

CALL FOR Comment

To: ACCSC-Accredited Institutions and Other Interested Parties
From: Michale S. McComis, Ed.D., Executive Director
Date: February 23, 2026
Subject: Call for Comment

The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) presents the following topics for comment by the ACCSC membership and other interested parties:

School Commissioner Appointment

The ACCSC Bylaws allow for a biennial appointment of one School Commissioner to serve a four-year term (*ACCSC Bylaws, Section 1.04(b), Standards of Accreditation*). Accordingly, the ACCSC Nominating Committee has recommended the following individual for this appointment:

- **Wayne Zellner – IntelliTec College, IBMC College, Euphoria Institute of Beauty Arts & Sciences**

Mr. Zellner is currently completing a four-year term on the Commission and has opted to serve another term. In making this recommendation, both the Nominating Committee and the full Commission have taken into account Mr. Zellner's past service and willingness to another term. Mr. Zellner's nomination packet, resume, and statement of interest can be obtained from the link above.

For reference, the ACCSC *Bylaws* define a School Commissioner as 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; and*
- iv. *Has been elected or appointed to serve on the Commission pursuant to Section 1.04 hereof.*

ACCSC welcomes and encourages comments from its accredited institutions and other interested parties regarding this potential appointment. The Commission encourages all member institutions and interested parties to read carefully the Commission's request for feedback and to submit comments and recommendations for consideration by the Commission. The Commission will give careful consideration to any comments received, particularly those that reflect thoughtful insights which take into account what is best for the entire ACCSC membership and support and enhance ACCSC's mission.

All comments are to be in the form of a PDF document on letterhead with the signature of the commenter. Please send all written comments to the attention of Michale S. McComis, Ed.D., Executive Director, via e-mail to mccomis@accsc.org.

- Written comments are due by **March 25, 2026**.

For assistance or additional information regarding this Call for Comment, please contact Michale S. McComis, Ed.D., Executive Director, at 703.247.4520 or mccomis@accsc.org.

Wayne Zellner



When I think about my last 4 years serving as an ACCSC Commissioner, and as I try to determine the best way to convey to this committee my desire to continue to serve as a Commissioner, I have decided to refer to the original essay I wrote, which was as follows:

I believe that the process of accreditation serves as the highest level of validation for the quality of education that Postsecondary Institutions of Higher Learning provide to their students. The standards set forth by ACCSC serve as the benchmark for every aspect of campus operations, and ensure that Institutions are providing the education, services, and support necessary to promote student learning and provide students with the skills necessary to gain employment in their chosen field. By serving as an ACCSC Team Leader for over 7 years and on the ACCSC Progress Review Committee for over 5 years, I have seen the application of the accreditation process first-hand, and this experience has increased my interest in becoming further involved with the process. I believe that there would be no greater honor in this industry than to serve as a Commissioner for ACCSC and help to develop the future of our industry while ensuring that we never lose sight of, and always strive to provide the best possible educational experience to the students that we serve.

As I write this today, and after the experiences I have had over the last 4 years, I am proud to say that what I wrote in my original essay still holds true today. I still fully believe in the work that ACCSC Commissioners do for the schools that they serve, and I still believe that there is no greater honor in this industry than to serve as an ACCSC Commissioner. If I am given the opportunity to serve as an ACCSC Commissioner for another 4 years, I will do my best to be active, engaged, and fully committed to the work that is required of an ACCSC Commissioner for both the Commission, and for the schools that the Commission represents.

Thank you for your consideration.



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
ACCSC COMMISSIONER / BOARD MEMBER
Nomination Form–Part I

Nominee Information

Name Wayne Zellner

Title Vice President - Operations

Institution IntelliTec / IBMC / Euphoria / Asher Colleges

Address [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Phone [REDACTED]

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Corporation Name DVMD, LLC

I am currently a/an (check all that apply):

- Appeals Panel member
- Manager/Executive of an ACCSC-accredited School
- Evaluation Team Member
- Former ACCSC Commissioner
- ACCSC Committee Member
- Former ACCSC Commissioner Applicant/Nominee
- Other – Please specify Current ACCSC Commissioner

I attest that I have no affiliation with any school that will be represented by a sitting ACCSC Commissioner as of July 1, 2025, and that all information submitted with this nomination is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge & belief. I also understand that I will be subject to a criminal background check by ACCSC if selected to move forward to an interview with the ACCSC Nominating Committee.

