

**Montana Community Choice Schools Commission
Policy Development Steering Committee**

2024 Steering Committee Members:

Rulemaking/Policy Development Subcommittee of the MCCSC:

Dee Brown

Location: Flathead County, MT

Jon Rutt

Location: Yellowstone County, MT

Trish Schreiber

Location: Powell County, MT

Participating Legislator:

Rep. Sue Vinton, House Majority Leader 2021 and 2023

Community Choice Schools Act bill sponsor, 2023

Location: Yellowstone County, MT

Steering Committee Volunteer Members:

Keith Donahue

Associations: Director of School Strategy and Operations with Bluum, Inc.; Board Member of Sage International Network of Charter Schools; Board Member of Future Public Charter School

Location: Boise, Idaho

Dr. Ramey L. Escarcega-Growing Thunder, Dakota/Dine

Association: Director of Fort Peck Tribes Language and Culture Department since 2012

Location: Roosevelt County, Montana

Connie L Filesteel

Association: Founder and President of Aaniiih and Nakoda Montessori Academy

Fort Belknap Indian Community

Location: Blaine County, Montana

Joe Hoffer

Associations: Managing Partner at Schulman, Lopez, Hoffer & Adelstein, LLP; Charter School, Nonprofit and Education Law Attorney licensed in TX, AR, AZ; Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; Board Member at Teach for America-San Antonio; and, Board Member at Texas Public Charter Schools Association

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Heather Irving

Associations: Home educator; mom of a charter school graduate
Location: Lewis and Clark County, Montana

Melissa Mackedon

Associations: Executive Director of the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA); SPCSA board member for 12 years and four years as Chair; Charter School Association of Nevada board member for 10 years; contributing founder of and CEO of Oasis Academy, a 5-star K-12 charter school in rural Nevada
Location: Nevada Resident

Lea Ann Munkres

Associations: College administrator, superintendent, and pioneer in charter initiatives; Dallas College/Richland Collegiate High School
Location: DFW, Texas and Missoula County, MT

Alyson Murphy

Associations: Partner at the National Charter Schools Institute; attorney
Locations: Michigan

Aidan Myhre

Associations: Owner of AM Consulting, Government and Public Affairs; former Helena School Board Trustee (2008-2017) and Board Chair (2015-2017); appointed to the School Funding Interim Commission (2015-2016)
Location: Lewis & Clark County, MT

Matthew Roth

Associations: Chairman Florence Carlton School Board; Adjunct Professor; Leadership Development Consultant; Paramedic
Location: Ravalli County, MT

Don Soifer

Associations: CEO National Microschooling Center; former charter authorizer; national researcher on education innovation and school quality measures
Location: Nevada

Megan Upton

Associations: Wife, mother of two children, business owner, Columbia Falls school board trustee, President of the Flathead Valley CCS Founding Group
Location: Flathead County, MT

Jen Davis Wickens

Associations: Co-founder of Seminar, Founder of Impact Public Schools, Co-founder of WA state's charter sector, education entrepreneur and policy advocate, charter leader and founder of over a dozen high performing charter schools/networks across the country.
Location: Seattle, WA