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## **Birmingham Community Charter High School**

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL**

#### **PURPOSE**

The Advisory Council was established by the Birmingham Community Charter High School (“BCCHS”) Charter which provides that the purpose of the Advisory Council is to ensure a process in which staff, students and other stakeholders are involved in the decision making and implementation of the educational program at BCCHS. The Advisory Council serves as the main entity providing formal recommendations to the Board of Directors.

#### **AUTHORITY**

In fulfilling their fiduciary duty to BCCHS, the Board of Directors are entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, prepared or presented by a committee to matters within the committee’s designated authority, which committee the directors believe to merit confidence. (Corp. Code § 5231)

#### **COMPOSITION**

The Advisory Council is comprised of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Business Officer, the Chairs of each Standing Committee, and a teacher member of each Standing Committee elected by the Standing Committee.

To ensure that the Advisory Council fulfills its purpose to provide formal recommendations to the BCCHS Board of Directors that merit confidence, the membership of the Council shall not include any individuals who have been determined by the Board to serve in a position that is incompatible with service as an advisor to the BCCHS Board of Directors. Any officer of a labor association shall be deemed to hold a position that is incompatible with service on the Advisory Council and shall be ineligible to serve as a member of the Advisory Council.

#### **ELECTIONS**

Advisory Council members that are Standing Committee Chairs are elected through their Standing Committees. Standing Committees also elect the teacher members to the Advisory Council through an internal process. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Business Officers are standing positions and not elected positions.

#### **TERMS**

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Business Officer Advisory Council members serve on the Council indefinitely. Advisory Council members who are Chairs of Standing Committees serve

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the length of term as allowed by the rules governing election as Chair of a Standing Committee. Teacher members are appointed by each Standing Committee and serve a term on the Advisory Council in accord with their appointment by their Standing Committee.

### **MEETINGS**

The Advisory Council members meet a minimum of once a month, but more often as necessary, and are expected to attend BCCHS Board of Directors meetings, Advisory Council meetings, and their own Standing Committee meetings to ensure school-wide communication in decision-making.

Members of the Advisory Council and members of other Standing Committees report the activities of their groups, seek faculty and staff input, and promote school wide discussion of issues.

The Advisory Council operates in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.)