

**To: Members of the State Board of  
Education and Early Development**

**January 22, 2026**

**From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 17**

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♦ **ISSUE**

The board will consider going into an executive session for the purpose of questioning and considering qualifications and characteristics of a student advisory member elect.

♦ **BACKGROUND**

- Under 4 AAC 03.025 the board will appoint as advisory members of the board one student advisory member elect and one student advisory member.
- The board wishes to question, consider and discuss the qualifications and characteristics of candidates for the student advisory member elect.
- Under AS 44.62.310(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, the following subject may be considered in executive session: subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. A discussion, questions and comparison of an individual's qualifications and characteristics is a subject that may prejudice the reputation or character of a person.
- Under the AS 44.62.310(b) of Open Meetings Act, the question of holding an executive session for the consideration of the subjects listed in AS 44.62.310(c) shall be determined by a majority vote of the board.

♦ **SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education and Early Development convene in executive session to question, consider and discuss the characteristics and qualifications of candidates for the student advisory member elect position, a topic that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, under AS 44.62.310(c).