

**From:** Daniel Withrow <[withrowdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:withrowdaniel@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** 3/5/2021 3:47:13 PM  
**To:** [esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com](mailto:esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Asheville City Association of Educators endorses school board applicants

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Would now be an OK time?

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 2:49 PM <[esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com](mailto:esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com)> wrote:

That works

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**From:** Daniel Withrow <[withrowdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:withrowdaniel@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:48 PM  
**To:** [esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com](mailto:esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Asheville City Association of Educators endorses school board applicants

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I would love to talk to you about this. I can't talk today, but would be happy to talk tomorrow afternoon, if that would work for you.

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On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 2:43 PM <[esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com](mailto:esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com)> wrote:

I have not talked to Pepi about this but Gwen spoke to him at length and relayed that to me.Â

I would be glad to talk with you about this and the board appointments generally. 828-231-8016

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**From:** Daniel Withrow <[withrowdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:withrowdaniel@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:14 PM  
**To:** [esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com](mailto:esthermanheimer@avlCouncil.com)  
**Cc:** Daniel Withrow <[ncae.acae@gmail.com](mailto:ncae.acae@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Asheville City Association of Educators endorses school board applicants

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As you said, the email is public record. It would be difficult for Pepi to discuss this matter without knowing the details of it. I had heard a vague rumor, but I believe we will function best if we make decisions based on facts and open communication, not rumors.Â

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Your email this morning was the first time I had heard the specifics of the charge, and I wanted to hear what Pepi had to say about it. Had you spoken with him directly about this previously?

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It seems that it would be helpful to hear what staff at Hall Fletcher know of this incident.

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On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 2:03 PM <[esthermanheimer@avlouncil.com](mailto:esthermanheimer@avlouncil.com)> wrote:

That was an interesting decision to forward the entire email to Pepi. I worry about the student and retribution, but hopefully everyone will respect that this is a high school student and he/she probably doesn't understand they are weighing in on a political situation.

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**From:** Daniel Withrow <[ncae.acae@gmail.com](mailto:ncae.acae@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:00 PM

**To:** [AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov)

**Subject:** Asheville City Association of Educators endorses school board applicants

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Dear Mayor Esther Manheimer, Vice Mayor Sheneika Smith, and members of the Asheville City Council,

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Asheville City Association of Educators and Buncombe County Association of Educators have completed our first joint endorsement for applicants to the Asheville City School Board. We endorse the following three applicants:

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- Pepi Acebo
- Libby KylesÂ
- Jacquelyn Carr McHargue

Please see our [attached statement](#) for information about our process and our rationale for these endorsements. ACAE strongly encourages Asheville City Council to consider these three applicants for appointment to the Asheville City School Board.Â

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I would be delighted to talk with you further about our endorsements and about ways we can strengthen our public schools in Asheville.

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**Daniel Withrow**

*President, ACAE*

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