

Summer 2021



Authorizer Update: Charter Issues to Watch this Summer and Fall

The COVID-19 pandemic has complicated many charter oversight functions in various ways. When the State Legislature enacted [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 1505](#), charter authorizers and other observers anticipated significant changes in the oversight of charters when the bill's provisions went into effect on July 1, 2020. However, what the Legislature could not have anticipated was how dramatically the pandemic would complicate charter accountability.

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Call Out to Authorizing Staff: Tell us What you Need; Take our Survey

What would it take to make your charter authorizing processes easier and smoother? CCAP wants to know, so we can help make it happen.

If you are a district or county staff member with charter authorizing responsibilities, we urge you to take CCAP's latest online survey. Tell us about your authorizing practices. Share with us the things that you are uncertain about. Let us know how we can best support your work.

It's been an exhausting year, and we are mindful of your need for some rest and relaxation. We wouldn't be making this request if your input and insights weren't so critically important to the work we do together to support California authorizers. For readers who are not authorizing staff members, we ask you to forward this to staff members you know.

On average, it's taking people 10 to 15 minutes to complete the survey. Your name and district or county office will be kept confidential.

To show our gratitude, for every 15 surveys completed by August 15, CCAP will draw one respondent's name, and their district or county office will receive a \$250 credit toward its CCAP membership or registration for a CCAP event between now and December 2022. Now that people are able to gather together again, we're planning an in-person authorizer conference and other opportunities!

Thank you for your time and feedback!

[Take Survey Here](#)

Building Better Authorizing Practices with CCAP's New Toolkits

The first of CCAP's Authorizers toolkits was released in April. Developed with WestEd, and with input from authorizers across the state, the toolkits cover Initial Charter Petitions and Annual Reports. Each toolkit is divided into manageable sections accompanied by short explanatory videos, flags statutory requirements and best practices, and provides templates and resources to organize oversight activities.

[Learn More Here](#)



SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION
Small schools have unique needs. SSDA gives them a voice.

Extending a great partnership!

CCAP is pleased to announce that we have extended our strategic partnership with our friends at the [Small School Districts' Association](#) (SSDA) for two more years!

Thanks to the generous support of the U.S. Department of Education's [Charter Schools](#)

[Program](#) and the [Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation](#), all SSDA members automatically are members of CCAP and are entitled to all our services and resources.

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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Brianna García

Brianna García wants CCAP to become a household name, the go-to place for California charter school authorizing.



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CCAP Seeking Prospective Board Members!

Consider being part of a statewide movement to advance equity in and access to high quality California charter schools by strengthening charter school authorizing.

The California Charter Authorizing Professionals is seeking new board members interested in helping guide our efforts to develop a clear, step-by-step approach to charter school authorizing in California.

CCAP's **Board of Directors** is composed of a dedicated and diverse group of professionals who are actively engaged in creating and implementing **CCAP's vision** to support school districts and county offices of education to fulfill their authorizing responsibilities with high quality.

Under CCAP's bylaws, a supermajority of the board must be current or former professional authorizers, but we welcome and value people with other related backgrounds. Candidates who reflect California's diversity and current or former staff members from small and/or rural authorizers are especially encouraged to volunteer. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact CCAP at info@calauthorizers.org



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