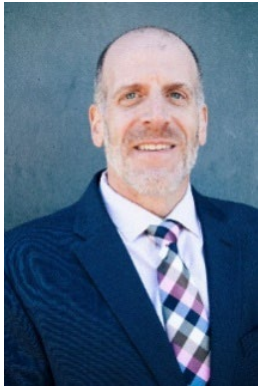


ACCSC CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

To: ACCSC Accredited Institutions and Other Interested Parties
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A Message from the ACCSC Chair of the Commission

Riding in the front seat of a rollercoaster can be exhilarating and provide you with a unique perspective to maximize your experience.

This is what it's like to be an ACCSC Commissioner. The reality is, you're already in line for the ride. You just have to decide where you want to sit.

If you're still reading this it's probably because you caught the bug of education and making a difference in the lives of students.

Becoming a Commissioner also allows you to make a difference in hundreds of institutions that fulfill that same purpose.

What are you waiting for? There will always be reasons not to do something.

If the thought of supporting your fellow institutions, impacting students on a higher

level, helping to shape the landscape of standard setting and adherence to such standards excites you, then don't just talk, DO!

I took that leap of faith 4 years ago to fill out the application. I was honored to be selected as a Commissioner. Since that time, I have been stretched, challenged, and inspired by my fellow Commissioners, allowing me to grow in ways I never thought possible.

As one of our former Commissioner Chairs, Vickie Clements, once said, "We ask our students every day to step outside their comfort zone, and today I'm asking the same of you."

We need you and YOUR voice matters!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Romano".

Mike Romano
Chair of the Commission

Call for Nominations to Serve as an ACCSC Commissioner

On behalf of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and in accordance with the organizational *Bylaws*, the ACCSC Nominating Committee seeks nominations of potential candidates to serve on the ACCSC Board of Directors as a Commissioner. The ACCSC Nominating Committee is charged with filling the following three (3) upcoming vacancies on the Commission:

- One School Commissioner elected for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030;
- One School Commissioner appointed for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030; and
- One Public Commissioner appointed for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030.

A ***School Commissioner***¹ is a person who:

- i. *Is a proprietor, owner, or bona fide executive of a member of the Corporation as described in Section 2.01 hereof that has been accredited by ACCSC for at least five years;*
- ii. *Has at least five years of ownership or bona fide executive experience in an ACCSC-accredited school, has participated in at least one full accreditation process with an ACCSC-accredited school, and is active in school operations;*
- iii. *Has a past record demonstrating:*
 1. *A commitment to providing quality education to students;*
 2. *A commitment to ethical, fair, and honest practice; and*
 3. *Compliance with accrediting standards and applicable federal, state, and local requirements.*

A ***Public Commissioner***² is a person who:

- i. *Has experience in industry, government, education (e.g., accreditation, postsecondary, public, private, adult or vocational/career-oriented), or in similar or allied fields;*
- ii. *Is not an employee, member of the governing board, owner, shareholder, or consultant of an institution that is accredited by the Commission, has applied for accreditation by the Commission, or is affiliated with a School Commissioner or any institution or entity which is also affiliated with a School Commissioner;*
- iii. *Is not a member of any trade association or membership organization related to, affiliated with, or associated with ACCSC; and*
- iv. *Is not a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of an individual identified in paragraph (ii) or (iii) of this definition.*

The Commission may not have among its membership more than one School Commissioner affiliated with a single member of the Corporation or multiple members of the Corporation under common ownership and control.

¹ Section 1.01(d) of the ACCSC Bylaws

² Section 1.01(c) of the ACCSC Bylaws

The Nominating Committee in nominating candidates and the Commission in appointing Commissioners will, amongst other factors, give consideration to:

1. A nominee's:
 - a. Background, level of experience, and knowledge regarding accreditation, postsecondary education, industry, and Board governance;
 - b. Affiliation with any school that has lost or been denied accreditation by any accrediting agency, been issued a Warning or Probation Order by any accrediting agency, entered into bankruptcy, or closed;³
 - c. Involvement in criminal proceedings and any pending or past action (e.g., investigation, inquiry, etc.) in a judicial, law enforcement, or administrative body; and
 - d. Performance and commitment with respect to:
 - i. Providing quality education to students;
 - ii. Ethical, fair, and honest practice; and
 - iii. Compliance with accrediting standards and applicable federal, state, and local requirements;
2. Any comments provided by the Executive Director; and
3. The Commission's goal to achieve a diversity of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives in order to achieve the purposes of the Corporation.

Nominees should submit the [ACCSC Commissioner Call for Nomination Form Parts I & II](#) accompanied by a current resume **on or before October 15, 2025**.

[Call for Nominations to the Nominating Committee](#)

The ACCSC Nominating Committee – the committee responsible for finding and vetting candidates to serve on the ACCSC Board of Directors/Accrediting Commission – has one vacancy for a two-year term ending June 30, 2027. The Nominating Committee typically meets 2-3 times virtually and once in person for minimally two days to participate in Commissioner candidate interviews.

Individuals interested in participating in this process and standing for election to serve on the ACCSC Nominating Committee should complete the Call for Nomination Form and return it to the Commission office no later than **July 31, 2025**. Minimally, the Commission will select two qualified individuals who are not affiliated with any sitting Commissioner to run for election to fill the one vacant seat on the Nominating Committee. The individual that receives the most votes will be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for a two-year term ending June 30, 2027.

Nominees must submit the [ACCSC Nominating Committee Nomination Form](#) by **July 31, 2025**.

³ The Nominating Committee may not process a nomination from a candidate whose school (to include any affiliated school within a group) which would be the source of eligibility to serve as a School Commissioner is, or within the preceding five years has been, subject to an ACCSC-issued Probation Order or is or within the preceding 12 months has been subject to an ACCSC-issued Warning.