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Who's Taking Responsibility for Charter Schools?

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Charter school authorizers are the gatekeepers of quality, with the responsibility to decide which charter schools are approved, how they will be monitored and overseen, and which schools will be renewed or revoked. However, state policies vary on which organizations can serve as authorizers, ranging from local school boards and state departments of education to special authorizing boards and public universities. Learn about current problems and best practices in charter school authorizing, and how federal policies can strengthen the quality and performance of charters.

Featuring:

Priscilla Wohlstetter – Diane and MacDonald Becket Professor in Educational Policy & Director of the Center on Educational Governance at the USC Rossier School of Education

Nelson Smith – President and CEO of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

Jonas S. Chartock – Executive Director of the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute.

Nina Gilbert – Founder and Director of Ivy Preparatory Academy in Atlanta, GA.

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