



TENNESSEE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUTHORIZATION UPDATES

AUGUST 26, 2020

AGENDA

- Overview of State Board authorized charter schools
- Overview of current new-start charter school appeals and process
- Commission Priorities for Fall 2020

STATE BOARD AUTHORIZED CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Bluff City High School
 - Operated by Green Dot Public Schools Tennessee in Memphis
 - Currently serving 9th through 12th grades
 - Current operating status: fully remote
- KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary
 - Operated by KIPP Nashville in Nashville
 - Currently serving K, 1st and 2nd grades
 - Current operating status: fully remote
- KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle
 - Operated by KIPP Nashville in Nashville
 - Currently serving 5th and 6th grades
 - Current operating status: fully remote

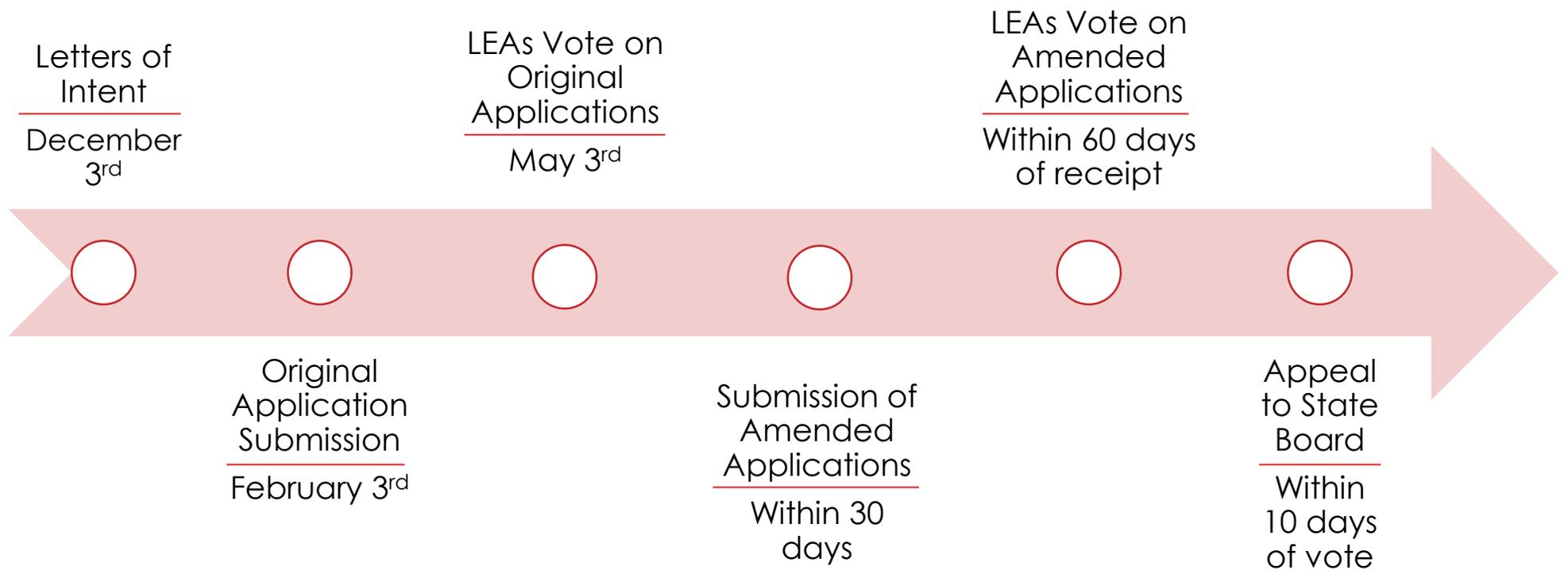
STATE BOARD AUTHORIZED CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Rocketship Nashville #3
 - Approved by State Board in November 2019
 - Will serve K-4th grades in Nashville
 - Original proposed opening date: School Year 2021-2022
 - Governing board has opted to delay opening for a year until school year 2022-2023, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) 49-13-110(b)
- Pursuant to T.C.A. 49-13-142, the State Board of Education will cease to be the authorizer of its charter schools on July 1, 2021, and the responsibility will transfer to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission.

