

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA - STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**2016 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**  
**September 2016**

- **Academic Standards/Chapter 4:** Responsible for advancing academic standards, ensuring successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards and high school reforms, and monitoring national activity around common standards and assessments.

A. Lee Williams, **Chair**  
Sandra Dungee Glenn  
Colleen Sheehan  
Karen Farmer White

- **Budget/Personnel:** Required by by-laws

Jim Grandon, **Chair**  
James Barker  
Craig Snider  
A. Lee Williams

- **School and University Safety:** Responsible for implementation of School Code provisions related to school violence reporting and designing broad reforms to ensure safe learning environments for both basic and postsecondary students.

Jonathan Peri, **Chair**  
Mollie Phillips  
Colleen Sheehan  
Jay Badams  
Maureen Lally-Green

- **Financial Recovery (Chapter 18):** This committee is responsible for implementation of provisions in Act 141 of 2012 directing the State Board to promulgate regulations establishing criteria the Secretary of Education may consider in designating a school district in financial recovery status.

Maureen Lally-Green, **Chair**  
James Agras  
Jonathan Peri  
Jay Badams

- **Special and Gifted Education:** Renames the Chapters 14, 15 and 16 committee

Vacant, **Chair**  
Carol Aichele  
Kirk Hallett  
Mollie Phillips

- **Chapter 11:**

Nicole Carnicella, **Chair**  
Carol Aichele  
Karen Farmer White

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- **Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness**: Responsible for monitoring implementation of Chapter 49 and planning the next phase of reform.

Sandra Dungee Glenn, **Chair**  
Craig Snider  
Karen Farmer White  
A. Lee Williams

- **Vocational-Technical Education**: Required by by-laws

James Agras, **Chair**  
Carol Aichele  
Nicole Carnicella  
Jim Grandon

- **Special Committee on Private School Accreditation**: Responsible for evaluating applications from organizations seeking approval to serve as accrediting authorities for private schools in the Commonwealth.

Kirk Hallett, **Chair**  
James Barker  
Jonathan Peri

- **Special Committee on Washington Township Independent School District**: Established via a State Board resolution on January 14, 2015. This Committee is responsible for considering and making a recommendation on the application of the Washington Township Independent School District for transfer from the Dover Area School District to the Northern York County School District.

Jonathan Peri, **Chair**  
Kirk Hallett  
Mollie Phillips

- Act 104 of 2010 established the **College Textbook Policies Advisory Committee** as a standing committee of the State Board of Education. The composition of the 23-member committee is defined by statute and includes: the Deputy Secretary for Higher Education (who is designated Committee Chair), the Chair of the State Board's Council of Higher Education, college faculty from each higher education sector in PA, students representing each higher education sector in PA, the Chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees, and representatives of college booksellers and the publishing industry. Jim Grandon represents the State Board on this committee.

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- Ad Hoc Committee on Holocaust Genocide and Human Rights Violations Instruction:

Craig Snider, Chair  
Carol Aichele  
Sandra Dungee Glenn

- Ad Hoc Committee on Data Collection Reduction:

Karen Farmer White, Chair  
James Agras  
James Barker  
Pamela Gunter-Smith