision Coalition: Transition Executive Committee Member and Participant. *Winter 2003 – Summer 2006.*

Education Commission of the States: Member of the Leadership Toolkit Advisory Board. *Fall 2004 – Summer 2005.*

Baker Historic Neighborhood Association: Board Member-at-Large. *May 2003 – May 2004.*

Global Volunteers, Volunteer Teacher and Tutor: Volunteer teacher and tutor in schools. Tanzania, Africa. *Fall 1995.*

Interests: travel; hiking; running; biking; playing in the outdoors; reading; playing with family and friends

CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD, STATE

C.R.S.: 22-30.5-505

Expiration:

Department: Education

No Members: 9

Term: 3 Yr

Contact: Wayne Eckerling (chair, our contact)
Charter School Institute, 1580 Logan Street, Suite 760
Denver, CO 80203
303-829-9565
weckerli@comcast.net Date Updated: 04/14/2014

Compensation: Necessary Expenses

Description: The board consists of nine members, no more than five may be from the same political party. Seven of the members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Commissioner of Education appoints two members. For appointments made after the effective date of Senate Bill 09-090, the Governor and the Commissioner must ensure that at least one member is a parent of a student who is, or had been, enrolled in an institute charter school. The board should reflect the geographic diversity of the state and members should have experience in one of the following areas:

- charter school board member or founder;
- public school administrator with experience working with charter schools;
- financial management;
- detailed knowledge of charter school law;
- other board or public service experience;
- public school teaching;
- on-line education and on-line curriculum development;
- school district special education; and
- curriculum and assessment expertise.

Members serve three-year terms. No member may serve more than six consecutive years.

During his or her term in office, a member of the board may not be a member of the General Assembly; an officer, employee, or board member of a school district or charter school in the state; or an employee of the Institute Board or Dept. of Education.

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Member	Place	Party	Occupation	Geo Area	Exec Order	Date Apptd	Term Expires	Appt By	Date Confirmed	Rear
Chlouber, Patricia M.	Leadville	REP	Experience as a Public School Teacher		A136 13	07/12/2013	07/01/2016	Gov	03/12/2014	Repl resig
Conti, Elizabeth Dina Aybar	Denver	DEM	Experience as a Public School Teacher/Administrator		A102 14	05/30/2014	07/01/2017	Gov	01/01/2015	
Hayes, Patricia M.	Aurora	REP	Experience as a Charter School Board Member or Founder, as a Public School Administrator, Other		A158 12	07/03/2012	07/01/2015	Gov	04/12/2013	A032 577)
LaPalme, Robert Joseph	Colorado Springs	REP	Parent		A061 14	04/14/2014	07/01/2015	Gov	04/29/2014	Repl resig
Lewis, Anthony Scott	Longmont	DEM	Charter School Board Member or Founder, Other Board or Public Service Experience, and Public School		A158 12	07/03/2012	07/01/2015	Gov	04/12/2013	Repl resig pg 8:
Ooms, Alex			Charter School Board Member or Founder					ComnEdu		Repl
Sanchez de Ortiz, Cecilia K	Denver	DEM	Experience as a Charter School Board Member or Founder of a Charter School		A136 13	07/12/2013	07/01/2016	Gov	03/12/2014	Repl resig 3/18/
Schneider, Steven Richard	Colorado Springs	REP	Public School Administrator		A061 14	04/14/2014	07/01/2017	Gov	05/02/2014	unab heari sessi p. 11
Schuck, Joyce	Colorado Springs	REP	Charter School Board Member or Founder			11/13/08	07/01/2010	ComnEdu		Repl

