

COMPARISON DOCUMENT

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CXXXIX. *Bulletin 126—Charter Schools*

Chapter 5. Application and Approval Process for BESE-Authorized Charter Schools

§503. Eligibility to Apply for a Type 2 Charter School

A. – A.2. ...

3. have a board of directors with a minimum of three members and at least 60 percent of the board of directors shall reside in the state of Louisiana Parish or Parishes in which the school seeks to enroll;

a. At the time of application, all new operators and/or experienced operators not currently operating a charter school in Louisiana must undergo a criminal background check for each board member identified with the submission of the full application. The request for information shall be from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information and the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning whether the person has been arrested for, convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to any criminal offense.

b. Subsequent board member nominations or replacements shall also be required to undergo the required criminal background check upon appointment.

c. For charter operators that operate multiple schools in different communities, the application shall include a board governance participation plan for input from the community where the proposed school will be geographically located. The plan shall include how the board of directors will engage the community, how board members can be accessed, and how the community can participate in board meetings.

A.4. – F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10), R.S. 17:3973, R.S. 17:3981, R.S. 17:3982, R.S. 17:3983, and R.S. 17:3991.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in LR 34:1360 (July 2008), amended LR 37:868 (March 2011), LR 38:3117 (December 2012), LR 39:1431 (June 2013), LR 39:3064 (November 2013), LR 44:232 (February 2018), LR 47:571 (May 2021), LR 51:37 (January 2025), LR 51:2064 (December 2025), LR 52:

Chapter 15. Charter Renewal

§1505. Eligibility for Renewal for BESE-Authorized Charter Schools

A. – D. ...

1. For the 2026 renewal process, in addition to the 2026 school performance score and letter grade, the LDOE shall calculate a school performance score and letter grade for each charter school being considered for renewal based on the formula utilized for the 2025 school performance score and letter grade. The school performance score and letter grade that results in the better outcome for the charter school shall be considered by the LDOE and BESE for renewal purposes. For components no longer calculated, the previous year index will be used. Schools with no previous score will not have a simulated score.

E. – F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10), R.S. 17:3981, and R.S. 17:3992.

HISTORICAL NOTE: HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 36:479 (March 2010), amended LR 37:871 (March 2011), LR 37:2388 (August 2011), LR 38:752 (March 2012), repromulgated LR 38:1394 (June 2012), amended LR 38:3119 (December 2012), LR 39:1436 (June 2013), LR 39:3066 (November 2013), LR 40:1323 (July 2014), LR 41:1264 (July 2015), amended LR 44:238 (February 2018), LR 46:788 (June 2020), LR 51:39 (January 2025), LR 52:

Chapter 21. Charter School Governance

§2101. Board of Director Composition

A. – F.2. ...

3. No fewer than 60% of the board of directors of each charter operator should be composed of members who reside in the state of Louisiana.~~The board of directors of each charter operator should be representative of the community in which the charter school is located and no fewer than 60 percent of its members shall reside in the community in which the charter school is located. Community, for the purposes of this Paragraph, shall consist of the parish in which the school is located and immediate neighboring parishes and, for type 2 charter schools, any parish that is included in the charter school's attendance zone. No fewer than 60 percent of the members of the board of directors of any charter operator that operates multiple schools in different communities shall reside in the communities in which the charter schools are located, with equal representation from each community to the greatest extent possible.~~

4. ...

5. The board governance participation plan submitted in accordance with §503 of this Part shall be posted on the school website.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and 17:3981.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in LR 34:1370 (July 2008), amended LR 37:873 (March 2011), LR 37:1377 (May 2011), LR 44:240 (February 2018), LR 44:2130 (December 2018).