[REDACTED] 11/13/25
Signature Date

Please return this form along with the completed Nomination Form–Part II and a current résumé ***no later than October 15, 2025*** to Michelle Ragland via e-mail at mragland@accsc.org



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Nomination Form–Part II

Please provide the following information:

1. Please list all schools with which you are affiliated.¹

ACCSC-Accredited Institutions	Other Institutions
IntelliTec College - Albuquerque	IBMC College - Ft. Collins
IntelliTec College - Colorado Springs	IBMC College - Greeley
IntelliTec College - Grand Junction	IBMC College - Longmont
IntelliTec College - Pueblo	
Euphoria - Las Vegas	Asher Colleges - Dallas/Las Vegas/Sacramento

2. Are any of the above-listed institutions currently affiliated with an individual currently serving as an ACCSC Commissioner? Yes - myself
3. Since July 1, 2020, have you been affiliated with any ACCSC-accredited institution that has been placed on Probation? No
4. Since July 1, 2024, have you been affiliated with any ACCSC accredited institution that has been placed on Warning? No
5. Are any of the above-listed institutions currently operating under a Warning, Show Cause Order, Probation Order, or any other similar status with any accrediting agency or state or federal regulatory agency? No
6. Please list your education, work experience, and background.²
See attached resume
7. Please list your management and leadership experience in postsecondary career-oriented institutions.
See attached resme
8. How do you think your education and experience will support and form your role as an ACCSC Commissioner and Board Member?
I have almost 30 years of experience ranging from a single campus "mom & pop" school, to a medium sized school group, to a large 74 campus corporate school group, and I have worked at both the campus level and the corporate level at these organizations. In addition, I have served as an ACCSC Team Leader, on the ACCSC Progress Review, and as an ACCSC Commissioner. I believe that all of this gives me broad depth of experiences that I can draw from in order to make the best decisions that I can for both ACCSC and the schools that ACCSC serves.

¹ 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 is or within the preceding 12 months has been subject to and ACCSC-issued Warning (see *Section 1.09.b.iv* of the AACSC Bylaws).

² ACCSC will request a copy of official transcripts should the Nominating Committee advance your nomination for election or appointment.

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9. What motivated you to put forth this nomination to be an ACCSC Commissioner and Board Member?

I have dedicated my life to this industry, I had wanted to serve as an ACCSC Commissioner for several years, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first four years as a commissioner. I view the position of ACCSC Commissioner as the “pinnacle” of this industry, and this is a role that I take tremendous pride in doing, fully understanding the impact that this role has for the future of this industry.

10. What is your general philosophy regarding accreditation?

I believe that Accreditation serves as the highest level of validation for the quality of education that Postsecondary Institutions of Higher Learning provide to their students. The standards set forth by ACCSC, or any other approved accrediting agency, serve as the benchmark for campus operations, and ensure that Institutions are providing the education, services, and support necessary to promote student learning and provide the skills necessary to gain employment in the student’s chosen field.

11. Explain how you believe you will have the time to allocate to the significant amount of reading, thinking, and assessment as well as the time to attend all meetings necessary to serve as an ACCSC Commissioner.

Over the last 4 years, I have learned to manage the demands of my job with the demands of the commission relatively well, and I do not anticipate this will change over the next 4 years.

12. Have you discussed serving as a Commissioner with your employer and does your employer recognize the time necessary to honor the commitment and support your nomination?

I have discussed continuing to serve as a Commissioner with my direct supervisor. He is in full support of my decision.

13. What do you think you can contribute to ACCSC and the membership of schools as an ACCSC Commissioner and Board Member?

I would like to continue to build upon the skills I have acquired during my first term as a Commissioner and continue the work that I have been doing over the last 4 years.

14. Please provide any other information that you believe supports your nomination.

WAYNE F. ZELLNER II

Executive Summary:

I have over 30 years of operational management experience, including 27 years as an operations manager in Higher Education, with a strong emphasis in campus and corporate operations, student experience and satisfaction, financial management and analysis, human resources management, state and federal regulatory compliance, and financial aid rules and regulations.

Experience:

Asher / Euphoria / IBMC / IntelliTec Colleges

Vice President - Operations

Colorado Springs, CO

March 2016 to Present

- Responsible for the operational and financial management and oversight for IntelliTec College's Corporate Office and its Albuquerque, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Grand Junction campuses, IBMC College's Longmont, Greeley, and Ft. Collins campuses, Euphoria's Las Vegas campus, and Asher College's Sacramento, Las Vegas and Dallas campuses. This position provides direct managerial oversight of Campus Operations (including each Campus Director), Compliance, Accounting, Academics, Human Resources, Marketing, Financial Aid, and IT, and includes 400 employees and 2,500 students generating annual revenues of approximately \$35 million.

