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NACSA Congratulates National Alliance for Public Charter Schools New CEO Peter C. Groff
Alliance Continues its Legacy of Strong Leadership

The National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) congratulates Peter C. Groff on his appointment as President and CEO of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (NAPCS). NAPCS today announced that effective July 1, Peter C. Groff is the organization's new president. Groff assumes the position previously held by Nelson Smith. Groff's announcement was made on the final day of the 10th annual National Charter Schools Conference, which was held in Chicago.

"Peter Groff's commitment to advancing the charter school movement is undeniable," said Greg Richmond, President and CEO of NACSA. "With Peter taking the helm, we know the powerful collaboration in place between the Alliance and NACSA will continue. I congratulate the Alliance for their choice, and I welcome Peter to his new role in growing the opportunity for all children to have a high-quality charter education."

"I applaud Nelson Smith for his years of steadfast leadership at the helm of the Alliance," added Richmond. "Nelson's contribution to the growth and advancement of the charter school movement, particularly seen in his commitment to grow quality in charters, is immeasurable. Nelson has been a tireless advocate for charters."

Before joining the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, Groff served as the director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U. S. Department of Education. Prior to that, Groff was the founder and executive director of the University of Denver's Center for New Politics and Policy (formerly Center for African American Policy), and lectured at the University's Public Policy program.

Groff also served as the 47th president of the Colorado State Senate and was the first African-American in Colorado to hold that post, and only the third African-American in the nation's history to hold the gavel as state Senate president. Senator Groff served in the Colorado General Assembly for nine years and passed landmark legislation creating visionary education reform measures.

About the National Association of Charter School Authorizers: NACSA (www.qualitycharters.org) is the trusted resource and innovative leader working with public officials and education leaders to increase the number of high-quality charter schools in cities and states across the nation. NACSA provides training, consulting, and policy guidance to authorizers and education leaders interested in increasing the number of high-quality schools and improving student outcomes.

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