NEW START APPEALS



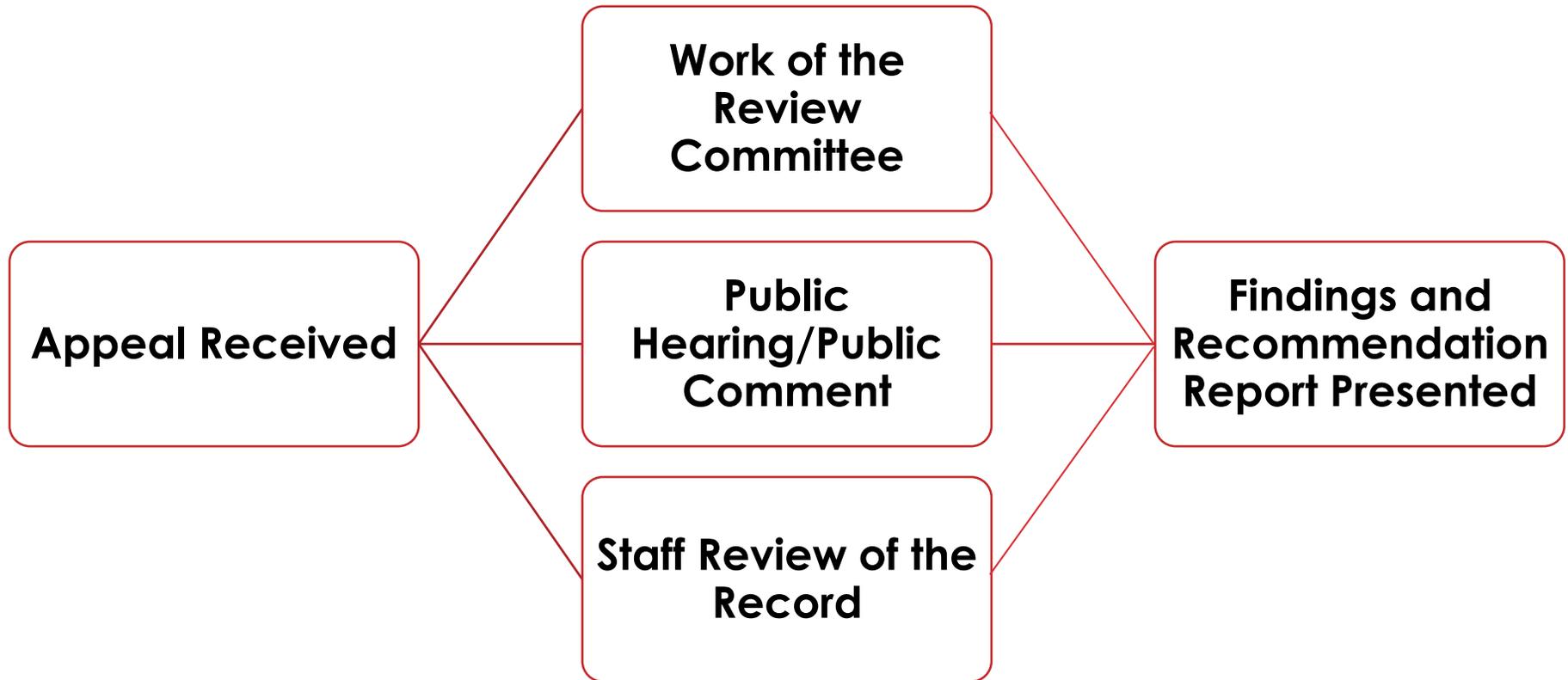
THE APPLICATION TIMELINE



THE RIGHT TO AN APPEAL

- Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108(b)(4), until December 31, 2020, a denial by the local board of education of an application to establish a charter school may be appealed by the sponsor to the state board of education no later than ten (10) days after the date of the final decision to deny.

