Charter Petition Webinar Series

Part II

Governance, Legal Requirements

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# Agenda

## Part I: April 19, 2011

- Overview: Petition and Petition Process
- Why Charter?: Demonstrating the Need for a Charter
- Accountability and SMART Goals

## Part II: April 26, 2011

- Governance
- Legal Requirements

## Part III: May 3, 2011

- Operations: Budget, Financial Management, and Facilities
Poll: Who’s here?

1. What type of school do you represent?
   A. New start-up charter school
   B. Conversion of an existing traditional public school
   C. Renewal of an existing charter

2. We are applying to:
   A. A local board of education
   B. Georgia Charter Schools Commission
   C. Don’t know

3. I am a
   A. Teacher
   B. Administrator
   C. Parent
   D. Founding board member
   E. Other

4. Brief Introductions
   • Your name
   • About your school (Name, location, mission or focus)
Elements of a High-Quality Charter School

- Strong Mission Statement
- Sound Educational Plan
- SMART Goals
- Reasonable Financial Plan
- Sufficient Autonomy
- Strong Governing Board
- Legal Compliance
- Innovation

High Quality Charter School
Pre-Quiz
Governance

Petition Section: Governing Body, Governing Board Composition
Governing Board

Capacity

Recruitment Plan

Autonomy

Strong Governing Board

Training
Governing Board Capacity
Continuum of Autonomy

Reliance on authorizer

Indicators of Autonomy
- Ability to set your own budget
- Ability to make personnel decisions
- Contracts for services provided by the district

Independence from authorizer

You should be here
Governing Board Capacity

Composition

Experience in Finance

Representative of the Community

Experience in Legal Matters

Business Savvy

Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent
Governing Board Capacity

Development

- Training
- Recruitment

• Provide the details of your ongoing plan to recruit and train board members
Other Considerations

Size of the board

- Sufficient capacity without becoming unwieldy

Conflicts of interest

- Avoid!

Governance vs. Management

- Governance = Governing Board
- Management = School Leader and EMO/CMO
Questions
Legal Requirements

Petition Sections:
Special Student Populations
• IDEA/Section 504
• Title III English Language Learners
SES and Remediation
School Climate and Discipline
Student Recruitment and Enrollment
## Federal Definition of a Charter School

1. Exempt from significant State or local rules
2. Created as a public school, publicly supervised and directed
3. Pursues a specific set of educational objectives
4. Elementary, secondary, or both
5. Nonsectarian and not affiliated with sectarian school or religious institution
6. No tuition
7. Complies with Federal mandates
8. School of choice with enrollment lottery if necessary
9. Complies with Federal and State audit requirements
10. Meets all health and safety requirements
11. Operates in accordance with State law
12. Written performance contract with authorizer with student performance measures
Federal/NCLB Requirements

How will you provide the following services?

- SES and Remediation
- IDEA/Section 504
- Title III/ESOL
- Other Title Programs

- Provide sufficient detail
- Demonstrate that you will comply with the law
- If you receive funding, you must provide services
NCLB Requirements

Must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as measured by the state.

- 2012
- 2013
- 100% Proficient by 2013-2014

Petition Section: Academic Goals and Performance Objectives
Due Process

Explain the school discipline process in detail in the petition

Take at least a full paragraph

Demonstrate that you will comply with Federal due process law
State Law

The following state requirements cannot be waived:

- QBE and other funding formulas
- Health and Safety requirements
The Georgia Charter Schools Act

Non-Profit Requirement

Attendance Zone/Enrollment Priorities

- O.C.G.A 20-2-2066
- Mirror the language of the statute
- List enrollment priorities in rank order

Petition Section: Student Recruitment and Enrollment
Questions
Post-Quiz
Thank you!

Evaluation:
http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22C9E8AM9JD/

Save the date!
Part III
Financial Operations
May 3, 2011
10:00 am