

Section 3: STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION METHOD OF SELECTION

The Wyoming State Board of Education was created by the Wyoming State Legislature in 1917 and is composed of 14 members, 11 of whom are appointed by the Governor and can vote, while three are *ex officio* (one of whom can vote). The *ex officio* members include the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (the voting *ex officio* member), a designee of the President of the University of Wyoming, and the Executive Director of the Wyoming Community College Commission.

Among the gubernatorial appointments, there must be one certified classroom teacher at the time of appointment, one certified school administrator at the time of appointment, two representatives of private business or industry, and seven additional appointees representing different regions of the state. Not more than six appointed members may be registered for the same political party. The appointments are typically six-year terms and approved by the state legislature.

These and other requirements for convening the Wyoming State Board of Education are contained in [§21-2-301](#).

Policy purpose: The purpose of this policy is to ensure the state board is following the statutory procedures for the selection of new members.

Policy statement:

The vice-chair shall report to the board on current status of board members and continue to monitor vacancies and appointments.