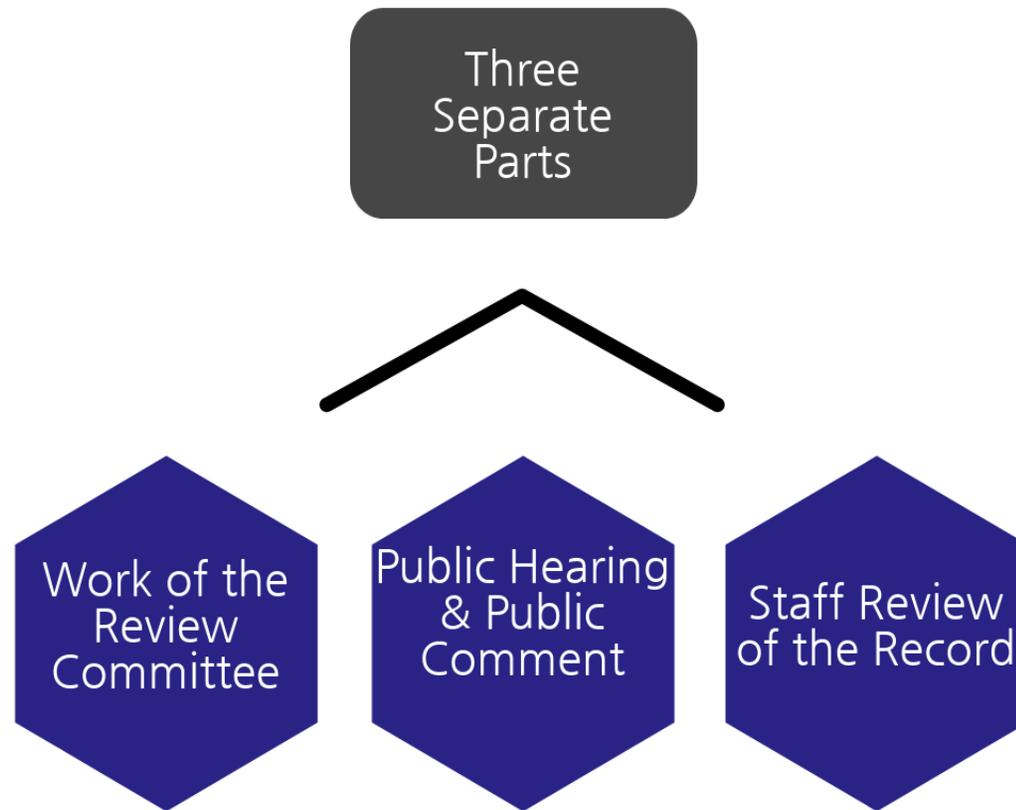
APPEAL PROCESS FLOWCHART



Appeal Received

- Sponsor sends the following to the State Board staff:
 - Copies of original application and amended application
 - Timeline of LEA application process
 - Brief statement from the sponsor
 - Outline of any corrections made to the application
 - Copies of communication from the district

THE APPEAL PROCESS



Work of the Review Committee

- A review committee completes a new, fully independent (i.e. “De novo”) review of the application
- The committee process includes:
 - An initial application scoring
 - A capacity interview
 - A final scoring of the application
 - Development of a consensus rating and completion of a recommendation report

Public Hearing/Public Comment

- State board staff holds the public hearing in the local school district
 - Sponsor and local district each receive 15 minutes for their presentations
 - Sponsor and local district will take questions from the Executive Director
 - 15 minutes for public comment
 - Sponsor and local district each receive 5 minutes for closing statements
 - Additional public comment may be submitted for a specified period of time after the hearing

Staff Review of the Record

- Then, the State Board requires the LEA to submit the following:
 - LEA review committee information
 - Meeting information from local school board vote on applications
 - Communication to sponsors
- State Board staff reviews the entire record of the appeal including all information from the LEA, the sponsor, the public hearing, the public comments, and the review committee work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATION

- In developing the Executive Director's recommendation, the Executive Director will consider all parts of the appeal process:
 - Notice of appeal;
 - Review Committee Report;
 - Public hearing;
 - Public comment; and
 - Staff review of the record.
- Significant consideration is given to the recommendation of the Review Committee.



STANDARD OF REVIEW

- In order to overturn a local board of education's decision to deny a charter school application, the State Board must find that the local board's decision to deny the application was contrary to the best interests of the students, LEA, or community.

CURRENT APPEALS

- Nashville Collegiate Prep
 - Proposed location: Nashville
 - Public Hearing: Wednesday, August 26 at 9am CT
- KIPP Antioch College Prep High School
 - Proposed location: Nashville
 - Public Hearing: Wednesday, August 26 at 1pm CT
- Ivy Prep Academy
 - Proposed location: Nashville
 - Public Hearing: Wednesday, August 26 at 4pm CT

CURRENT APPEALS

- Cornerstone Prep School
 - Proposed location: Memphis
 - Public Hearing: Wednesday, September 2 at 10am CT
- Memphis School of Excellence - Cordova
 - Proposed location: Memphis
 - Public Hearing: Wednesday, September 2 at 1pm CT
- State Board of Education Special-Called Meeting to hear appeals:
 - Monday, September 21 at 11am CT

COMMISSION PRIORITIES

FALL 2020

HIGH-LEVEL PRIORITIES

Item	Timeline
Onboarding/Relationship Building	As soon as possible
Hiring General Counsel	As soon as possible
Hiring Legislative Liaison/External Affairs	As soon as possible
FY21 Budget Revisions	Ongoing
Set goals for Executive Director	October 2020
2021 Meeting Planning	October 2020
FY22 Budget Planning	October 2020
Finalize Office Space	October/November 2020
Govt. Operations Rule Review	Fall 2020
Preparation for Renewal Appeals	November/December 2020
Preparation for 2021 Legislative Session	November/December 2020
Strategic Planning for Commission	December 2020/January 2021