

TO: Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

FROM: Terence Patterson, Rules and Policy Committee Chair, and Tess Stovall, Executive Director,
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

DATE: October 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Rules and Policy Committee Report

Background

The Rules and Policy Committee met on October 21, 2020 to review and discuss Charter Commission policies related to Commission meetings and the Commission's responsibilities as a charter school authorizer. Based on that discussion, the committee recommends adoption of the following policies.

1. Policy 1.200 – Commission Meetings

Policy 1.200 – Commission Meetings is the policy that governs the way the Charter Commission run its meetings. The following changes are recommended from the Rules and Policies Committee:

- Section 1(a) Regular Meetings – The current policy does not specify if the Charter Commission is required to set its annual regular meetings by the calendar year or the fiscal year. The proposed change in section 1(a) is to specify that the regular meetings should be set by the calendar year.
- Section 7(a) Recognition of Speakers – Given that the Charter Commission may have special-called meetings to discuss important topics such as charter school appeals, the proposed change would require time for public comment to be afforded at both regular and special-called meetings of the Charter Commission.
- **Motion for Consideration on Policy 1.200** – I move to approve the changes to Policy 1.200 – Commission Meetings on first and final reading.

2. Authorizer Policies (Policies 2.400 – 4.800)

The following policies govern the Charter Commission's work in charter school appeals and as an authorizer.

- Policy 2.400 – Renewal Appeals and Renewal Applications
- Policy 2.500 – Charter School Revocation with Commission as Authorizer
- Policy 4.200 – Core Authorizing Principles
- Policy 4.300 – Charter Agreements
- Policy 4.400 – Oversight and Monitoring
- Policy 4.500 – Charter School Autonomy
- Policy 4.600 – Charter School Intervention
- Policy 4.700 – Charter School Performance Framework
- Policy 4.800 – LEA as a Sponsor

At the August 26, 2020 Charter Commission meeting, the policies were approved by the Commission on first reading. Between first and final reading, the following policies have had changes, and those changes are described below:

- Policy 2.500 – Charter School Revocation with Commission as Authorizer
 - The proposed change removes “appeals” from the title of the policy. The Charter Commission has Policy 2.300 – Charter School Revocation Appeals, and Policy 2.500 focuses on revocation when the Charter Commission is the authorizer. This change eliminates any confusion that the word “appeals” would cause.
- Policy 4.700 – Charter School Performance Framework
 - The Charter School Performance Framework had previously not been assigned a policy number. In order to clearly define what time of document it is, the proposed change is to assign the number 4.700 to the Charter School Performance Framework.
- **Motion for Consideration on the Authorizer Policies** – I move to approve the Charter Commission’s authorizer policies (Policies 2.400 through 4.800) on final reading.