Sec. 1. CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Tejano Center for Community Concerns is governed under the governing structure described by its open-enrollment charter.

Sec. 2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHARTER SCHOOL OPERATIONS

a) *Primary Responsibilities*

The Board of Directors of Tejano Center for Community Concerns (the "Board") has the primary responsibility for:

(1) Implementing the public school program authorized by the Tejano Center for Community Concerns open-enrollment charter; and
(2) Ensuring the performance of students enrolled in Raul Yzaguirre Schools for Success ("RYSS") in accordance with the Texas Education Code.

19 TAC 100.1101(a).

b) *Alienation of Open-Enrollment Charter*

The Board derives its authority to operate RYSS schools from the Tejano Center for Community Concerns open-enrollment charter.

(1) The Board shall, acting as a body corporate in meetings posted in compliance with Government Code, Chapter 551, oversee the management of all Tejano Center for Community Concerns charter schools.
(2) Except as provided below, the Board's powers and duties to operate all Tejano Center for Community Concerns charter schools shall not be delegated, transferred, assigned, encumbered, pledged, subcontracted, or in any way alienated by the Board.
(3) Tejano Center for Community Concerns shall notify the Texas Education Agency in writing prior to initiating bankruptcy proceeding respecting the charter holder.

19 TAC 100.1101(b).

c) *Exclusive Method for Delegating Charter Powers and Duties*

Any power or duty of the Board delegated to an officer, employee, contractor, management company, creditor, or any other person shall either be specified in the Tejano Center for Community Concerns open-enrollment charter or a charter delegation amendment approved by the Texas Education Agency division responsible for charter schools. *19 TAC 100.1101(c)*.

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d) ***Accountability for Delegated Powers and Duties***

The Board remains responsible for the management, operation, and accountability of all Tejano Center for Community Concerns charter schools, regardless of whether the Board delegates any of its powers or duties. *19 TAC 100.1101(d)*.

e) ***Nondelegable Duties***

Absent specifically approved exceptions granted by the Commissioner of Education, the Board shall not delegate the following duties:

(1) Final authority to hear or decide employee grievances, citizen complaints, or parental concerns;
(2) Final authority to adopt or amend the Tejano Center for Community Concerns or RYSS budget, or to authorize the expenditure or obligation of state funds or the use of public property;
(3) Final authority to direct the disposition or safekeeping of public records, except that the Board may delegate this function to any person, subject to the Board's superior right of immediate access to, control over, and possession of such records;
(4) Final authority to adopt policies governing RYSS operations;
(5) Final authority to approve audit reports under TEC, §44.008(d); and
(6) Initial or final authority to select, employ, direct, evaluate, renew, non-renew, terminate, or set compensation for the Superintendent or, as applicable, the administrator serving as the educational leader and chief executive officer.

19 TAC 100.1033(b)(14)(C).

Sec. 3. IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY

a) ***Statutory Immunity for the Charter Holder and Charter School***

In matters related to operation of an open-enrollment charter school, an open-enrollment charter school or charter holder is immune from liability and suit to the same extent as a school district.

(1) An open-enrollment charter school is a governmental unit as defined by Section 101.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, and is subject to liability only as provided by Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, and only in the manner that liability is provided by that chapter for a school district.
(2) An open-enrollment charter school is a local government as defined by Section 102.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, and a payment on a tort claim must comply with Chapter 102, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.
(3) An open-enrollment charter school is a local governmental entity as defined by Section 271.151, Local Government Code, and is subject to liability on a contract as

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provided by Subchapter I, Chapter 271, Local Government Code, and only in the manner that liability is provided by that subchapter for a school district.

Education Code 12.1056.

b) *Statutory Immunity for Members of the Board of Directors*

A member of the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school or of a charter holder is immune from liability and suit to the same extent as a school district trustee. *Education Code 12.1056.*

c) *Statutory Immunity for Damages Arising from a Pandemic*

An educational institution is not liable for damages or equitable monetary relief arising from a cancellation or modification of a course, program, or activity of the institution if the cancellation or modification arose during a pandemic emergency and was caused, in whole or in part, by the emergency. An "educational institution" means an institution or program that facilitates learning or the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, beliefs or habits. The term includes a public primary or secondary school. *Civil Practice & Remedies Code 148.004.*

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