
Charter School Application Review Policy 6.300

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 6.300 sets forth the principles and criteria that the State Board will use in reviewing charter school applications received on appeal.

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. Since first reading, this item has been updated to include an additional description on page two (2) regarding the Tennessee Department of Education's sample scoring rubric 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.