

<u>Section:</u> Instructional Goals and Objectives	Knox County Board of Education Policy		
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	Public Charter Schools- Oversight, Renewal and Revocation	I-452	7/26
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CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT

The Board shall consistently oversee and annually evaluate charter schools to monitor the performance standards and targets set forth in the charter school agreement.¹ Charter school agreements shall include a framework that outlines standards for academic, financial, and organizational performance.² Oversight of the authorized charter schools will adhere to Administrative Procedure AP-I-452-1.

Authorizer Reporting

By December 1, the district shall report to the State Board of Education detailing the authorizer fees collected in the previous school year and authorizing obligations fulfilled using the fee.³ By January 1, the district shall submit an annual authorizer report to the State Board of Education.⁴ The district shall prepare the reports and post these publicly on the district website.

CHARTER SCHOOL INTERVENTION

If the Board identifies a deficiency in the academics, finances, or operations of the charter school, the district shall communicate the problem to the charter school. Any intervention shall be proportionate to the identified problem and adhere to the provisions of the charter school agreement, and intervention strategies shall preserve the school autonomy and responsibility while clearly stating consequences for noncompliance.⁵ For any deficiency, an appropriate intervention will occur in adherence to Administrative Procedure AP-I-452-2 and the Board reserves the right to revoke the charter school agreement in accordance with state law.⁶

INTERIM REVIEW

The district shall conduct an interim review of a charter school in the fifth year of a charter term in accordance with guidelines developed by the State Board of Education. As part of this process, the charter school shall submit a report on the progress of the school in achieving the goals and objectives set forth in the approved charter school agreement.⁷

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE REPORT

Three (3) months prior to the date on which a charter school is required to submit a renewal application, the district shall submit a performance report to the charter school that summarizes the school's performance record over the charter term and states the summative findings concerning the school's performance and prospects for renewal.⁸

APPLICATION AND EVALUATION

No later than April 1 of the year prior to the year in which the charter school agreement expires, the governing body of the charter school shall submit a renewal application to the Board.⁹

The district shall conduct a renewal evaluation site visit to each charter school that submits a charter school renewal application.

The Board will make renewal decisions by February 1 in the year the charter school agreement expires.¹⁰

RENEWAL CRITERIA¹¹

The Board shall define and communicate with charter schools the criteria for renewal that is consistent with the charter school agreement. The Board shall make its renewal decision based on the renewal application, annual progress reports, and renewal performance reports.

Within ten (10) days of the Board voting by resolution on a renewal application, the district shall notify a charter school of its renewal recommendation and decision, including the reasons for the decision and any rights to an appeal. The district shall also communicate its decision to the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) and the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (the Commission).

REVOCATION

1. The Board shall revoke a charter school agreement, outlined in Administrative Procedure AP-I-452-2, if the charter school:¹²
2. Failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward the performance expectations set forth in the charter school agreement;
3. Committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter school agreement;
4. Failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management; or
5. Performed any of the acts that are conditions for non-approval of charters school under state law.

Notice

The Director of Schools or designee shall notify the charter school of the Board's intent to revoke the charter school agreement in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the revocation.¹³

Within ten (10) days of the Board voting to renew, not renew, or revoke a charter school agreement, the district shall report the Board's decision to the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) and the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (TPCSC). The district shall also provide the charter school a copy of the Board's resolution setting forth the decision and the reasons for the decision, and an explanation of the right to appeal.¹⁴

Revocation Due to Priority/Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Status

The Board may revoke a charter school agreement if the charter school is identified as a priority/CSI school under state law. Revocation shall take effect immediately following the close of the school year in which the charter school is identified as a priority/CSI school.¹⁵

The Board shall revoke a charter school agreement if the charter school is identified as a priority/CSI school for two (2) consecutive cycles. Revocation shall occur immediately after the close of the school year in which the charter school is identified as a priority/CSI school for the second consecutive cycle.¹⁶

Protocol for Closure

The district shall develop a protocol regarding charter school closure prior to the Board denying renewal or revoking a charter school agreement.¹⁷ This protocol includes a process of notification to parents, orderly transition of students and student records, and disposition of school funds, property, and assets in accordance with state law.

Legal References:

1. T.C.A. § 49-13-111(d); State Board of Education Policy 6.111.
2. State Board of Education Policy 6.111.
3. T.C.A. § 49-13-120.
4. State Board of Education Policy 6.111.
5. T.C.A. § 49-13-122.
6. T.C.A. § 49-13-122.
7. T.C.A. § 49-13-121(k).
8. T.C.A. § 49-13-121(c); State Board of Education Policy 6.111.
9. T.C.A. § 49-13-121(a).
10. T.C.A. § 49-13-121(d).
11. T.C.A. § 49-13-121; State Board of Education Policy 6.111.
12. T.C.A. § 49-13-122; State Board of Education Policy 6.111.
13. T.C.A. § 49-13-122(e).
14. T.C.A. § 49-13-122(g); State Board of Education Policy 6.111.
15. T.C.A. § 49-13-122(a); T.C.A. § 49-1-602.
16. T.C.A. § 49-13-122(a)(3).
17. T.C.A. § 49-13-130.