

# Charter Petition Webinar Series

## Part II *Governance, Legal Requirements* April 26, 2011 Charter Schools Division

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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

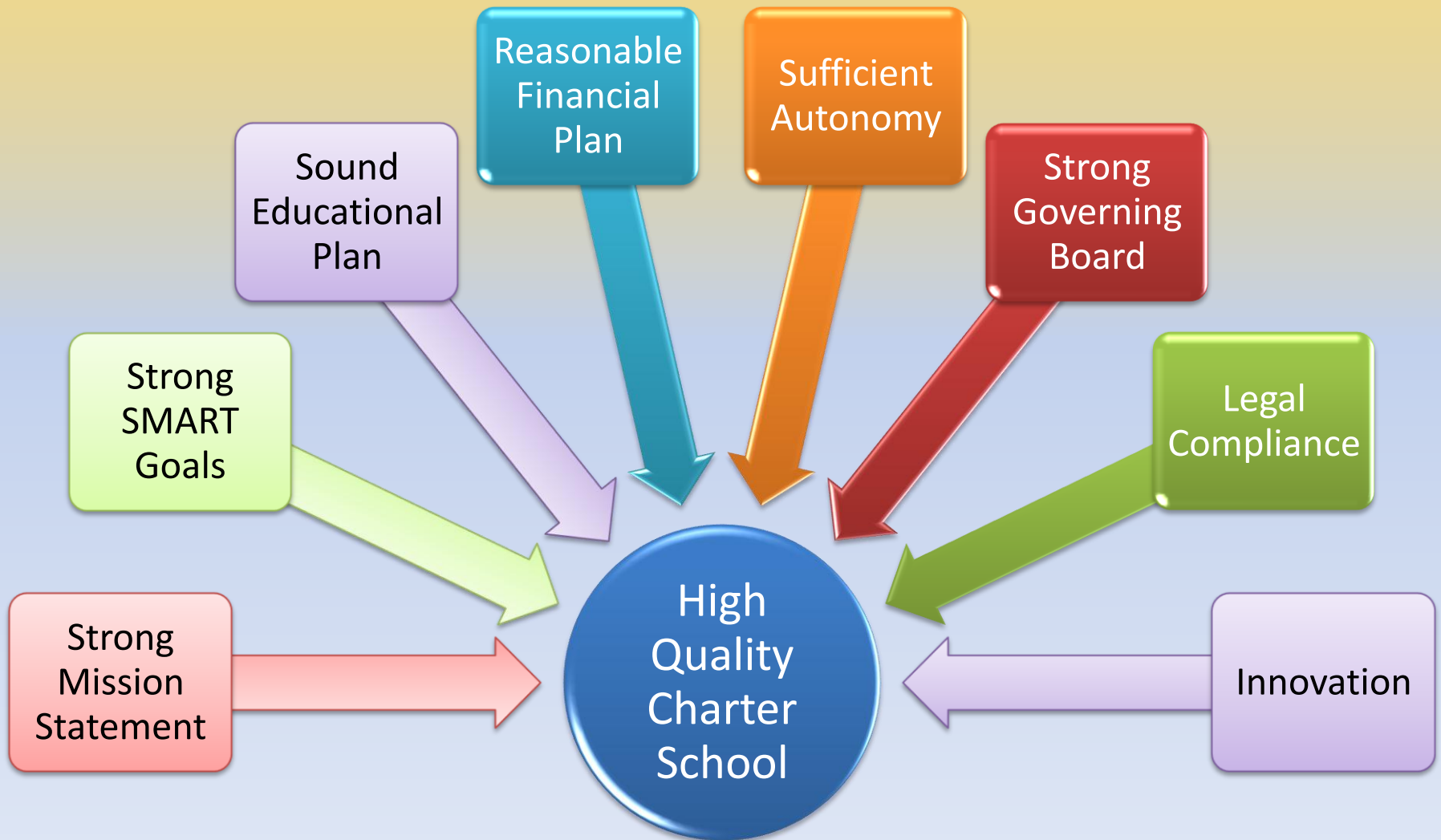


# Poll: Who's here?

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)

