Agenda

Final Reading Item: VI. M.

Master Plan & Supplement Update

The Background:

The State Board is charged in statute with developing and maintaining a master plan for public education, kindergarten through grade twelve, and providing recommendations to the executive branch, the general assembly and the local boards of education and directors of schools regarding the use of public funds for education. Recently passed legislation (HB0622/SB1083) prohibits SBE from adopting a policy that "promotes educator diversity based on race, ethnicity, sex, age, or any other demographic characteristic, rather than on individual merit, qualifications, veteran status, or lawful eligibility criteria." Accordingly, the Master Plan's educator diversity goals require removal.

Connection to the Master Plan:

This item aligns with the Master Plan's focus on Engagement and Accountability, which requires SBE to annually amend rule or policy as necessitated by changes in the law.

The Recommendation:

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