
Charter School Amendment Petition Application and Rubric

The Background:

Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-13-110(d) provides: “The governing body of the public charter school may petition the authorizer to amend the original charter agreement. Timelines for approval and the appeal process will be determined by the state board of education.” State Board rule 0520-14-01-.06 lays out the timeline and process for charter schools to petition their authorizers for amendments to their charter agreements and requires the Tennessee Department of Education to develop and the State Board to approve an application and rubric to be used for the amendment petitions. The rule went into effect on April 30, 2020.

The Tennessee Department of Education worked with State Board staff on the development of the amendment application and rubric and sought feedback from stakeholders prior to submission to the State Board for approval. These stakeholders included representation from charter school authorizers, charter school operators, and the Tennessee Charter School Center.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on first and final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.