IntelliTec Colleges

Director of Campus Operations

Colorado Springs, CO

October 2012 to February 2016

- Responsible for the management and oversight of campus operations at three Colorado campuses and one New Mexico campus.

Kaplan Higher Education

Director – Operational Support

Chicago, IL / Albuquerque, NM

August 2012 to October 2012

- Interim Executive Director for Kaplan College – Charlestown (Boston)

Kaplan Higher Education

Director – Academic Field Support

Chicago, IL / Albuquerque, NM

August 2009 to June 2012

- Interim Executive Director for Kaplan College – Lubbock (10 weeks)
- Interim Executive Director for Texas School of Business – Houston (7 weeks)
- Served as Kaplan Academic Operations Field Support for our 70 campuses. I was assigned a wide-variety of tasks for our campuses, including Accreditation Preparation, Faculty and Staff Training, Class Scheduling and Space Utilization, and Compliance Training.
- Served on the committee to develop and implement Kaplan Commitment – the new company-wide start policy initiative.
- Accountable for the successful planning, training, and implementation of innovative new products, programs, initiatives, and learning technologies at Kaplan Campuses.

Kaplan Higher Education*Director of Standardization, Campus Coordinator*

Chicago, IL / Albuquerque, NM

2008 to 2009

- Responsible for the successful implementation of Standardized policies, procedures and curriculum at the campus level.
- Provide training related to the Standardization Process to the campus management team, admissions department, career services department, and faculty.
- Over 18 months, I was responsible for the successful Standardization of 28 Academic Programs at 13 different campuses.

Axia College / University of Phoenix Online*Adjunct Online Instructor*

Online

2008 to 2012

- Online Instructor/Facilitator for MGT 245 – Organizational Theory and Behavior

**Kaplan Career Institute / Southwest Health Career Institute
(ABHES Institutional Accreditation)***Executive Director*

Albuquerque, NM

1996 to 2008

- Overall management of all school departments including academics, career services, admissions, financial aid, and business office.
- Administered fiscal planning activities including the development of the annual operational budget.
- Served as interim admissions manager and exceeded overall 2006 goal by 28%, which ranked 5th out of 76 schools.
- Ranked 2nd out of 76 schools in student loan default rate.
- Established operational procedures, rules and standards that met and exceeded the standards set by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, the New Mexico Higher Education Department and the US Department of Education.
- Received the maximum extension of accreditation from the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools during the last accreditation visit.
- Received the maximum extension of approval from the US Department of Education during the last financial aid audit.
- Consistently exceeded 85% satisfaction rating based on monthly student surveys.
- Exceeded the school's student retention goal in 2006 by 14%.
- Exceeded the school's overall profitability goal in 2006 by 26%
- Selected as the corporation's first school director to implement the new corporate educational initiative. This selection was based on overall school and managerial performance.

Hasting's Entertainment*Customer Service Manager*

Albuquerque, NM

1992 to 1995

Pizza Hut of America Albuquerque, NM*Delivery Unit Manager*

1989 to 1992

- Managed all aspects of the business, including human resources, scheduling, training, customer service, weekly supply orders, health code compliance and P&L analysis and control.
- Manager of the first New Mexico delivery unit to exceed \$1 million in annual sales.
- Awarded 1992 Customer Service Manager of the Year by Pizza Hut Delivery of New Mexico.

Professional Affiliations:

- Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)
 - *Team Leader* 2014 to Present
 - *Progress Review Committee Member* 2016 to Present
 - *ACCSC Commissioner* 2022 to 2026
 - *Progress Review Committee – Chair* 2022 to 2026
 - *Internal Review Committee* 2022 to 2023
 - *External Review Committee* 2023 to 2026
 - *Executive Committee - Treasurer* 2024 to 2025
- Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)
 - *Team Leader* 2015 to Present
- Colorado Association of Career Schools and Colleges (CACCS)
 - *Board Member* 2014 to Present
 - *Executive Committee – Secretary* 2023 to Present
- New Mexico Association of Private Schools
 - *Executive Committee Member* 1996 to 2002

Education:

- 1999 University of Phoenix Albuquerque, NM
Master of Business Administration
- 1995 University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM
Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Communication