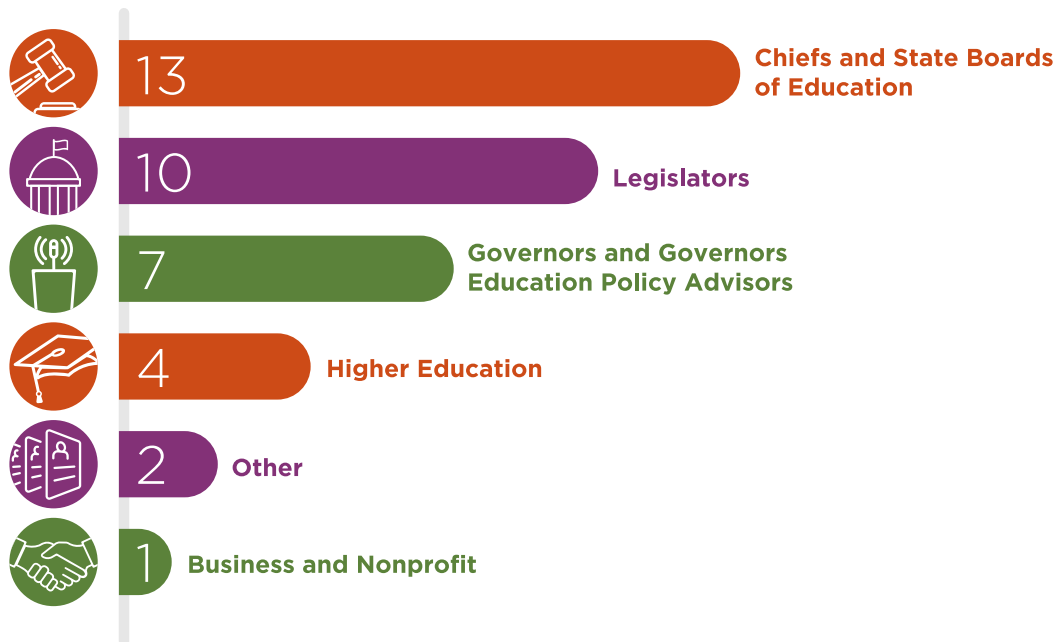


# Role of a Steering Committee Member

A Steering Committee Member of the Education Commission of the States (ECS) serves as the leader of their state's delegation of appointed Commissioners and plays a critical role in facilitating communication between the states and the Commission. One ECS Commissioner from each state is appointed to serve on the Steering Committee.

Steering Committee members serve a two-year term with the possibility of reappointment. Their leadership helps strengthen education policy research at both state and national levels.

## ECS Current Steering Committee Member Representation



Steering Committee members' key responsibilities include:

- **Leadership and Coordination:** Provide leadership among their state's appointed Commissioners and coordinate state visits by ECS staff with key education policy leaders.
- **Budget and Dues Management:** Work with ECS staff to ensure that their state's budget includes annual dues and assist in the collection of these dues.
- **Committee Involvement:** Serve on standing and special committees as needed.
- **Participation in Meetings:** Attend and participate in Commissioners' business sessions, which are held twice a year during the Winter Commissioners Meeting and the National Forum on Education Policy.

Steering Committee members have the opportunity to represent their state on one of ECS' standing committees, including:

- **Nominating Committee**, which selects our annual awards recipients, Steering Committee Members.
- **Finance Committee**, which approves our annual income and expenditures.
- **Executive Committee**, which provides strategic direction and oversight for the management, operations and financial policies.
- **National Forum Planning Committee**, which provides feedback that informs our annual convenings.
- **Future Issues Committee**, which supports the identification of education policy priorities to address in our research.