

Rule Impact Statement
Title 777. Statewide Charter School Board
Chapter 10. Charter Schools and Statewide Virtual Charter Schools
Permanent Rules under OKLA. ADMIN. CODE § 777:10

This Rule Impact Statement has been prepared pursuant to 75 O.S.Supp.2025, § 303(D)(1).

I. Statement of need and legal basis

Pursuant to 70 O.S. § 3-132.1(I)(4), the Statewide Charter School Board shall have authority to amend, repeal, recodify, or make additions to the rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. Amendments are needed to clarify and update expectations of Oklahoma charter schools and virtual charter schools regulated by the Statewide Charter School Board; entities wishing to apply to create a new charter school regulated by the Statewide Charter School Board; and entities wishing to transfer their charter school sponsorship from their current charter sponsor to the Statewide Charter School Board. A few sections of previously adopted rules need grammatical error corrections.

II. Classification of the rule(s) and justification for classification.

Nonmajor rules

III. Description of the proposed rule(s).

The Oklahoma Statewide Charter School Board (“SCSB” or “Board”) proposes these amended permanent rules to fulfill the requirements of the Board under the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, 70 O.S.Supp.2023, §§ 3-130–3-167. The proposed, amended permanent rules add, amend, and modify definitions pertaining to charter schools, add clarifying language for school governing boards regarding when open meeting act compliance is required for governing boards of new school applicants, and require educational management organization contracts to be coterminous with the term of the charter contract. The proposed, amended permanent rules add, amend, and modify sponsorship cycles and timelines, application requirements, and adds a ready-to-open phase. The proposed, amended permanent rules add, amend, and modify the oversight and evaluation of charter schools and virtual charter schools by the SCSB including updates to the performance framework, adjustment of the overall score indexes weights, and adding required plans for improvement for underperforming schools. Additional changes were limited to format and spelling corrections.

IV. Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule(s), including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule(s), and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.

Oklahoma charter schools and virtual charter schools regulated by the Statewide Charter School Board; entities wishing to apply to create a new charter school regulated by the Statewide Charter School Board; and entities wishing to transfer their charter school sponsorship from their current charter sponsor to the Statewide Charter School Board. As of the date of this Statement, the Board has not received any cost impacts developed by private or public entities.

V. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule(s).

Oklahoma charter schools and virtual charter schools regulated by the Statewide Charter School Board; entities wishing to apply to create a new charter school regulated by the Statewide Charter School Board; and entities wishing to transfer their charter school sponsorship from their current charter sponsor to the Statewide Charter School Board.

VI. Comprehensive of the rules' economic impact.

None.

VII. Detailed explanation of methodology and assumptions used to determine the economic impact.

None.

VIII. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule(s).

None.

IX. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

None.

X. Measures taken to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule on business and economic development in this state, local government unites of this state, and individuals.

There are no expected costs or impacts on economic development in this state. As a result, no determination concerning less costly or nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule is necessary.

XI. Determination of the effect of the proposed rule(s) on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule(s) is/are designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk.

The rule changes will have no effect on the public health, safety, or environment. As a result, no explanation concerning the nature or reduction of the risk is necessary.

XII. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule(s) is/are not implemented.

None.

XIII. Analysis of Alternatives to Adopting the Rule(s)

None.

XIV. Estimated Time Spent by State Employees to Develop Rule and Other Resources Used in Developing Rule

85.5 hours

XV. Summary and Preliminary Comparison of Any Existing or Proposed Federal Regulations Intended to Address the Activities to be Regulated by Proposed Administrative Rules

None known.

XVI. Date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.

Statewide Charter School Board prepared this rule impact statement on September 5, 2025.