

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Voting Items E45082-P04084 1a. Eric C. Andersen 1f. Timothy J. Landon 1c. Barbara G. Fast 1g. William G. Robinson, Jr. 1b. Wallace E. Boston, Jr. 1d. Jean C. Halle 1e. Barbara L. Kurshan 1. Election of Directors The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following: 2. Advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting. NOTE: In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal: Nominees:

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