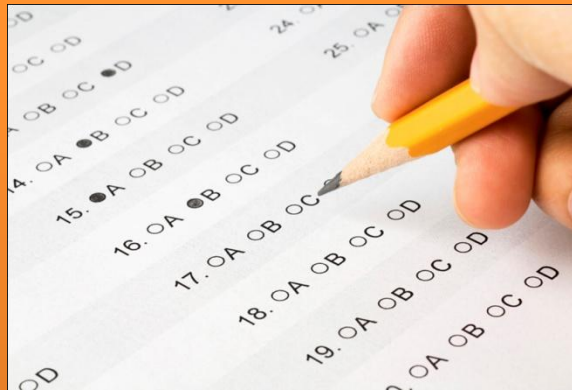


# Elements of a High-Quality Charter School





# Pre-Quiz





# Governance



Petition Section: Governing Body, Governing Board  
Composition



# Governing Board



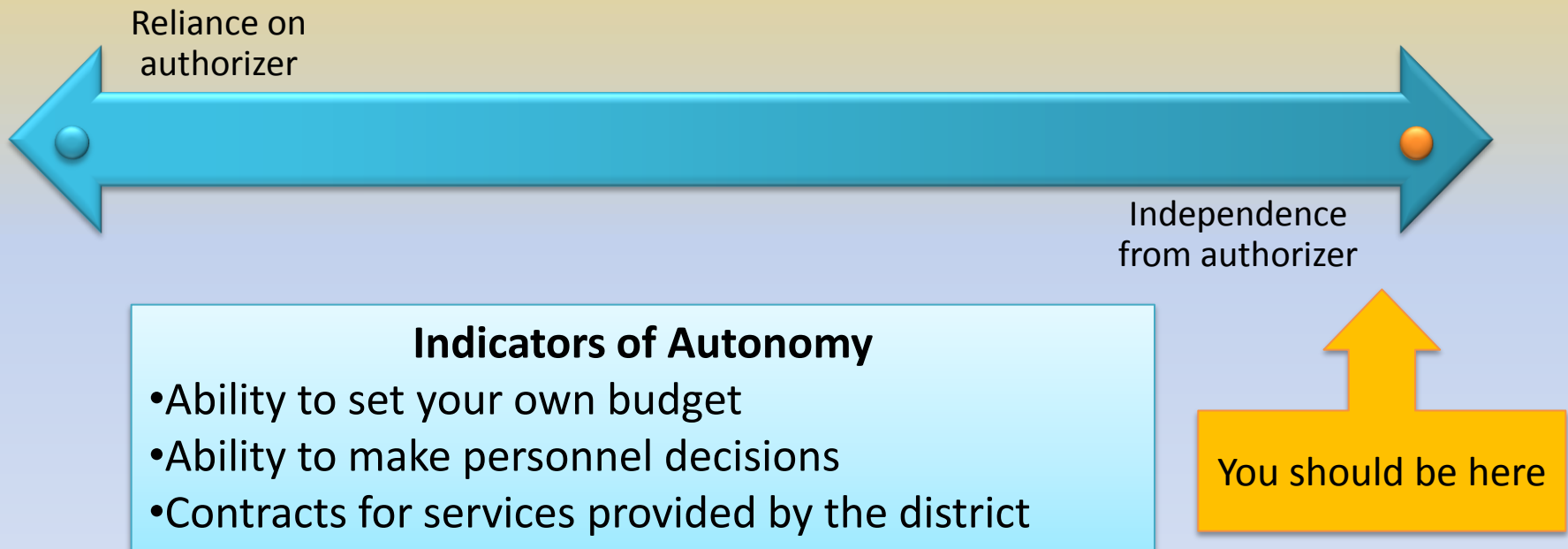


