Agenda

First Reading Item: II. I.

Charter School Quality Charter Authorizing Standards Policy 6.111

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108, charter school authorizers are required to adopt policies and practices for quality charter school authorizing standards, as approved by the State Board of Education. This policy contains the standards for essential practices that shall govern the day-to-day operation of charter authorizers in the state.

The standards within this policy were developed in collaboration with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) and were originally adopted by the State Board in 2018. The State Board is committed to regularly evaluating the standards to ensure they are aligned to national best practices and the needs of Tennessee.

As a result of the charter authorizer evaluation pilot in Fall 2020, State Board staff reviewed the policy for additional opportunities for clarity. Changes made to this policy combine language to remove the repetitive contract provisions for educational service providers.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.