BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SY 28-29 CHARTER PETITION TIMELINE

Step	Action	Start-Up or Conversion	Renewal	Additional Notes
1	Letter of Intent Due	July 1, 2026		Submit a letter of intent to the Deputy Superintendent of the Bibb County School District and the OCSC at least 6 months in advance of the petition.
2	Required Informational Session for Petitioners	Aug 7, 2026		Meet with the Deputy Superintendent to review the application process, timeline, tools and participate in mandatory petitioner's training **Optional for Renewal Petitioners**
3	Petition Submittal	Jan 1, 2027		Petition submittal and all related materials per the guidelines
4	Complete Petitions will be distributed to BCSD Charter Petition Review Committee Members	Jan 4, 2027		Upon receipt of the petition, the Charter Petition Review Committee will read the document and provide initial feedback.
5	**Petition Review Window**	Jan 4 – Mar 1, 2027		Committee will evaluate petitions according to the criteria indicated in the Petitioner Guidelines and state law.
6	A Governing Board Capacity Interview and Clarification Meeting	Week of Jan 19-22, 2027		A Governing Board Capacity Interview and clarification meeting will be held between the Charter School's Governing Board Members and the Deputy Superintendent **(Charter Petition Review Committee for Renewals).**
7	The BCSD Deputy Superintendent will return the Petition with comments and issue an initial Memo	Jan 25, 2027		BCSD will provide feedback that may include specific directives, general impressions, requests for additional information/explanation, and suggestions for improvement, and acknowledgment of strong aspects of the petition for optional revision.
8	Revised Petition Submittal will be submitted to BCSD	Feb 22, 2027		If the Petitioner chooses to revise the petition based on BCSD feedback, the Charter Petition Review Committee will conduct a final review prior to presenting the petition to the Superintendent.
9	Petition given to the Superintendent with Recommendation for approval or non-approval	Mar 1, 2027		After the draft recommendation is provided to and finalized with the Superintendent, BCSD will prepare the board agenda item for the next BCBOE monthly work session.
10	The BCSD Superintendent Recommendation for approval/denial presented and voted upon by BCBOE	March 30, 2027		Final BCBOE vote will occur within ninety (90) days of petition submission, unless an extension is mutually agreed upon as required by state law.
11	Approved Petitions will be submitted to the OCSC.	After the meeting		An Approved Petition will be submitted to the OCSC by the District within required state timelines. If a petition is denied, BCSD will submit the statement for denial to the OCSC as required by state law.
12	Newly approved start-up Petitions Expected Opening	August 2028		Newly approved start-up charter petitions are expected to begin serving students in August 2028, consistent with the required pre-opening period or as otherwise approved by the OCSC.