

Michael Harter

Mr. R. Michael Harter joins DEAC after a long career as a CPA, lawyer and executive. His past positions include Chairman, CEO and principal owner of Tulsa Wedding School; President and CEO of the Art Institute of Philadelphia; Executive Vice-President of Finance and Administration at EMC Holdings, Inc.; and Senior Vice President of Finance at The Conference Board Inc. in New York City. Within these roles, Mr. Harter has seen and participated in management discussions where school, business, and education standards were established, evaluated, and modified. Mr. Harter served as a School Commissioner for the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology, and was elected to Chairman of the Board for two consecutive years. During his career and since retiring, he has been elected to the Board of Directors for a variety of organizations, including the Career College Association, Memory Matters, an Alzheimer's Support Charity, and Pressley Ridge, a \$70 million non-profit aiding disadvantaged and disabled children and families. Most recently, he was elected to the Board of the Hilton Head Symphony. He intends to utilize his Board experience to support DEAC in its mission to assure students receive high quality distance education through accreditation, peer review, and institutional improvement. Mr. Harter received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Iowa, and a Professional Accounting Degree from Northwestern University. He received his CPA certification in New York in 1973, and was a member of the Iowa State Bar from 1969 to 2009. His term expires in 2021.