

St. Tammany Parish School Board Process for Reviewing Charter Proposals

The St. Tammany Parish School Board process for reviewing charter proposals is as follows:

- Complying with R.S. 17:3982, the St. Tammany Parish School Board shall -
 - o Comply with R.S. 17:3983;
 - o Review and formally act upon each charter proposal received within timelines established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education that are consistent with national best practices in charter school authorizing;
 - o Be afforded at least ninety days to evaluate such applications;
 - o In conducting such review, determine whether each proposed charter complies with the law and rules, whether the proposal is valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound, whether it provides for a master plan for improving behavior and discipline in accordance with R.S. 17:252, whether it provides a plan for collecting data in accordance with R.S. 17:3911, and whether it offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of the law;
 - o Engage in a transparent application review process that complies with the latest Principles and Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing, as promulgated by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers, and provide for an independent evaluation of the charter proposal by a third party with educational, organizational, legal, and financial expertise;
 - o Use a common charter application developed by the state Department of Education and approved by the state board, requesting additional information from applicants as needed; and
 - o Notify charter applicants of its final decision pursuant to timelines approved by the state board, including for charter proposals denied a written explanation of the reasons for such denial.