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## **Two New Members Appointed to Colorado Charter School Institute Board of Directors**

Denver, CO (July 1, 2022) – Two members were appointed this month to the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) Board of Directors. CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer, overseeing 42 charter schools in Colorado serving over 20,000 students.

CSI is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors. Seven members are appointed by the Governor. Two members are appointed by the Commissioner of Education. The CSI Board is statutorily required to be mission-driven and politically balanced. This ensures steady leadership of the organization and stable oversight of CSI schools.

CSI board members serve for terms of three years with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Commissioner of Education Katy Anthes appointed Ross Izard of Denver for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2022. Ross Izard was born and raised in Denver and holds a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in Public Administration. Mr. Izard has a long history of supporting school choice and a seasoned background in government affairs, policy analysis, and legislative strategy. He is the founder of Xiphos Strategies, LLC, and has worked at the Independence Institute and ACE Scholarships.

Governor Jared Polis appointed Andrew Karow of Glenwood Springs for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2022. Andrew Karow holds a B.S. in Economics as well as an MBA. Mr. Karow has served on the board of Ross Montessori School in Carbondale, a CSI-authorized school, since 2018. In his application to the CSI Board, Mr. Karow shared, “As the parent of a charter school student and board member of a charter school, I’ve experienced first-hand the impact that charter schools have on children. Seeing a child respond to teaching methods available in the charter environment and the breadth of the community served by charter schools makes me a believer in the long-term success of charter schools.”

Jill Anschutz, currently serving as the CSI Board Chair, was also reappointed to the board by Governor Polis for a second term of three years.

“We are excited to welcome Mr. Izard and Mr. Karow to the CSI Board,” shares CSI Executive Director Dr. Terry Croy Lewis. “Their expertise will add to our already richly-experienced board, and I know their contributions will make our organization stronger.”

Learn more about the CSI Board: <https://www.csi.state.co.us/about/our-board/>.

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**About the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI)**

*CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer in Colorado, currently authorizing 42 schools from Towaoc to Steamboat Springs, Grand Junction to Colorado Springs and serving over 20,000 PK-12 students. As a charter authorizer, CSI focuses on the outputs—that is, the quantitative evaluation of academic, organizational, and financial school performance—providing schools the flexibility to focus on and make decisions about inputs like instructional strategies, educational programming, internal assessment system, facility selection, and staffing. The focus on outcomes rather than processes allows CSI to be neutral on educational model and maintain a diverse portfolio of school models, which include Classical, Early College, Alternative, and Montessori models. Learn more at [www.csi.state.co.us](http://www.csi.state.co.us) and follow CSI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*