# Governing Board Capacity





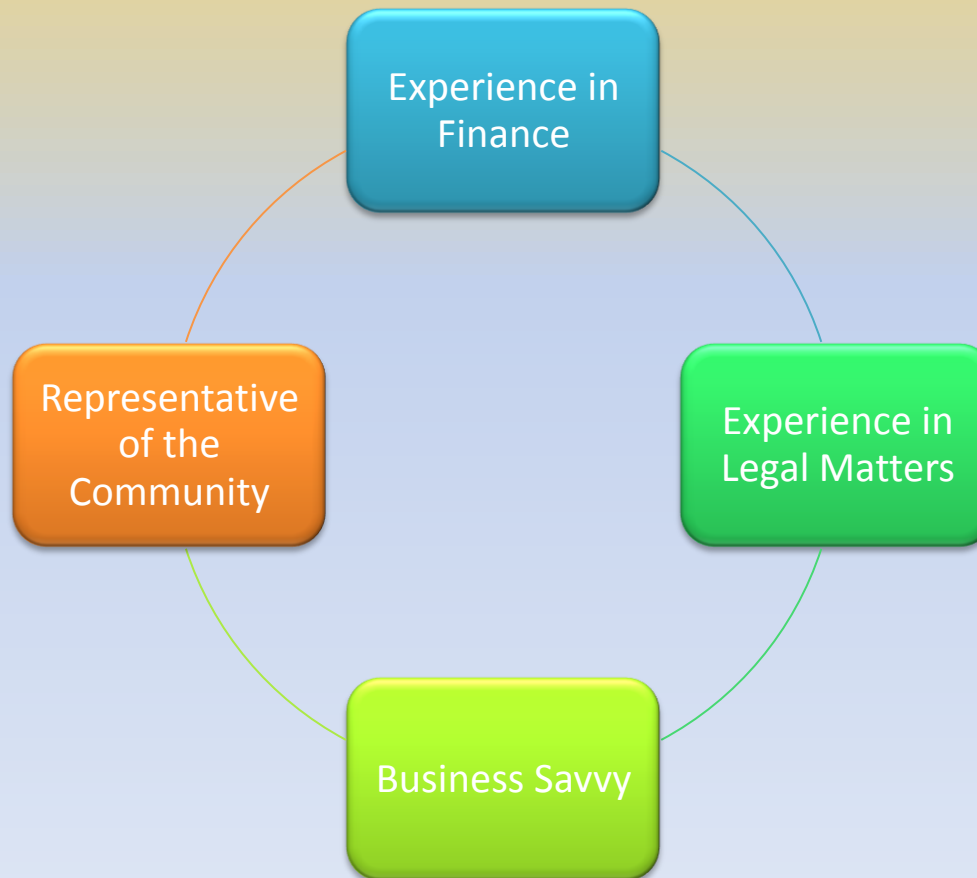
# Continuum of Autonomy





# Governing Board Capacity

## Composition





# Governing Board Capacity

## Development



- 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?

