
Charter School Appeals Policy 2.500

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108, if a local board of education denies an amended charter school application, the sponsor may appeal the decision to the State Board. State Board Policy 2.500 sets forth the process for submitting an appeal of the denial of a charter school application by the local board of education to the State Board.

Upon completion of the charter school appeals cycle, State Board staff collected feedback from applicants, local districts, and review committee members, and the staff reviewed all State Board policies and rules governing the appeal process. Updates since first reading include a specific reference to State Board Policy 6.111 on page six (6) and changes passed in the 111th General Assembly.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.