



Working With Your Governing Board On All Things Charter

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Role of the Board

- Governing board the authorizer
- Setting charter policy
- Responsible for approving, denying, renewing & revoking
- Must have system in place before you receive a petition
- Responsible to students, parents & public





What is Authorizer's Responsibility?

E.C. 47604.32 ...with respect to each charter school under its authority:

- (a) Identify at least one staff member as a contact person for the charter school.
- (b) Visit each school at least once a year
- (c) Ensure that each charter school under its authority complies with all reports required of charter schools by law...
- (d) Monitor the fiscal condition of each charter school under its authority.
- (e) Provide timely notification to CDE [renewal, nonrenewal, revocation, closure]





Board/Staff Communication

- What is current process for communication to Board about charter issues?
- What resources do they get to evaluate charter schools?
- What direction is given to Board about charter school decisions?
- Is it effective?





FAQ by Governing Boards

1. What are we supposed to do?
2. How do we build capacity to do this work?
3. What is the process for petition review?
4. What is the process for renewal?
5. How do we assess the charter's performance?
6. What is the authorizer's responsibility with the charter school's LCAP?
7. If my charter school is dependent, do I still need to oversee it like a charter?
8. What am I required to do for a site visit?



Board Expectations Regarding Oversight

- Frequency of staff updates to board regarding oversight
 - **Not stipulated in statute: Best Practice**
- Annual visits and review of charters:
 - **Classroom Observations**
 - **Credential Audit**
 - **Fiscal Recordkeeping**
 - **Facilities: Health and Safety**
 - **Governing Board meetings**
 - **Annual Accountability Reports**
 - **Site Visit Summaries**



Staff Role in Oversight

- Collect fact-based evidence of progress toward performance outcomes from the charter. (Include in MOU)
- District staff 's analysis of charter's student achievement will include comparisons to the school's baseline and growth scores over time comparisons to the performance of students in comparable district and state schools.
- Board must receive regular updates on whether the school is meeting its benchmarks
- Create a timeline for regular reports to the Board.





Current Policies and Practice

- Is your policy up to date?
- Are there gaps?
- How are “grey areas” addressed?
- How transparent is your policy and practice?





Process for Updating Charter Practice

Form 2 groups

- **Group 1:**
 - **What needs work in your agency's practices?**
- **Group 2:**
 - **What steps would you take to begin to update process?**
- **Chart and report out**





Thank You for Attending!

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