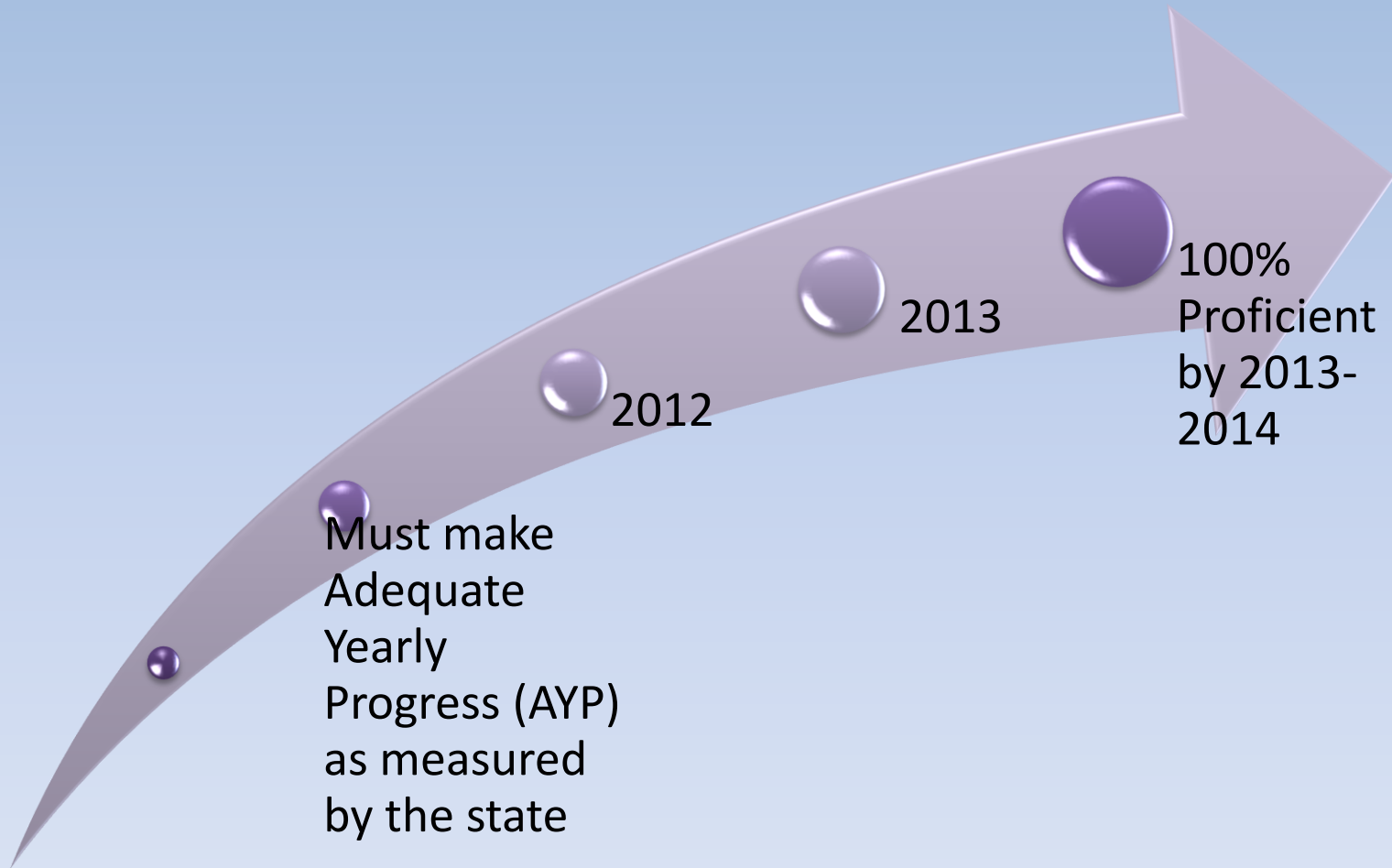


- Provide sufficient detail
- Demonstrate that you will comply with the law
- If you receive funding, you must provide services





# NCLB Requirements



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



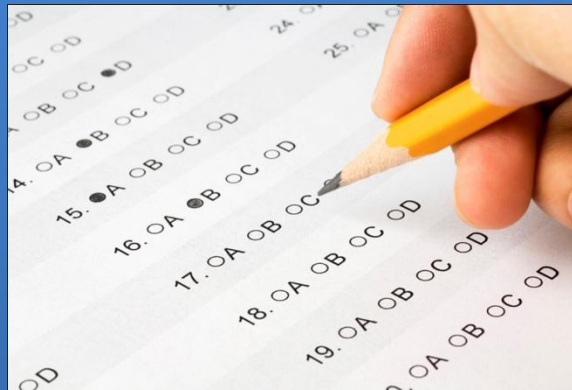




# Questions



# Post-Quiz





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# Thank you!

Evaluation:

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Save the date!

Part III

*Financial Operations*

May 3, 2011

10:00 am



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