Charter School Quality Charter Authorizing Standards Policy 6.111

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108, charter school authorizers are required to adopt policies and practices for quality charter school authorizing standards as approved by the State Board of Education. State Board Policy 6.111 sets forth the essential practices that shall govern the day-to-day operation of charter authorizers in the state.

These standards were developed in collaboration with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) and were originally adopted by the State Board in 2018. The State Board is committed to regularly evaluating the standards to ensure they are aligned to national best practices and the needs of Tennessee.

As a result of the State Board's new responsibility under T.C.A. § 49-13-145 of conducting authorizer evaluations, State Board staff reviewed the policy for clarity and alignment to statute. Changes made to this policy update terminology and provide further specificity on the quality authorizing standards.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.